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# SCOPE SUCCESS STORY

## SOUTH SUDAN



Phoebe SCOPE Health Promoter giving health education to two mothers at Makirinza village in Maniakara Payam of Ibba County.

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### NAME AND ROLE

Phoebe Wison, SCOPE Health Promoter

### LOCATION

Maniakara Payam, Ibba County, South Sudan

### SUMMARY

SCOPE Health Promoters like Phoebe are filling the gap between communities and health facilities in Ibba County, helping mothers and babies thrive.

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## SCOPE HEALTH PROMOTERS HELP MOTHERS AND BABIES SUCCEED

Mothers and their babies in Maniakara Payam often have challenges accessing quality health services, and access continues to become more difficult. Many mothers and babies are having trouble accessing health facilities that provide antenatal care and immunization for their babies.

To address this gap, SCOPE Health Promoters work in communities as the first line of defense in supporting mothers and their babies. SCOPE Health Promoters are community-based health workers who move from house to house with health messages, while checking on mothers and newborns for danger signs. They refer them to a health facility if they notice any danger signs. During these visits, SCOPE Health Promoters also share health messages about caring for children under five, identifying child illnesses like malaria, diarrhea and pneumonia, and practicing good hygiene and sanitation, nutrition, and maternal health.

### SUPPORTING MOTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Mrs. Phoebe Wison is a 29-year-old SCOPE Health Promoter in the Maniakara subzone, Ibba County. SCOPE has trained Phoebe in reproductive, maternal, child, and newborn health; and general health topics, such as first aid.

She became a volunteer in her community because she saw the need to help women and children thrive. Phoebe regularly meets with mothers to teach them the importance of antenatal care and routine immunization. Before birth, she shares with them the benefits of delivering in the health facility and when to vaccinate children. Phoebe shared: “We continue to engage women in our community in a wide range of health education topics such as; child health, hygiene and sanitation, nutrition and family planning.” Phoebe shared that these messages have been creating changes in her community as the health workers build trust with mothers. “[A mother] Grace Martin asked me and the other SCOPE Health Promoters to continue coming to their houses with good teachings so that their lives and health can improve.”

### SCOPE HEALTH PROMOTERS MAKING CHANGE IN SOUTH SUDAN

SCOPE Health Promoters continue to be critical links in the care for mothers and children in South Sudan. SCOPE South Sudan has trained 108 SCOPE Health Promoters. These community health



Phoebe SCOPE Health Promoter sharing health lessons with two mothers in her community during a home visit.

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workers are critical in helping improve health-seeking behavior, supporting timely antenatal care, sharing knowledge about immunizations and how to identify the danger signs for mothers and children, educating on birth spacing and family planning methods, and promoting healthy hygiene and sanitation in their communities.

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