

## EXTRA TASKS MAY 2014 LISTENING-WATCHING

**TASK 1:** I would like to ask you if you could

- (1) kindly type down any sources that you use to work on your medical and midwifery English (internet, books, films, talkshows, series etc.), for example internet sources like talks at [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com) or information from <http://www.internationalmidwives.org/>.
- (2) Can you also include tips on how you learn and pick the language from these sources? What is your method to remember and actively use the language acquired from these sources?

**TASK 2: is optional (i.e. not compulsory) and involves browsing through sources:**

**1. This talk is to extend our discussion on the impact midwives might make through working internationally:**

<http://blog.ted.com/2012/05/05/how-midwives-can-save-lives-in-the-horn-of-africa-edna-adan-ismail-at-tedxrc%C2%B2/>

Edna Adan Ismail is a nurse, midwife, UN diplomat, French Legion of Honour recipient and former foreign minister of Somaliland — an unrecognised, self-declared state that has been going it alone for the past 20 years. The tireless 74-year-old has poured everything she has, including her pension, into providing much-needed health care to a population with one of the highest maternal and infant mortality rates in the world — a situation that's been exacerbated by Somalia's long civil war, which led to the death or departure of nearly all of the country's health care workers. In her talk at, Edna shared her vision for saving many more lives across the Horn of Africa, proving that "if it can happen in Somaliland, it can happen anywhere."

→ note: interesting to compare with an interview published in *Magazín Mladé fronty* 17, 24. 4. Lucie Brázdová: *Rodila jsem v Africe*

### WEBSITES TO BE BROWSED THROUGH FOR INSPIRATION, READING ON HOT TOPICS, NEW ISSUES:

The official website of the International Confederation of Midwives...

<http://www.internationalmidwives.org/>

Facebook site of the International Confederation of Midwives – possibly for your own contributions

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalConfederationofMidwives>

**MORE ADVANCED LISTENING: a compelling talk in American English by an accomplished speaker (sorry, without subtitles) length: app. 25 mins**

On the issue of birth control availability around the world a recent talk by Melinda Gates.

[http://www.ted.com/talks/melinda\\_gates\\_let\\_s\\_put\\_birth\\_control\\_back\\_on\\_the\\_agenda](http://www.ted.com/talks/melinda_gates_let_s_put_birth_control_back_on_the_agenda)

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is active in developing countries, the foundation focuses on improving people's health with vaccines and other life-saving tools and giving them a chance to lift themselves out of hunger and poverty. In the United States, it seeks to improve education. In recent years, Melinda Gates has become an advocate for access to contraception, advancing the idea that empowering women to decide whether and when to have children can have transformational effects on societies. In 2012, Gates came up with the goal of delivering contraceptives to 120 million women in developing countries by 2020.