

Double joy. Kawempe hospital in Kampala registered one of the highest numbers of Christmas babies

BY MONITOR TEAM
editorial@ug.nationmedia.com

COUNTRYWIDE. At least 218 babies were born in different health facilities on Christmas Day across the country. The figures are from selected health facilities Daily Monitor visited.

Kawempe hospital in Kampala registered a total of 76 babies born on Christmas Day, making it one of the highest deliveries on the festive day.

Of the 76 births, 47 were normal deliveries, while 29 were caesarian cases. Of these, 50 were boys and 23 girls. The hospital also registered two sets of twins.

The administrator in charge of public relations at Kawempe hospital, Ms Sara Ndibalekera, said: "All our staff were on duty and we made sure everything moved on smoothly," Ms Ndibalekera said.

Elsewhere, Gulu registered a total of 40 deliveries on Christmas Day at the various hospitals within the municipality.

At Gulu Regional Referral hospital, nine babies, with a set of twins, were delivered.

According to Ms Susan Ingwai, the acting officer in charge of the maternity ward, three of the children were male, while six were female.

At St Mary's Hospital Lacor, 31 babies were delivered, according to the assistant in-charge of the maternity ward, Ms Doreen Amito.

She said 15 of the babies delivered

240 babies join the world on Christmas Day



Christmas gifts. Some of the mothers with their babies at Gulu Regional Referral Hospital on Tuesday. PHOTO BY JULIUS OCUNGI.

were male, while 16 were female. Ms Amito added that 28 of the deliveries were normal, while three were through caesarian section.

According to the acting director, Masaka Regional Referral Hospital, Dr Gonzaga Ssenyondo, 28 babies were delivered on Christmas Day.

In eastern Uganda, at least 29 babies including a set of triplets were born at Mbale Referral Hospital.

Dr Emmanuel Tugaineyo, the hospital director, said: "We recorded

29 babies born on Christmas Day, including a set of triplets," he said.

In Bududa, two babies were born at Bududa hospital, both girls.

Tororo hospital also registered two babies born on Christmas Day, a boy and a girl.

In Namutumba District, 10 babies were born on the same day, with no cases of complications reported.

Jinja had 31 cases registered at different health facilities, with the majority delivering normally, with

a few cases that had to go through caesarian section.

At Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital, 20 babies were born on Christmas Day, 14 boys and six girls, according to Sr Judith Kyarisiima, a nursing officer at the maternity ward.

By Franklin Draku, Julius Ocungi, Ronald Seebe, Joseph Omollo, Fred Wambede, Leonard Mukooli, Denis Edema & Fred Anyine

PARENTS SPEAK OUT...

Juliet Namale, Katwe, Kampala.

"It wasn't easy but I thank God I made it safely. We are lucky to deliver during the festive season and I will name my baby girl Dorcus, because she was a great woman in the Bible."

Joan Nabisere, Kasangati Kampala.

"Being the first born, I feel she was fortunate to be born on Christmas Day and I have named her Fortunate. My husband supported me throughout the pregnancy and was even with me when I delivered."

Harriet Nalunkuma, Makindye, Kampala.

"I came on December 25 and shortly after, I delivered. I am happy that I gave birth to a baby boy on this day and I will be grateful to God."

Stephen Acellam, Gulu.

"No gift could have made my Christmas Day more than the joy of receiving news of a newly born child in my family. The baby is a blessing to the family and I will name him Emmanuel."