

to catch up with the small fish who

where the public thinks without it,

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Govt should make health insurance top priority

A few days ago, I was together with all members of my family, attacked by malaria. It was at a very bad time given that it was in the middle of the month where chances were that even friends could not help financially because they too were hard-up. In fact, one of us was diagnosed with typhoid, malaria and an infection, which in my view, is a bad combination of sickness.

A mosquito seems to have made a round on all of us and perhaps that is how we all ended up with malaria at-

tack (though we sleep under treated mosquito nets). With the growing population of and the challenges of new diseases, it is high time the government thought about providing a comprehensive national healthcare insurance policy for all citizens. When we were attacked by malaria, I was put on injections through the veins at a clinic in Kampala for three good days, thanks to the medical insurance that I am in. But how about the other members of my family who are not insured? Many people out

there face such challenges and there is no insurance to help them out.

We all know the state of our health facilities where you go and queue the whole day and the end you are told to go and buy the prescribed drugs. Government needs to give this matter the same attention it gives to other Bills. There is need for a legislation for medical insurance in this country. Health should be our priority.

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