



Celebrating Midwives – Sweden Recognizes Midwives in Uganda for the 5th Year

“Ever on duty in uniform, offers the best patients care, and has a good attitude towards work.” Those were the good words said about Ajok Sophie Becky at the Midwifery Award ceremony that took place on Thursday 28 November at the Residence of the Ambassador of Sweden to Uganda, H.E. Per Lindgärde.

For the fifth year in a row, since 2015, the Embassy of Sweden in Uganda, with partners including Ministry of Health, The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and Reach A Hand in Uganda (RAHU) have organized the Midwifery Award ceremony to recognize midwives who have demonstrated outstanding service while on duty. This year, 15 midwives serving in different facilities across Uganda were recognized.

Recognizing their dedication, H.E. Lindgärde said that: “despite operating under challenging circumstances with limited resources and understaffing, midwives play a crucial role in improving Uganda’s health indicators and reducing maternal and child mortality rates.”

Reflecting on the ICPD25 Summit that was held in Nairobi early November where countries made commitments to accelerate efforts to ensure zero maternal deaths, zero unmet need for family planning, zero violence against women and girls by 2030,

Mr. Alain Sibenaler, the UNFPA Representative in Uganda said that midwives are at the center in ensuring the delivery of an integrated package of rights.

“A midwife is the main caregiver of mothers to ensure safe delivery of babies; she is a key promoter of health in communities, ensuring provision of family planning and adolescent health services,” said Mr. Sibenaler.

The Minister of Health, Hon. Jane Ruth Aceng, who was the chief guest at the Award ceremony linked the increase in skilled birth attendance from 57 percent in 2011 to 74 percent in 2016 to the reduction in maternal mortality ratio from 438 to 336 death per 100,000 live births (UDHS, 2016).

“Midwives whether rural or urban deliver not only a safe services but also hope for a health nation,” said Hon. Aceng.

“I want to commend the midwives that are receiving the awards today and call on all the other midwives to emulate the examples of their colleagues.”

The midwives who received the award were selected following a national nomination process and deliberations by district, regional and national award committees. They include:



AJOK SOPHIE BECKY

Ever on duty in uniform, offers the best patients care and good attitude towards work. She has good leadership skills, works well in teams, is flexible, and participates in research.



KOMWERU DIANAH

Hard working, a good leader and manager. She is committed and always follows standard operating procedures, uses and emphasizes the use of the Partograph while monitoring mothers.



NABWIRE PRISCA

Confident, with good communication skills, patient with mothers and committed to her work.



NANDYOSE BENADINE

Honest, puts service beyond self. She is very innovative, good at time management, demonstrates love for the midwifery profession and is ever smart.



KUNIHIRA VIOLET

Dedicated, has a good attitude towards work, communicates well and brings good spirit to the team.



NANDAGO JOSEPHINE

Good Communication skills, is hard working, and committed, she is kind to patients, and a team builder.



ACOM FLORENCE ROSE

Exemplary, good role model for junior nurses, innovative, willing to learn, participates in data collection.



NAGUDI BETTY

Hard working, flexible, works well in teams, and participates willingly in training both nurses and midwives.



OWOR ALICE OYELLA

Good moral character and integrity. She is hardworking, participates in different workshops and conferences, shares knowledge and skills, and encourages team work.



KIDEN LYDIA

Good communication skills, hardworking and committed. She is kind to patients, manages time well, and is a good mentor to students.



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NDAGIRE ALICE

Good time manager, flexible, willing to do any assignment, respectful, and good at mentoring others.



ONEN ROSELLINE

Loves her work, always ready for duty when there is shortage. She is self-motivated, very skillful, good team spirit and always willing to mentor others.



KICONCO BABRAH

Flexible and responds immediately when called upon. She is self-motivated and able to work with minimal supervision.



UWAMURERA IMMACULATE

Hardworking, committed, self-driven, very skillful, with good communication skills. She is always in uniform and cares for the mothers.



APOOL SARAH

Innovative, good at time management, provides good patients care. She is confident and committed to her work.