

Govt warning on diseases due to kaveera use is unbelievable

I read in the *Daily Monitor* of Wednesday, November 15, about the government warning of more diseases as Ugandans continue to use *kaveera* (polythene bags). But when will the government ever take a decisive action in as far as *kaveera* ban is concerned? Do government officials ever try to reflect or listen to the pronouncements they make? Do they even listen to themselves!

Does the *hakuna mukeze* proclamation made by the President only be applicable when defending the regime's stay in power! Who is responsible for the increasing use of *kaveera* in the country?

The Ministry of Health, Uganda Cancer Institute and the National Environmental Management Authority (Nema) have issued a warning, citing how polyethylene bags contain pathogens, which cause cancer originating from the chemicals released into the food, which exposes the consumer to non-communicable diseases.

We are at a point where the



government cannot afford to pay our medical doctors befitting salaries yet our lives are at the mercies of these doctors, given sometimes our risky lifestyles. But if the government cannot afford to pay doctors better salaries, can't it also afford to implement the *kaveera* ban?

How much have the *kaveera*

manufacturers invested in the business that is more important than the lives of nearly 40 million Ugandans? Are government officials and policy makers aware of the long-term impact of continuous use of *kaveera*?

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