Iganga gets sh400m for health centre

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Iganga municipal council has secured a sh400m grant to expand the urban health centre III facility.

When *New Vision* visited the health centre on Old Kaliro Road on Sunday, the ground floor of the multi-storey structure was almost complete.

Door and window frames had been installed. The stairway to the first floor was complete.

David Balaba, the municipal mayor, said the money was received from Daventry Friends of Iganga, based in the UK.

"The construction works of the health centre is on schedule. We expect to start using the ground floor by June," Balaba said.

Nelson Okurut, the health officer in charge of the centre, said the ground floor would accommodate a minor theatre, the female and children's wards.

"This is part of a five-year plan to revamp the health facility. New washrooms are to be built and the old maternity wing is also under renovation," Okurut said.

He noted that an average of 450 patients visit the health centre on a weekly basis for medical attention.

Dr David Muwanguzi, the Iganga district health officer, said the expansive health centre would offer relief to the staff of the nearby Iganga Hospital.

"The hospital takes care of patients from over five districts of Busoga sub-region. There would be inevitable reprieve if some of the sick persons, especially those in the urban centres were treated at the health centre," Muwanguzi said.



The on going expansion of the Health Centre III in Iganga town. The facility will open by June. Photo by Donald Kiirya

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