Roseline Edwards Anthony, 24 years old, graduated from Catholic Health Training Institute at Wau, Registered Midwife currently working at St. Daniel Comboni Hospital

Roseline Edwards Anthony, 24 years old is a graduate of the Catholic Health Training Institute in Wau. She is a Registered Midwife currently working at St. Daniel Comboni Hospital. She is from Wau and has 2 sisters and 3 brothers.

Roseline, who is dressed up stylishly, walks into the room, smiling eye to eye, enjoying the compliments coming from her colleagues. At the hospital, she not only very kindly talks to the new mothers but she also firmly and encouragingly talks to the women in labour. She needs to be firm because most of the pregnant women arrive at the ward extremely tired after walking hours in the sweltering heat and the clinging dust - while in labour. When they arrive at the hospital, they have no more energy to push the baby out.

In the delivery room, one more auxiliary nurse assists Roseline. They have to handle an anxious relative of the woman labour, handle the newborn and have to deal with complications that are likely to arise because many pregnant women do not visit the hospitals for antenatal care during their pregnancy. Roseline calmly handles the situation.
She gently convinces the women to get off the delivery bed and walk around the room to induce birth. The woman moves up and down for a minute but she is headstrong and no longer listens to Roseline’s urging. Roseline is aware that anything could go wrong. She maintains her calm and continuously encourages the mother. The room is extremely warm and the relative is getting even more anxious. The baby’s head can already been seen and the baby is slightly purple, but the mother is weak.

Finally after what seems to be going not so well, the baby comes – while her colleague is dealing with the baby, Roseline has to continue assisting the new mother to avoid further bleeding. She confidently does her work and in the end, both mother and baby are moved to a bed in the ward, both tired but in good health.

“When I joined CHTI, I was very scared. I did not think that I was strong enough to do the course. I am always worrying about something but in the end, I do just fine. I used to worry that I would not do well in the clinical rotations, but during that time, there is usually an instructor there to guide you and you can ask for help whenever you need it. On the other hand, if at the hospital you
CHANGE STORIES:
MORE QUALIFIED NURSES & MIDWIVES FOR SOUTH SUDAN

find something new that you do not understand, you could always do research at the library.”

“The institute has a well-equipped skills lab. After coming back from the hospital during clinical rotations, I would ask to use the lab and I would practice as much as I could with the dummies. I even used to talk to them as if they are real people!”

Skills lab at CHTI

“I feel proud when I see the mothers in the wards after a safe delivery. I surely have made a difference.”

Roseline checks on a newborn in the maternity ward

THIS STORY IS MOST SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE in South Sudan, complications during pregnancy and delivery are a leading cause of death of women. According to UNICEF, South Sudan has the 5th highest maternal mortality rate in the world. This is mainly due to the lack of access to a skilled health care worker. Training midwives, who come from all over South Sudan, at CHTI is contributing towards providing qualified midwives who are able to correctly and confidently handle complications, to ensure safe deliveries.

THIS STORY IS MOST SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE in South Sudan, complications during pregnancy and delivery are a leading cause of death of women. According to UNICEF, South Sudan has the 5th highest maternal mortality rate in the world. This is mainly due to the lack of access to a skilled health care worker. Training midwives, who come from all over South Sudan, at CHTI is contributing towards providing qualified midwives who are able to correctly and confidently handle complications, to ensure safe deliveries.