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Nakitto Irene Kisakye is a dedicated and experienced public health nurse currently working with Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) in the Kasese mission. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Nursing Science from Bugema University and has a rich background in healthcare, having served in various capacities since her graduation. Presently, Irene is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health Science, with a focus on research and disease prevention to promote health and wellbeing. Her ultimate goal is to make a significant contribution to the healthcare industry by advancing knowledge and improving the quality of patient care. Irene began her nursing career as an intern at Kabale Regional Referral Hospital, where she gained hands-on experience in patient care and hospital management. She then joined Medicus Specialized Health Care as the Head Nurse, where she honed her leadership and management skills, overseeing the nursing department and ensuring the provision of high-quality patient care. Before joining Médecins Sans Frontières, Irene worked as the Hospital In-Charge at City Medical Chambers, where she was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the hospital, including patient care, staff management, and financial management. Her dedication and commitment to her work earned her a certificate of good clinical practice. Irene has also made remarkable contributions to the field of nursing research, with two publications as a co-author. One of her notable works is a hospital-based case-control study on the factors associated with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Irene's passion for nursing and dedication to her work have earned her recognition and respect in the healthcare industry. She is a true embodiment of a compassionate and dedicated nurse, committed to providing high-quality care to her patients and advancing the field of nursing through research and innovation.

Project

Investigating the knowledge and practices of Village Health Teams regarding rational use of anti-malarial drugs in children under five years in Uganda

Uganda is among the countries that are burdened with high mortality and morbidity due to malaria. Efforts to push back against this burden involve the use of community-owned resource persons termed Village Health Teams (VHTs). VHTs are tasked with promoting health and wellness in their respective communities and have come to be the first line of managing malaria in children below 5 years in Uganda's stratified and hierarchical healthcare system. The need to assess their practices and knowledge regarding the rational use of antimalarial is great of urgency given the increased emergency of drug-resistant strains of malaria parasites.