



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

**RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENT ON CLOSURE OF KAGADI HOSPITAL
DUE TO WATER SHORTAGE**

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Rt. Hon Speaker,

Hon. Members,

On 31st July, 2019 Hon. Eric Musana of Buyaga East raised a concern on the closure of Kagadi General Hospital in Kagadi District due a breakdown of water supply and medical equipment. The Ministry of Health would like to respond as follows;

Kagadi Hospital is a General Hospital that is under the Local government mandate as per the *functions and services for which district councils are responsible, subject to article 176(2) of the Constitution and sections 96 and 97 of the Acts.*

However, upon learning about the alleged closure, the Ministry of Health followed up on the matter with the district leadership and hospital management to ensure Hon Musana's concern is addressed.

The Ministry of Health has since established that there was never a closure of the hospital but there was a temporary scale down of services in areas where water is much needed due to the breakdown of the main water pump. During the week of July 29th to August 5th, the hospital registered 639 visits at its Out-patient sections, 49 deliveries were conducted, 264 Antenatal Care (ANC) visits, 444 laboratory tests were conducted and 483 patients were on admitted on the four major admission wards, including on the maternity ward.

The Ministry understands that following the water pump break down, the district officials and hospital stakeholders met to discuss quick solutions to the water shortage. In the interim, the stakeholders' meeting resolved to have the motor to the water pump replaced. It also resolved that district water bowser truck be used to supply water to the hospital units like maternity and theatre to avoid any further disruption of health services.

Rt. Hon Speaker and Hon. Member, I would like to conclude by informing this House that the district has agreed to purchase a new motor for the water pump at estimated Ugx.10million shillings. It is expected to be delivered and installed by Friday, 9th August, 2019.

Rt. Hon. Speaker, I beg to submit.


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