

New Katabi town council decries lack of health facilities

WAKISO

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Poor health facilities and lack of hospitals was cited as the major hindrance to the proper performance of the newly created Katabi town council in Wakiso district.

During an annual performance review meeting held last week, the town clerk, Henry Semakula, said the council has only grade two health centres plagued by the lack of medical personnel and inadequate medicine.

"With a population of 105,942 people, we still have grade two health centres to handle people's health complications," Semakula said.

The town clerk complained of the lack of a waste and disposal management system in the area, causing littering of waste.

The same concerns were echoed by the area mayor, Ronald Kalema, who said his town council has no public toilets and garbage dumping area. He, however, unveiled a new master plan which he said will be capable of handling the mentioned challenges before the end of the new financial year.

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The assistant resident district commissioner (RDC), Rose Kirabira, expressed need for more advanced health centres in the area to reduce the high number of patients flocking to the Grade B hospital, which she said was dilapidated.

The Wakiso district chairperson, Matia Lwanga Bwanika, who was also the chief guest, applauded Katabi town council's political and technical teams for the registered developments.

"The beginning is not always easy, but if Katabi has managed to purchase motor vehicles for official work in just one year, then we are hopeful," Lwanga said.

He later unveiled the new Ford Ranger motor vehicle, which was bought by the town council at sh146m.

Katabi is a newly created town council in Wakiso district, which started implementing its urban mandate on July 1. It lies approximately 30km south of Kampala, bordered by Entebbe municipality and Lake Victoria.