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Three-month-old baby needs urgent heart surgery

By Vivian Agaba

Malcom Mutebi, a three-month-old baby was born healthy and nothing else in this world excited his mother, Susan Nambejja, 30, a resident of Bwebajja on Entebbe Road more than his birth.

However, her excitement as a first-time mother is being put to test by her first-born's congenital heart disease, which requires urgent open-heart surgery at Narayana Hospital in India at a cost of sh144m.

The money will cater for tickets, visa fees, upkeep, accommodation, surgery and post-surgery requirements.

A medical report from the Uganda Heart Institute, Mulago, signed by the consultant paediatrician/cardiologist, Sulaiman Lubega, shows that Mutebi has a heart condition called

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Truncus Arteriosus type I.

This is a birth defect of the heart, which occurs when the blood vessel coming out of the heart in a developing baby fails to separate completely during development, leaving a connection between the aorta and pulmonary artery.

He was diagnosed with the defect at only two months and his health has deteriorated since then.

Nambejja said the baby sweats excessively even during cold weather, which

has led to dehydration. Unfortunately, the baby has a very low appetite and does not want to drink from the bottle. He also has difficulty breathing and his heart beats faster than normal.

"I feel so sad that my child is going through this," Nambejja, who runs a small retail shop, said.

"The doctor said the surgery is supposed to be done next month before my baby turns four months old or else the pressure will be too much and blood will



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start leaking out into the lungs. This causes death, please help me save my only child's life," she appealed to the public.

Be the reason Nambejja believes in motherhood again by holding her hand and supporting her financially.

Good Samaritans can reach her on 0785809955/0755415661 or Bank Account number - 24200052450, Centenary Bank, Bwaise Branch.

Mutebi needs sh144m for his operation in India before February 8

