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Showcasing Editorial Advisory Board member: Jeffthanie Mathurin!


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The team at All4Maternity are immensely proud to welcome Jeffthanie Mathurin, a trailblazer in the field of midwifery, to our Editorial Advisory Board, for The Practising Midwife Journal. Jeffthanie's journey to becoming a midwife is nothing short of inspirational, highlighting her resilience, determination, and unwavering commitment to advancing midwifery in Haiti.

In the beginning

Jeffthanie's initial dream was to become a doctor, but when she wasn't selected for medical school, she found her true calling in midwifery—an emerging profession in Haiti. Encouraged by her sister, one of the first graduates of Haiti's pioneering midwifery programme, Jeffthanie took a leap of faith and applied to study midwifery. From the outset, she understood the significance of this noble profession and the challenges of establishing it as a respected career in her home country.

Facing her challenges

Her journey was far from easy. Faced with limited resources, a challenging learning environment, and minimal support, Jeffthanie's determination never wavered. She persevered, completing her studies and becoming the first midwife in Haiti to obtain a diploma in 2020. This achievement was particularly significant given the hurdles many faced in completing the required dissertation, a task Jeffthanie tackled with determination while balancing her internship and work as a practising midwife.

In 2019, recognising the need for unity within the midwifery community, Jeffthanie joined the Haitian Midwife Association , where she worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between nurse-midwives and direct-entry midwives. Her dedication earned her a historic position on the association's board in 2021 as its first midwife member.

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Passion for Midwifery

Jeffthanie's passion for midwifery extended beyond Haiti's borders. After attending the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) virtual Triennial Congress in 2021, she was inspired to enhance her English skills, recognising the importance of international engagement. This led to her acceptance into the prestigious Young Midwife Leaders (YML) programme, further solidifying her role as a leader in the global midwifery community

Becoming an ICM lead

Her journey came full circle when, encouraged by ICM's communications lead during a conference in Denmark, Jeffthanie applied for and secured the position of Communications Coordinator at ICM. In this role, she continues to elevate the profession of midwifery both in Haiti and on the global stage.

Jeffthanie Mathurin's story is a testament to the power of perseverance, passion, and purpose. All4Maternity is honoured to have such a dedicated and inspiring professional on our editorial board, and we celebrate her ongoing efforts to uplift midwifery and improve maternal care worldwide.

Balancing her work at ICM, association duties, and personal life, Jeffthanie is also a trainer in respectful maternity care and she remains committed to strengthening the profession in Haiti, believing in a better future for her country and the empowerment of young midwives.

Read more about a day in the life of Jeffthanie: A Day in the Life of Jeffthanie Mathurin, Young Midwife Leader and ICM's Digital Communications Coordinator | International Confederation of Midwives (internationalmidwives.org)

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