

Kazibwe decries mediocrity in health

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KAMPALA. Former vice president Specioza Wandira Kazibwe has said she is ashamed of being part of the medical sector, which she said has since lost its former glory and now runs on 'mediocrity and lack of seriousness.'

Dr Kazibwe said the Health ministry has lost track of its core responsibilities, which has made it ineffective in fulfilling the demands of the population.

"This mess is even in Parliament, all of a sudden from the land issue to *togikwatako* (age limit debate) and so on...no wonder the Bill on health insurance has not been attended to. The whole health system is rotten and I speak this without fear or favour," Dr Kazibwe said during the second National Community Health Financing Conference in Kampala last week.

Dr. Kazibwe, a trained surgeon and presidential adviser on health issues, criticised the sector on its laxity that has killed both its performance and the potential with medical personnel focusing on asking for salary increment.