

Equipping Mulago facility is what matters, not its looks

I react to the comment 'New maternal centre at Mulago hospital is a beauty, pride; please let it remain so' (Daily Monitor, August 30). The government has tried to renovate or build a number of hospitals and health centres in the country. This is commendable. However, as noted, proper maintenance of such facilities, equipping them and employing enough

health workers become a problem with time. The main challenge is that this facility is expected to offer free services yet as the saying goes, cheap things are usually expensive.

Besides, there is always a big number of patients in the facilities and this often overwhelms health workers, who often complain of poor remuneration. I suggest that government

introduces public health insurance scheme as it is the case in Rwanda.

Every Ugandan would be enrolled to a health insurance, which would pay for patients so that the Insurance companies pay the bills of the patients. The government would subsidise the fees paid by insurance as well as monitoring the system.

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