



Agwang (right) receiving items from Naveed (second-left). Photo by Emmanuel Opio

School for blind gets learning materials

SOROTI

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Humanity First Uganda, a UK-based charity organisation, has donated scholastic materials to St Francis Secondary School for the Blind, Madera in Soroti district.

The donated items include 100 boxes of braille paper and foot balls, aimed at boosting the academic performance of students with disabilities.

Rashid Ahmed Naveed, the director of the organisation, noted the programme is a worldwide project, targeting students in over 50 countries.

He said the motive is to promote and safeguard life and dignity, irrespective of race, gender, religion and political affiliation.

Naveed pledged to continue lobbying for aid and assistance to those in need, especially in areas where persons with

disabilities are considered minors in the community.

"We made an assessment of the schools for the disabled and we found St Francis Secondary School for the Blind, Madera in dire need," Naveed said.

Sister Winifred Mary Agwang, the school's headteacher, applauded the donors for being considerate,

Last year, the school spent millions of money to acquire braille paper but it is expensive

describing the donation as "a timely one that will help to shape the future of students with disabilities".

She appealed to the donors to make the programme sustainable, calling on other development partners to emulate the spirit of donating to the needy.

Agwang challenged the carers of children with disabilities to send them to school, in time to achieve academic excellence.

"Last year, we spent millions of money to acquire braille paper since it's expensive and not easy to access, but thanks to God for bringing Humanity First Uganda to rescue us," Agwang said.

Charles Okula, a member of the school's board, said the offer will go a long way in improving service delivery to children with disabilities.

Okula said they have been using the less-expensive paper that is not liked by students.