



## **Betty Yari**

### **Profile**

Betty Yari is a South Sudanese activist for youths especially young women and children in South Sudan and the Executive Director for Center for Development Initiative, a national woman/Youth led NGO operating in South Sudan that works with Refugees IDPs and Returnee. Yari has over 8 years of work experience in both humanitarian and development work and a vast experience in Advocacy, program management and coordination. She is passionate about refugee and women's rights and enjoys working with and empowering youths.

She has worked with various humanitarian organizations including RedR UK, Plan International and the Agency for Humanitarian Assistance and Development. She led the Men Engage South Sudan youth steering committee. Before that, she led various advocacies and fundraisers for the student refugee program ran by World University Services Canada (WUSC), Community partners for Learning (CPL), Canada, Vancouver multi-cultural center. Her key areas of interest include promoting the rights and dignity of women (young women) and refugees. Yari holds a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations and Human Geography (social geography) from the University of British Columbia, Canada. She is currently pursuing a Master in Development Studies focusing on Children and Youth Rights at St. Pauls' University, Kenya

Hailing from a background of an individual who has lived through and experienced conflicts and disasters all her life in South Sudan places her at a better position to bring the grass root realities of vulnerable communities to the discussions to enable us influence and advocate for better management of affected populations. She is a self-motivated person who enjoys working in teams for the greater good. She is hardworking, has good leadership and critical thinking qualities that can bring positive energy to the board.

### **Why is the CHS Alliance important to the sector?**

The CHS Alliance is an important body to the sector and organizations to keep us accountable to people affected by crisis. It provides oversight and helps us improve on the effectiveness and impact of assistance to people and communities vulnerable to risk and affected by disaster, conflict or poverty. CHS works with humanitarian and development actor to improve on quality, accountability and people management initiatives,

### **What motivates you to join the Alliance's Board?**

Am interested in joining the board because I have the experience and knowledge required to add value to CHS, particularly as CHS looks into being more inclusive of voices from the Global South and from people affected by Disasters. I am not only experienced in responding to humanitarian crises and development but also as a representative of local voices on different platforms I will bring the views of disaster affected communities to the global fora. Hailing from a background of an individual who has lived through conflicts and disasters allows me to bring



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