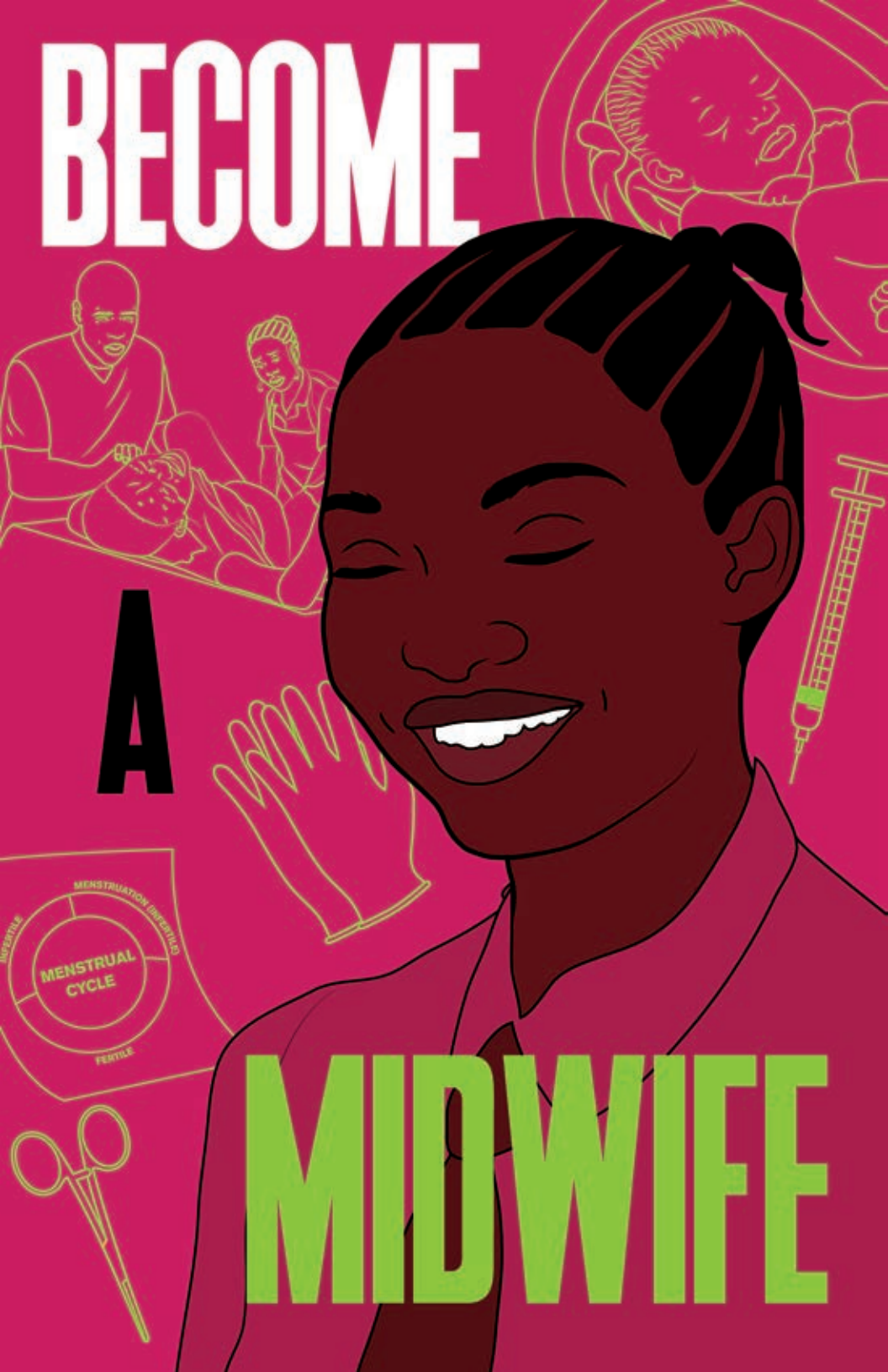


# BECOME

# A

# MIDWIFE



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My name is Keji.  
I am a midwife.

I work in a  
clinic where I help  
women give birth  
safely.

Childbirth can  
be life-threatening  
in our country.

Mothers  
and babies often die  
needlessly here.

But things  
are getting better,  
thanks to us.

THIS IS THE FIRST  
TIME I HAVE SEEN  
A MIDWIFE.

SHE IS SMART...

SHE LOOKS YOUNG.

...AND PASSIONATE  
ABOUT HER JOB.

JUST THEN, I SEE MY CLASSMATE CRYING.



Sarah, are  
you ok?

Why did  
this have to happen?  
Death is so cruel.

SHE RUNS OUT OF THE ROOM.



Her sister just died giving birth.

Poor Sarah...

She was there when it happened.

Oh no...



THE CLASS BECOMES VERY QUIET...

I am very sorry to hear that.



...SO I ASK A QUESTION.

How many babies have you delivered?



Oh... too many to count!

But that is only one part of my job.

Let me show you.



# WHO IS A MIDWIFE?

A midwife is a person who has successfully completed a midwifery education programme and is recognized in the country where he or she is located;

Midwives are recognized as health care professionals who work in partnership with women to provide the necessary support, care and advice during pregnancy, labour and during the post-partum period.

Midwives have an important role in health counselling and education, not only for the woman, but also within the family and the community. This role should involve providing information on preparing and planning for pregnancy, childbirth and parenthood or and may extend to women's health, sexual or reproductive health and child care.

There are many opportunities for career growth for midwives.



## The responsibilities of a midwife include:

Preventing ill health and promoting good health practices



Detection of complications in mother and child


Promotion and assistance of normal birth



Provision of medical care for mother and baby before, during and afterbirth including providing assistance during emergency.



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And there  
is more...

There are also other opportunities for nurses and midwives to work in other areas of the medical field such as:

- Policy Development
- Education and Training
- Management & leadership
- Research

**Be highly in  
demand!**

There are many nursing and midwifery jobs across South Sudan and beyond. This is a well paid profession that offers professional freedom with employment security.

**You will always be needed!**



WE TALK FOR A LONG TIME...



Yes. Men  
are midwives,  
too.



Ha ha!

What are  
they called?

Mid-husbands?



I just  
call them  
colleagues.

SHE WAS EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE TODAY.

SCHOOL IS DONE FOR THE DAY.



OUTSIDE, THE MIDWIFE IS TALKING TO SARAH.



POOR GIRL.

WHAT CAN YOU SAY TO THE FAMILY OF A MOTHER WHO DIED IN CHILDBIRTH?

WHEN I BECOME A MIDWIFE, I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO KEEP EVERYONE ALIVE AND HEALTHY.

I CANNOT THINK OF A MORE MEANINGFUL JOB.



THE END.