

# **Programme: life after education?**

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## **BILLBOARD:**

Welcome to this special program of our school that talks about girl's education in South Sudan. In our programme today we are looking at life after education.

**BBC:** Never give up on your dream or your education, if you have your own certificate and problem comes your problem will easily be solved, and not only that you can also give support to your family who are now helping you to finish education.

**All these and more will come in fifteen minutes:**

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**Cue 1: (Field recording):**

**Welcome to our school:**

**My name is Catherine Augustino**

In this programme we are at an event celebrating South Sudan national girls' education 2017 under the Theme "Let's allow all our girls to go to school", and the event is at Juba day secondary school and secondary school girls are asking mentors about their careers.

With this in our mind, we are finding out about life after education and which doors can be opened to our school girls so that they can do many things.

I came with a school girl who listened to our school program got inspired and she want to be a journalist her name is Achol and she will be the one to take us through this program.

Thanks Catherine; am Achol, a senior four student at John Garang national secondary; I came and I found many role model women like a Doctor, a Journalist and a Project manager, they came here to talk to girls about their career and how girls can succeed in their future life, one of them is Dr. Sandra Banks from Juba teaching hospital.....

**Q1: Dr Sandra, why have you given your time leaving all your work in the hospital just to come and talk to these girls?**

A1: Thanks Achol, I came here because am seeing it is important to give support to our girls, during our time elders also supported us to achieve our career, those days people thought girls cannot do medical jobs, but there are also some elders who supported us, so am seeing it's my duty to help school girls too so that they can do the job.

Thanks Sandra, but it's not only today but you also gave us your time over the week I and other school girls like Agnes and Suzan also visited your work place to see doctor's life, we will share with our listeners what happened.....

**Sound:**

**(FIELD RECORDING)**

**Achol**

*Am now at Juba teaching hospital I came with two girls from Juba day, they are all in senior four they are Agnes and Suzan, I came to meet Sandra a doctor at Juba teaching hospital. They came to know more because they are inspired to be future doctors, we are now in the emergency ward I can see many patients the children, elderly men and women queued on line to get registration card.*

**Q2: Dr. Sandra; you are the one in the hospital; where are we going?**

A2: Greetings to all listeners, and to those girls who visited us today at Juba teaching hospital and it's a good thing you want to be doctors in future, as you can see it's morning hours and people are already in the hospital standing in front of reception in the emergency ward, so all the patients will stand in the line and they will be directed to see doctors, but since am working with emergency ward let's go and see what happens inside there.

**Achol: Okay.**

**Q3: Now we are inside, Sandra can you tell us more**

A3: This is the inner reception of emergency ward in juba teaching hospital; many who come here are those who have injuries because of accidents, stomach pain and those who needs surgery so we treat from here, as you can see doctor William is around to see them, so all the patients will start from here.

**Achol: now I will give chance to the students to ask their questions directed to Dr Sandra:**

**Q4: My name is Agnes a student at Juba day school, what inspired you to do medicine?**

A4: Since I was young I used to say I want to be a doctor, so as long as you a have a goal in mind and you don't want to change it nothing can stop you, that's why you're seeing, today am a doctor for seven years.

**Q5: When you were studying as a school girl were you thinking of money?**

A5: If I can remember, I didn't think of money, I was only thinking of being a doctor and I had to read hard and score high percentage that can take me to medical college, till now I have challenges of money but I can't leave patients to die because it's my choice.

**Q6: Now, inside here I can see a woman with wound bleeding in her hand, are you not scared of such wound?**

A6: If you fear you will not help this patient, and if you students who want to be doctors are fearing for now it's okay, but in medical school you will have

training from first year all the wounds you will see it so that the fear will disappear.

**Q7: Outside there I see many patients and they are standing what happens if one dies while waiting?**

A7: You have a good question, if a patient comes and stands on the line meaning he/she is not badly off, also here we give priorities to those who are badly off we excuse the other ones and tell them another patient is very ill and need our attention more or maybe if we are many the senior doctor will attend to that person.

**Another chance to Suzan to ask her question:**

**Q8: When you chose your career, what were your parents saying about it?**

A8: When I said I wanted to be a doctor everyone was happy in the family, and it's supposed to be like that, if you choose your career people have to support it, because at the end we will all have our different duty, Doctors, Nurses, Managers, ambulance drivers and others.

**Q9: But some people are saying arts section is only for girls and science for boys?**

A9: it is not supposed to be like that, in America girls went to the space, so why are we saying arts is for girls, as girls we can do medical jobs better because we have human heart more and we can care for our patients, but nothing like that a girl can be an engineer, mechanic and there's nothing wrong with that.

We have finished from the office of emergency, now we are going to the patients' ward, as you can hear a lot of noise we are on our way going.

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We are now inside ward five, I can see people laying on the beds some have broken legs others hands, also another doctor is seeing x-ray pictures.

**Q10: Sandra; differentiate to us the big injury and the small one?**

A10: If someone got wounded from for example iron sheet in the hand or the head and the wound is from two to five centimeters and is just a cut and

the patient is fine we send the patient home with anti-tetanus, but if the patient remained home and the wound took long without care and the wound seems to be getting rotten when they come we clean the wound andn he has to stay in the hospital and be given anti-biotics or if you had accident and your broke a hand or leg it's a big injury and the patient will be admitted.

**Another chance to Suzan;**

**Q11: When we were coming here we saw a dead body and the people around the body looked unhappy and in pain, tell me what happens to you if such incident happens in your hand?**

A11: As a doctor you have to explain to the relatives what happened, what did you do, and why the medicine did not work, also you have to talk to them so that they understand the situation, but as a doctor no fear because it's a normal thing that can happen even if it's not every day but day after the other.

Thanks for your advice,

(Field Link):

We heard from Dr Sandra Banks, even if it's not my ambition to be a doctor am sure my sisters who are listening to me out there they can succeed in their careers from the support they got from Sandra.

It was not only Dr Banks who spoke to us but we also talked to Nancy Acayo who is working with Justice Foundation and she is a project manager.

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**(FIELD RECORDING)**

*Now we have come to the office of Nancy the program manager and her office is next to the main road as you hear the noise of moving motorcycles and cars and I am still with the two girl Agnes and Suzan who have been moving with me since, as you can hear sound of cars and motorcycles because the office is next to the main road, when I reached in the office here I got Nancy sitting on her desk with a laptop in front of her.*

**Q1: Tell us what is your role as a project manager?**

A1: Thanks Achol, am Nancy Acayo Cirino and am a project manager at Justice foundation organization, my work is to write a project that we can work on, you first see what gap we have in South Sudan, am also managing projects that we have here, I also go to schools and ask girls what is needed, like Sanitary pads, books and pens so after collecting these I start writing projects proposals and send to sponsors, when it's approved I come with those things and supply to the schools.

**Q2: Alright, many thanks I am Suzanne Juan Sebit, since you Is this work giving you enough time to do other things like house work and others, or you work till late?**

A2: No, but all you need to do is to make priorities so the work is not taking much of my time instead am balancing.

**Chance to students also:**

**Q3: Thanks, Am Suzan, what is good in this job of yours?**

A3: Seeing my projects being implemented, now there are some classes that were built in some schools and the children are learning inside so it's the impact of my work that I feel so happy about it.

**Q4: This job of project management is it a career?**

A4: Not really, being a project manager is not what I studied, it does not also require professionalism instead you need to be passionate so that you can change the lives of people, so it is not a career.

**Q5: What hardship did you face?**

A5: my bad time is when I write a project and it's not approved, so being a project manager is not that you focus on a project but you have to see things needed in the project are available be it in Logistic, materials so yes I faced hardship one time I was having workshop but everything that was needed that day was not there so I had to cancel and push it to the next day.

**Thanks**

**Q6: Am Agnes, who supported you?**

A6: Thanks, the person who supported me to be a project manager is my father because he is the person that helps people to do agriculture so I looked at him like my role model.

**Q7: How do you advise me as a school girl so that I will be like you?**

A7: You have to study, and be someone who is ready to learn from everybody so accept good advice.

**Q8: What do people say about you as you come to work and go back late?**

A8: My work is not only for me, and it will not help only me or my family alone, so if people talk that am going early and coming late no problem as long as I know what am doing and it's good and can change people meaning am helping the next generation.

Thank you madam Nancy;

As we have heard from Nancy, she said Project management is not a career whether you're in arts or science, instead she advises girls to read hard and not drop from school.

It was a very good day to stay with Catherine Augustino, and I was also learning how to succeed in my career choice and be a super journalist, also I learnt many things from jobs that my South Sudanese sisters are doing.

Before handing this microphone back to Catherine; I have one question to Dr Sandra Banks

**Q9: What advice will you give girls who are listening to you now?**

A9: Never give up on your dream or your education, if you have your own certificate and problem comes your problem will easily be solved, and not only that you can also give support to your parents who are now helping you to finish education.

**Thanks Sandra;**

**Now am handing the microphone to madam Catherine Augustino**

**Thanks Achol;**

**Conclusion**

**Closing ((FILED RECORDING))**

This brings us to the end of our school program today, and we have been finding out life after education;

Many girls in South Sudan are not completing their secondary school; they face many challenges like early marriage and household chores.

As we heard from the Dr Sandra, she said there's no need for parents to stop their daughters from their chosen career because they have right to choose what they can do best, also after we talked with Nancy she advises girls to study hard and be like her since life is not easy when a girl drops from school.

An event like this is giving more support and inspiration to school girls so that they find ways on how they can finish their education.

Interactive call:

Remember this is your program, we want to listen from you about your education and how you are doing in your schools. Stay tuned this radio station will receive your calls very soon.

**That'S all we have today I'm Catherine Augustino**