

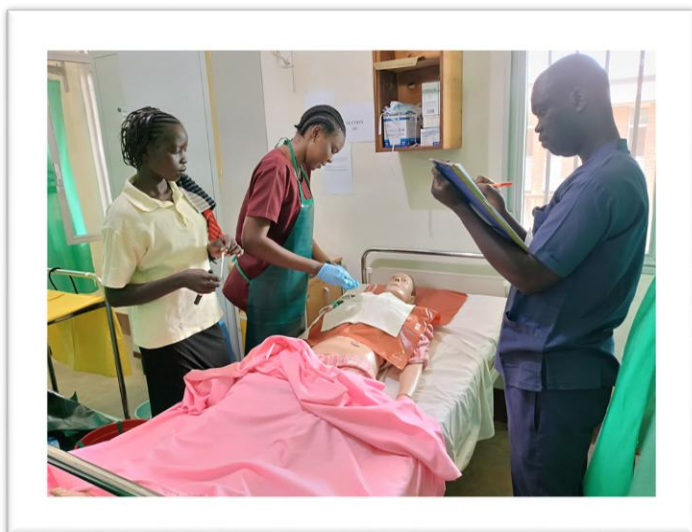
# Catholic Health Training Institute

Wau, South Sudan



## Newsletter

May - June 2025



### Mock Examination

On 5 May, the Catholic Health Training Institute conducted Mock Exams for third-year nursing and midwifery students. This phase is a fundamental requirement of the study programme for obtaining the qualification. The Mock Exam contributes 40% to the total score of the national licensing exams (the remaining 60% is determined by the final exams). Generally, the Mock Exam includes both theoretical and practical tests, the latter divided into four sections (Practice I, II, III, and IV).

### International Nurses & Midwives Day

On 12 June 2025, students and staff at the Catholic Health Training Institute (CHTI) joined the rest of the world in commemorating International Nurses and Midwives Day. In a joint event organized by the South Sudan Nurses and Midwives' Association (SSNAMA) and hosted by Mary Help College of Nursing and Midwifery, over 20 CHTI students represented their school with poems and songs to celebrate the day. During the celebration, they also listened to advice from key stakeholders, the state chairperson of SSNAMA and the state minister of Health Dr. Francis Michael.





## CHTI welcoming Samuel Manok

The Catholic Health Training Institute welcomed Samuel Manok, who returned to Wau after studying abroad. Manok graduated from CHTI as an obstetrician in 2019. He served in the college as a clinical tutor for two years before being sent to continue his studies at Victoria University in Kampala, Uganda, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in obstetrics. The CHTI is delighted to welcome Samuel Manok back at this important time of transition.

## Academic Seminar

From 19 to 23 May, the faculty team and students' academic committee collaborated in organizing an intensive seminar aimed at preparing students for both mock exams and the National Exam. During this session, candidates had the opportunity to select and review specific topics or questions considered to be priorities. The first three days of the seminar were devoted to theoretical study, while the following two days focused on practical work in the skills laboratory. The primary objective of this initiative was to provide students with in-depth and targeted preparation for the National Exam.



## Sport

The Catholic Health Training Institute male team played a friendly match against the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) team. The match ended with a score of 1-0 in favor of the CHTI team. The purpose of the match was to strengthen relations between UNMISS and the community, thereby promoting peaceful coexistence between communities. Sport is a way to bring people together, regardless of their background. The captain of the CHTI football team, Mr. Alafia Thomas, thanked the players and the audience for their unconditional support.

## Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On 27 June, the Catholic Health Training Institute family celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is an important feast day in the Catholic Church. The main celebration was presided over by His Lordship Mathew Ramijo Adam, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wau, and was assisted by other priests from the diocese and congregations in Wau. In his homily, Bishop Mathew Ramijo invited the faithful “to embrace the love of Christ. His love reaches everyone: it heals, forgives, makes whole and never dies.”

The CHTI counts among its members two sisters from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sister Thereza and Sister Raely, who renewed their vows during the celebration. The entire CHTI family is grateful for the services rendered by the congregation.



## Trip with graduating students

After three years of hard work at college, the class of 2025 was able to refresh themselves by participating in a memorable excursion to the village of Buserre, located about 12 miles south of the city of Wau. Known for its historical contribution to Catholic doctrine, Buserre is home to the former Major Seminary, which became a target of the civil war between 1972 and 1975, leading to its temporary closure. Inhabited by a hospital community, the site offers secured beautiful nature, characterized by a green plantation along the Buserre River. Upon arrival, the group, led by the school principal, Sister Bindhu George CSJ, was welcomed by the Catholic priests residing in the Seminary, who provided a detailed historical overview of the place. Afterwards, the students had the opportunity to enjoy the natural surroundings by taking a walk through a teak plantation to the river. After cooling off and having fun in the river, they gathered for a communal meal and played a football match against the local youth, which ended with a score of 1-0 in favor of the CHTI students.

## Farewell Party

The 23rd day of June 2025 was yet another great day for CHTI as it joined together to share in the words of God and to wish well the graduating class of 2025. This event which was graced by His Lordship Bishop Mathew Remijo Adam opened a great avenue to share words of wisdom and encouragement for both the graduating and continuing classes. During his homily, His lordship Bishop challenged the graduands to take on the example of Abraham who was called by God to go into a strange land to serve the people of God. In that context, he asked them to go out and offer unconditional service to various communities without preconceived ideas about such communities.

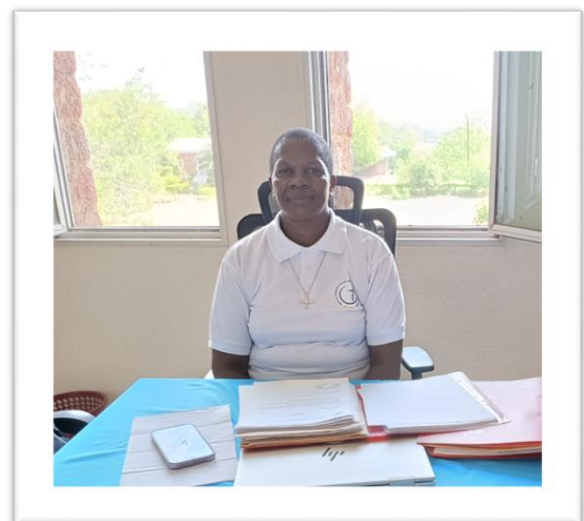


On a separate note, the outgoing principal, Sr, Bindhu CSJ took the opportunity to deliver her well wishes and an exit speech in which she acknowledged the trust bestowed upon her to head the institution for 3 years. With deep feelings, she also appreciated all the support, love and cooperation she experienced with the institution and South Sudan as a country. She concluded by stating, *“I will always remember the good people I have encountered here, and if given a second chance to come back, I will do so without hesitations”*.



## Welcome, Sister Gaudencia!

The Catholic Health Training Institute family welcomed Sister Gaudencia Wanyonyi, a Medical Mission Sister from Kenya. She is a nurse/midwife by profession and holds a Master's degree in Health and Community Development, with extensive experience in leadership roles. Sister Gaudencia is the new principal of the Catholic Health Training Institute, and we are thrilled to have her in our family. We welcome her with admiration and honor.





## National Examination

The Catholic Health Training Institute sat for national Examination commenced on 09-13th, June. The examination was administered by National Board of Examination for Health Sciences. The exams composed of theory and Practical paper. The Paper I, II, III and Paper IV is practical exams.

## Graduation Ceremony

On 26 June, the Catholic Health Training Institute held a graduation ceremony for 54 nurses and midwives (31 nurses and 23 midwives). The ceremony was attended by the Executive Director of Solidarity with South Sudan (SWSS), Father Loua SJ, His Lordship Mathew Ramijo Adam of the Diocese of Wau, Honor State Minister of Health of Western Bahr El Ghazal Dr. Francis Micheal, and many other dignitaries. In his speech, graduate representative Nelson Alafia thanked SWSS, bishop conferences, donors, and the CHTI administration for their continued support during the course of study. He also called for consideration of the possibility of the institute being able to award bachelor's degrees. He further stated that it is necessary to add other departments, such as clinical medicine, laboratory technician, and pharmacy.



On behalf of SWSS, Father Loua expressed his appreciation to the Institute's administration and the families of the graduates for their collective efforts in achieving this important milestone. Father Loua encouraged the graduates as follows: *"today, you are ready to cross the threshold of this new chapter, The world that awaits you is complex, constantly changing and full of challenges, but also of exceptional opportunities. You have in your hands the tools you need to make a difference, to contribute to society and to shape a better future"*. Finally, he concluded, *"dear graduates, the world needs your talent, your energy and your vision."* Dr. Francis Micheal expressed his appreciation to the Bishops' Conference of Sudan and South Sudan and to SWSS for the fundamental role



they play in training nurses and midwives. He also urged them to continue to mobilize the resources and presence of the Catholic University so that this prestigious institution can be strengthened or affiliated, enabling it to support three-year degree courses in Health Sciences, such as nursing, midwifery, medicine, pharmacy and laboratory science.