



Timely Intervention

Woman and baby saved after several visits to a medical clinic in Uganda.

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Our mission is to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, to hurting and needy people around the world, through relief and development projects.

It was early March 2010 when a pregnant, pale and dirty-looking young girl in her twenties arrived at Noah's Ark Family Health Clinic (NAFHC) in Uganda, a partner of Global Aid Network. By the look of things, her face pleaded for help even before she said a word. "My baby is coming, please help", pleaded this anxious and tired girl to the medical staff. Rosemary Namuyomba was the full name of this young woman who was from a nearby low-cost housing project settlement.

The clinic staff immediately took her through appropriate procedures for adequate attention to her case only to establish that while Rose was pregnant, she wasn't due for delivery. "Rose had severe malaria and dysentery and needed urgent intervention. Malaria in late pregnancy can easily cause premature labour", explained the midwife at the NAFHC clinic. "She was also in a very filthy condition with poor personal hygiene", the midwife reported.

Even though Rose's negligence couldn't be condoned, the narration of her ordeal drew mercy. "My boyfriend abandoned me and I can't trace him for any help whatsoever. He hasn't provided anything for me during this pregnancy and I had no choice but to strain my poor mother", shared a rejected Rose. "My mother is HIV Positive and has to take care of her health besides paying for the house mortgage with very little income earned through selling paper beads", continued Rose.

As a result, her family had very little money to take care of Rose, which left her extremely weak and malnourished. The staff also discovered that Rose wasn't using a mosquito net because the mother couldn't afford to get her one.

Rose was put on drip, malaria and dysentery treatment while under observation for three days. She later recovered and was given a mosquito net and discharged.

After two weeks, Rose returned to the clinic with real labour pains. "She still

came with no supplies such as baby clothes, looked very weak and needed special attention", observed the midwife. Immediately after delivery she experienced excessive bleeding, which was managed at the clinic through administering a PPH treatment and was discharged after two days.

As fate would have it, Rose was back to the clinic after just two days. "My baby is over bleeding through the cord," reported a terrified Rose. After a few questions, it established that Rose's baby lacked warmth and had difficulty in breastfeeding. Analysis showed that the mother, being her first delivery, didn't know how to care for a young baby so the NAFHC nurse practically taught her. The baby was also warmed in the warmer where the child began to improve.

A month later on return for immunization, Rose's baby was very healthy, growing well and had put on good body weight. The mother was also healthy and didn't have any health complaints. A jolly Rose remarked, "I don't know what I would have done without Noah's Ark".