

# Museveni opens Agago health centre



Museveni being received by Engola and other dignitaries at Adilang Secondary School playground. Photo by Hudson Apunyo

## AGAGO

By Vision Reporter

President Yoweri Museveni on Sunday commissioned the newly constructed David Fagerlee Medical Centre in Adilang sub-county, Agago district in Acholi sub-region and donated sh50m towards its maintenance and management.

David Fagerlee, an American businessman from Minnesota, constructed the \$450,000 medical facility to help the community access free quality health services.

The facility has qualified health personnel and modern solar equipment. It is expected to reduce the distance covered by patients to Kitgum and Abim hospitals, which are so far away for the people of Agago.

Agago, which was carved out of Kitgum district, has no government hospital.

Fagerlee donated the hospital to Gulu archdiocese. His link

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■ The state minister for primary healthcare, Dr Joyce Moriku, said her ministry will construct more health centres and also upgrade Kalongo Medical Centre III to IV to serve the people of Adilang better.

with the Archdiocese was through the Vicar General of Gulu Archdiocese, Monsignor Matthew Odong, who invited him in 2009 to witness the opening of Archbishop Flynn Secondary School in Pader district.

Museveni thanked Fagerlee for the donation and commended Monsignor Odong, who linked him to Adilang sub-county.

The President said the facility will complement government efforts to reduce maternal mortality rates in the country and also promote immunisation.

He also cautioned the people of Adilang against engaging in promiscuity since it would put them at risk of contracting Hepatitis B and HIV/AIDS.

Fagerlee thanked Museveni for honouring his invitation. He said his decision to help the community in Adilang was personal, adding that he wanted everyone to have a place from where they could receive medical care.

The state minister for primary healthcare, Dr Joyce Moriku, thanked Museveni for creating an enabling environment that has made the construction of the medical facility a success.

The ceremony was attended by the Archbishop of Gulu Archdiocese, the Most Rev. John Baptist Odama, state minister for northern Uganda Hon. Grace Kwiycwiny, National Resistance Movement vice-chairman for northern Uganda Sam Engola and Agago County MP Edward Otto Makmot, among others.