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Hello,

When Dr. Loice Achieng Ombajo recounts her journey to medicine, she thinks back to a time when she had more questions than answers in the wake of her mother's death.

Then, she reflects on the doctor she's become. Every day offers her an opportunity to provide compassion and be the source of information she and her mother didn't have.

This week, [Loice shares how she turned this mindset into a guiding principle](#) that helped Kenyans in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a principle that not only led to further medical insights; it also laid the foundation for Kenya's future pandemic preparedness.

Now, with the support of an entire team, [Loice provides reassurance to an entire country](#). The path she took far exceeded her expectations as a compassionate doctor.

— The *Optimist* Editors

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The compassionate doctor

Kenyan doctor Loice Achieng Ombajo helps patients—and her entire country—find answers during times of medical crisis.

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