

Rotary builds technical institute in Buikwe

BUIKWE

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The Government has promised to pay teachers' salaries for St Padre Pio Rotary Technical Institute in Lugoba, Buikwe district.

The state minister for sports, Charles Bakkabulindi made the announcement recently at Lugoba village during the commissioning of the institute. The institute was constructed by the Rotary Club of Kajjansi with assistance from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation based in the US.

Bakkabulindi said it had come at an appropriate time when the Government is promoting skilling Ugandans to fight unemployment.

He called for more teaching of girls so that they are not left out. He hailed the Brothers of Christian Instruction for serving above self in the education sector.

Bakkabulindi called on Rotarians to always help communities in need as they have done for Lugoba.

"Government appreciates the Rotary Mission

Rassin (right) and Bakkabulindi opening St Padre Pio Rotary Technical Institute in Lugoba recently.

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Green initiatives of saving the environment," he said. He hailed Rotary for building a blood bank, a cancer centre, conducting and sponsoring heart surgery and other initiatives.

On the issue of paying salaries for the teachers, the minister said he was going to consider it because Rotary is complementing Government work.

"Put it in writing to the permanent secretary, then we shall see how to go about it," Bakkabulindi said amid ululations from Rotarians and residents.

The Rotary International president-elect,

Barry Rassin, thanked the assistant governor of the Rotary Club of Kajjansi, Juliet Kyokunda, for identifying a need and following it up.

He said Rotary is going to provide all the six areas of focus in the community at the institute.

Rassin said this was going to appear in the *Rotarian* magazine to show how it is done.

"When you touch a life, you change the future. What you are doing here for the youth will change the future of Uganda. You are sowing a seed that will benefit the community," he said.