

Government to construct Isinde health facility.....

The government of Uganda has set aside Sh. 1.7b for the construction of a maternity ward at Isinde health centre in Buhemba Sub County in Namayingo district.

The health facility will be constructed by the Ministry of Health under the Uganda Reproductive Maternal and Child health Improvement project aimed at advancing maternal and Child health.

The construction works commenced with site handover by the ministry of Health and Namayingo district local government to the contractors of Youngjin construction Inc.

Speaking during site handover ceremony at Isinde Health facility premises, Dennis Galabuzi, the ministry of health project engineer said that government is constructing a 19 bed maternal female ward. The ward comprises of post natal room, delivery suite and neonatal unit. Other facilities include; two VIP latrines with four stances each, laboratory block, waste and disposal management pit, walkways and two staff houses.

He added they will facelift the OPD department and also fence the health facility. He said the construction of the ward is aimed at improving the lives of the women and children in communities.

The Namayingo district Resident Commissioner, Yahaya Kakooza said the construction of the health facility will contribute to the reduction of maternal mortality in the district.

“Some mothers run to health facilities after getting complications from traditional birth attendants. Unfortunately, some die due to complications and delayed access to health services,” Kakooza said, He urged health workers to create awareness among mothers as a way of encouraging them to seek services from health facilities instead of getting services from traditional birth attendants.

He urged the people to use the maternity ward for its intended purpose.

The Namayingo district chief administrative officer, Edith Namayega, said access to improved health services is a fundamental right in life.

She commended the government of Uganda for the support saying that this will not only improve the lives of women and children in communities but it will also help men seek health services from the nearest centre.

Steven Sanya, a resident at Isinde village thanked the government for its efforts in improving health services.

“We have been grappling with a challenge of lack of a maternity ward at this facility. Most mothers were referred to seek better services from other facilities,” Sanya said.

Suzan Nabwire, a mother of two said “my labor pains started at night. I was rushed to this facility but we found it locked. No midwife was around because the facility lacks a staff house. Today, I am happy to learn that government is constructing a staff house. This means health workers will be readily available to save our lives,”

Ronald Sanya, the district chairperson, commended the government for identifying maternal and child health as a priority in the district. He cited lack of a district hospital as a major challenge facing health services.

“We have don’t a district hospital. Most patients are referred to Bugiri, Busia and Iganga for better services,” Sanya said adding some fail to go for better treatment due to lack of transport and eventually they die.



Namayingo Resident District Commissioner receives architectural document from the ministry of health officials during site handover of Isinde health facility.



Namayingo Chief Administrative Officer Edith Namayega hands over architectural document to the Youngjin construction Inc.contractors.



The Chief Administrative Officer Edith Namayega addressing officials from the ministry of health, contractors, residents and the district leadership during the site handover of Isinde health facility.