

Ministry to merge Entebbe hospitals

WAKISO

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Entebbe Grade A and Grade B hospitals are to be merged as one referral hospital in Wakiso district.

The plans for the merger were revealed by health minister Jane Ruth Aceng during a meeting with the Wakiso district health committee at the district headquarters on Friday.

She informed the committee that the ministry has been studying the population growth and the need for improved health services, especially now that the district has a population of nearly 2.5 million.

She explained that according to the health ministry, once the population of a district or a region hits two million, it means that there is need for a referral hospital. "We have been discussing the need to combine Entebbe Grade A and Grade B and elevate them from a district hospital to a referral hospital," she noted.

She also said the Wakiso district leadership has been worried that the health ministry wanted to take over Grade A and leave out Grade B.

Aceng added that they had wanted to take over Grade A and leave out Grade B, but Grade A has a small piece of land which is not enough for a referral hospital.

The minister said a general hospital rarely attracts specialists because they do not expect career growth. However, when they are in referral hospital, she noted, they can be transferred from one place to another.

She further asserted that there is need to increase funding of the hospital, but this can only be done when it has been made a referral hospital which offers super specialised services.