## Obituary

## Dr Asia Dawud Kuek

Dr Asia Dawud Kuek Kuol Ajak died in Kampala Uganda on 17 January 2024 following a long battle with breast cancer. Before her illness, Dr Asia was an intern doctor in the Department of General Surgery in Juba Teaching Hospital.

She was born on 11 October 1988 in Khartoum, Sudan. Her father is Dawud Kuek Kuol Ajak of Dinka Tribe from Tonj North County, Aliek Payam (Kongor), Tharwang Boma of Warrap State, South Sudan, and her mother is Omalkher Yussuf Babiker from Sudan, originally from Chad.

Dr Asia started her primary education in 1995 at Id Hussein Primary School and completed her secondary school education in 2008 at Zatakeen Girls Private School in Khartoum, Sudan. She was then admitted to the University of Juba, College of Medicine in 2011 and graduated in 2019 with the Bachelor Degree in Medicine and Surgery (MBBS).

She worked at Juba Teaching Hospital as an Intern Doctor from 2020 – 2021 in the Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and General Surgery, as well as other private clinics in Juba before she was referred to Khartoum Sudan for further management after she was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2021.

She was single and described by her colleagues as a humble, peaceful and quite young doctor who had dedicated herself to saving lives. She wanted to become an obstetrician and gynaecologist before her dreams were cut short.

Her legacy will live on in the professional and personal development of those with whom she has spent time.

She was much more than a colleague, she was a friend, a confidant, and in many ways the glue that held those who were close to her together.

Dr Asia Dawud will be dearly missed by her colleague and the medical fraternity in South Sudan.

