

SCOPE SUCCESS STORY

SOUTH SUDAN



Victoria holding Mary's son at the Ibba health facility where Mary recently gave birth.

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NAME AND ROLE

Victoria Phillip, SCOPE Health Promoter and Mary Justin Akaya, mother

LOCATION

Ibba Central Subzone, South Sudan

SUMMARY

SCOPE Health Promoters help Mary understand the importance of health facilities and help her seek out antenatal and delivery care at a facility in her community.

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A SAFE DELIVERY FOR MARY: SCOPE HEALTH PROMOTERS HELP MOTHERS ACCESS CARE DURING PREGNANCY

High-quality, accessible health services are essential for mothers, children and families to survive and thrive. In South Sudan, maternal and child mortality rates are some of the highest globally, with only eight percent of deliveries being attended by skilled birth attendants. To address this, SCOPE is working on training and deploying SCOPE health workers (community-based health workers) to help mothers and children identify and access the critical reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health services needed for their survival.

VICTORIA HELPS MARY UNDERSTAND AND ACCESS COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

Mary Justin Akaya is a mother in Ibba Central Payam. She was not accessing health services at her local primary healthcare center during her pregnancy because she didn't understand the benefits of going. However, through the support of SCOPE Health Promoters in her community, she started visiting her local health facility during her pregnancy. In September, she recently finished her fourth antenatal care visit and gave birth to a healthy daughter at Primary Health Care Centre Ibba.

This was Mary's first child delivered in a health facility, with her first two delivered at home. Meeting with Victoria, she started to learn about the benefits of accessing health facilities for both her and her son. Mary shared her experience working with Victoria: "I am thankful for service SCOPE Health Promoters in my community as I gave birth to a healthy baby due to the teaching I am getting."

SCOPE HEALTH WORKERS PROVIDING COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH SERVICES

SCOPE is working to help SCOPE Health Promoters to carry out their work among women of reproductive age, women, and children under five by providing training and supervision through a low-dose, high-frequency

approach. By the end of 2024, SCOPE will have trained 108 SCOPE Health Promoters and in turn, these community-based health workers will reach 2,160 households in their community.

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