### **Catholic Health Training Institute**

Wau, South Sudan

Solidarity with South Sudan

Newsletter
July - September 2025



### **Opening of the Academic Year**

CHTI officially welcomed both staff and students back to the institute on August 4th, 2025, marking the start of the new academic year. As a Catholic institution, it is a tradition that the new academic year begins with a thanksgiving mass in which the main celebrant was His Lordship Ramijo Adam, the Catholic Bishop of Wau Diocese. In his speech, His Lordship urged the CHTI family to create a conductive environment for learning, sharing, and friendship; this is where we can work together.





He further says in Catholic institution we don't just teach the curriculum, but with catholic values so that nurse or midwife care for the patient with love and smile.

Ms. Silvan Nabure, CHTI Dean of Studies, urged students to utilize the learn facilities and create conducive environment for harboring dreams. Principal of Catholic Health Institute Sr. Gaudencia Training Wanyonyi (MMS) appreciates the Bishop for his unwavering support, staff and students. She humbly requests the staff to work together as family for the betterment of CHTI.



#### **Orientation of New Intakes**

With August 4th 2025 being the first day of the academic year 2025 to 2026 for Catholic Health Training Institute, the students' leadership and the school administration took turns to orient and induct the newly admitted nurses and midwives at the institute. On the 7th of August 2025, CHTI staff led by the Principal Sr. Gaudencia Wanyonyi (MMS) converged in the school library to orient the new students on the key components of the institute, including the organogram,

the academic calendar and the governing rules and regulations for the students. During this session, projected presentations were conducted followed by a question-and-answer session. These orientations would help assimilate the new students into striving for the mission and vision of CHTI.

## Resumption of Academic Activities

Following a week of orientations, Monday 8th August 20205 marked the beginning of academic activities for the year 2025-2026 at CHTI. The week started with a general assembly around the national flag. This assembly which is normally conducted on the first Monday of each month provides a platform for brief share of experience in the recent past. It is also during this assembly that students get to know the objectives and academic goals for the next four weeks. In doing so, it sets forth an enduring and collaborative journey for the institute.





This academic year, first and second-year nursing and midwifery students have begun their six-week class period. Meanwhile, third-year students are starting their clinical placements at Wau Teaching Hospital, St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital, and Sika Hadid Primary Health Care Centre.



# An Interactive Session with the Executive Director of Solidarity

On Thursday, August 28, 2025, students at the Catholic Health Training Institute (CHTI) received a special visit from Rev. Fr. Loua, SJ, the Executive Director of Solidarity with South Sudan. Accompanied by the Principal, the Dean of Students, and other staff members from Solidarity, Fr. Loua was delighted to meet with the students training to be nurses and midwives. He used the opportunity to learn about their student leadership

structure and listen to their representatives' concerns. In turn, he offered words of encouragement and applause for their hard work. During the meeting, student leader James Biachioy was so moved that he delegated a student to hug the Executive Director on behalf of the entire group as a gesture of their warm welcome. For the students, this was a truly remarkable moment, marking the first time they had had such an interactive and personal session with the Executive Director.

#### **Clinical Area**

Third-year nursing and midwifery students have begun their clinical rotations at various facilities, including Wau Teaching Hospital, Comboni Hospital, and Sika Hadid Primary Health Care Centre. As a key objective for this rotation, third-year nurses will be completing their case studies.

A midwifery student is already gaining valuable experience by attending to a mother in the antenatal clinic at Sika-Hadid Primary Health Care Centre. After a six-week period, second-year students will start their clinical rotations at the hospitals, while third-year students will return to class until the end of the semester.





### Sr. Leticia

The Catholic Health Training Institute (CHTI) is thrilled to welcome Sr. Leticia Uzeechina to our family. A Nigerian national and a member of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, Sr. Leticia is a professional nurse-midwife who holds a Master of Nursing Science degree in Maternal and Child Health. She joins us as a tutor and will be sharing her expertise both in the classroom and in the clinical area.