

Organ transplant centre will improve our health

I am happy Ugandans will no longer spend lots of money travelling abroad to access specialised treatment, thanks to the new Mulago Specialised Hospital and the Maternal Neonatal Centre set to open soon. For some time, renovations have been ongoing in Mulago. The new facilities will provide organ transplant and other complicated procedures such as heart operations, kidney and bone marrow transplants, among others. In addition, upon completion, the hospital will have MRI, CT scan, private suites, a presidential suite and other state-of-the-art equipment.

This development comes at a time when there is an increase in complicated cases that require specialised treatment abroad. For instance, the government spends about Shs377 billion a year to treat its officials abroad. Now with specialised hospital at Mulago, money spent to travel abroad seek treatment will be saved. Uganda has one of the fastest growing populations in Africa, which means there are more maternal cases. Already, about 16 mothers die daily due to pregnancy-related complications. Therefore, with the new fertility centre in place, Mulago will be able to conduct artificial fertilisation - where women who do not want to have babies can choose to store their ova at the facility's Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) Centre until they are ready to have children.

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