

FROM LIMITED KNOWLEDGE TO LIMITLESS IMPACT.



FOR EVERY CHILD

In the remote island district of Ukerewe, surrounded by the vast waters of Lake Victoria in Mwanza Region, the sound of childbirth is not uncommon, but skilled hands to deliver babies safely are often in short supply.

For years, Bahati served as a certificate-level midwife in a government facility, attending to pregnant women who had few other options.

She worked long shifts, sometimes in dim light, with limited equipment, and minimal training on how to handle complications.

Her commitment was unwavering, but she knew her knowledge had limits.



IN BAHATI'S WORDS



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“I knew how to support a normal birth,” Bahati explains, “but when a baby was born and didn’t breathe properly, or when a mother had seizures, I would panic inside.

I had never been trained deeply on what to do.”

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THE FEAR AND STRUGGLE

Despite being officially employed, Bahati often felt powerless in the moments that mattered most.

That changed in 2024, when Bahati was selected to receive a scholarship under the Mkapa Fellows Program, funded by NBC Bank and implemented by the Benjamin William Mkapa Foundation (BMF).

The NBC program was created to address a critical gap in Tanzania's health workforce and reduce maternal deaths. Many employed midwives and health providers in rural areas hold only certificate-level training. The scholarship supports them to upgrade to diploma level, building skills where they are needed most.

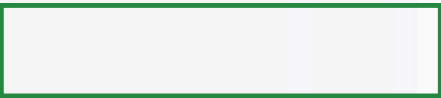
“I felt seen,” Bahati says. “They chose me not because I had it all, but because I was already giving everything I had.”

BAHATI MSIKE’S WORDS



THIS IS THE STORY OF

A young woman who learned that fear and panic can only be resolved through knowledge.



MORE THAN A MIDWIFE, READY TO SERVE



Over one year, Bahati studied intensively. She learned newborn resuscitation, management of preeclampsia and eclampsia, emergency obstetric care, patient counseling, infection prevention, and safe delivery practices.

For the first time, she understood why complications occurred, and more importantly, how to act.

The beginning of saving a mother and a child.

“I now know what to do when a baby is born not breathing. I understand how to stabilize a mother with seizures.

I no longer panic, I prepare.”



BAHATI IS LIVING THE DREAM.

In 2025, Bahati proudly graduated with a diploma in midwifery. Her vision now is not just to provide care, but to lead and support other midwives, teach younger girls who want to become nurses, and show her community that even from Ukerewe, you can rise.

For Bahati, this journey is more than personal growth, it's a path to systemic change. Her transformation is proof of what's possible when support meets potential. When a rural midwife is empowered, the ripple effect touches every mother, every child, and every community.



Her mission is clear

“Mkapa Fellows didn’t just help me study,” she says. “They gave me the tools to save lives, and the confidence to lead.”

In a small health centre somewhere on Ukerewe Island, hope is already making its way back, diploma in hand, and a heart full of purpose.