

Voices OF HOPE

Rwanda

PWRDF is making a difference in Rwanda with Partners in Health. PIH's philosophy is to deliver state-of-the-art medicine to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

As part of its All Mothers and Children Count program, PWRDF funds North American health care professionals to train and mentor Rwandan doctors and nurses in lifesaving procedures for newborns. AMCC is funded with a 6:1 match from Global Affairs Canada.

One such physician is 26-year-old Dr. Joselyne Uwinkesha who just graduated from medical school last year. One of the procedures she learned in her extra training is how to resuscitate a baby who is born not breathing. On the day that she finished learning this technique, she found herself in the position of using it, not once but twice. She was not able to save the first baby, but the second baby, born just hours later, survived.

Dr. Uwinkesha says she found strength and comfort in the fact that she was able to take correct and appropriate steps to try to save the babies' lives. She did right by the babies and their mothers. She knew the steps that she had to take and how to stay calm doing it. Dr. Uwinkesha's training is already paying off.



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