READ THE TEXT BELLOW AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS GIVEN.

Celebrating Women in Science and Health

Women around the world continue to make significant contributions to science and healthcare. The World Health Organization (WHO) has recognized several outstanding female leaders whose work has greatly impacted global health outcomes. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, former WHO Chief Scientist, played a key role in the global response to COVID-19. Her leadership in scientific research and communication helped guide public health policies during a critical time.

Another influential figure is Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu of Nigeria, who has led several emergency health responses across Africa. Her expertise in disease surveillance and her commitment to strengthening health systems has saved countless lives.

Beyond these prominent figures, WHO also celebrates women working on the frontlines–community health workers, midwives, and advocates–who champion healthcare access and gender equity. These women often work under challenging conditions and with limited resources, yet their resilience and dedication are vital to public health efforts.

Despite their achievements, women still face systemic barriers in science and healthcare, including unequal pay, limited leadership opportunities, and gender-based discrimination. WHO emphasizes the importance of breaking these barriers to create a more inclusive and effective global health system.

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TASK 1. TRUE OR FALSE

Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. Dr. Swaminathan worked in the education sector during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Dr. Ihekweazu has contributed significantly to public health in Africa.
3. WHO only acknowledges high-profile scientists in its campaigns.
4. Community health workers often operate in difficult environments.
5. WHO believes that more women leaders will negatively impact global health systems.

TASK 2. MATCH THE INFORMATION

Match the contributions to the correct individual or group.

- Led the COVID-19 global response
- Strengthens healthcare systems in Africa
- Promotes healthcare access and equity in communities
- Works with WHO on scientific communication
- Faces systemic gender discrimination

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan:	Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu:	Local Women Health Workers:
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DISCUSSION.

In your opinion, why is it important to recognize women's contributions in health and science?

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