



**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

**STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT – HEALTH FACILITIES IN BUVUMA  
ISLANDS**

**Hon. Sarah Opendi**

**State Minister for Health – General Duties**

**December 12 2018**

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Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament

Honourable Members of Parliament

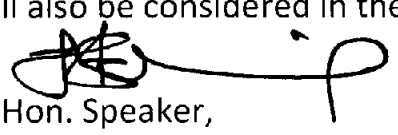
At the 16<sup>th</sup> sitting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Parliament of Uganda held on Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, Hon. Migadde Robert Ndugwa MP, Buvuma Islands raised concern over the deplorable state of health facilities in Buvuma Islands and inadequacy of Health Center IVs in responding to emergencies.

Rt. Hon Speaker, Buvuma District is an Island district and this poses challenges in health service delivery. We have however tried our best to ensure that the basic health services are available to the population.

Last year, we completed the construction of a Maternity ward and operating theater which are fully functional at Buvuma HC IV. Buvuma Health Center IV was one of the beneficiaries of the Uganda Health Systems Strengthening Project (UHSSP). Under this project, the HC IV received 1 anesthesia unit, 7 patient beds and 1 Delivery bed to enhance service delivery at the facility.

The Health center IV has 2 doctors and 1 clinical officer on site who provide Comprehensive Primary Health Care as well as Emergency and Obstetric services assisted by other Health workers.

However, we acknowledge the need for elevating some HC IIs to HC III and this will be done in the next financial year 2018/19. The MOH will address the challenge a blood storage in the next year,. We plan to install the solar panels inorder to provide power to the blood fridges. The challenge of the boat and land ambulances will also be considered in the next financial year.

  
Thank you, Rt. Hon. Speaker,

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