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Airtel registers successful health camp in Arua town

Airtel Uganda recently held a health camp at St. Kizito Primary School in Ombaci, Arua district.

Residents of Arua and surrounding districts received free dental care, eye checkups, safe male circumcision and cancer screening, among others.

Emphasis was placed on hepatitis B screening and testing in response to Ministry of Health statistics, which show a high prevalence of the disease in the region.

There was also skilling of the youth to make recyclable pads. Speaking at the health camp, Airtel Uganda's human resource director, Flavia Ntambi Lwanga, said the health camp is one of Airtel's plan to improve the lives of their subscribers within the communities in which they live.

"We at Airtel, not only want to provide the best telecommunications services in the country, but to also be a big part of enhancing and bettering the lives of those in communities in which we operate. Today, we are proud to have bettered over 5,000 lives," she stated. Lwanga also thanked partners; Hinds Feet project, Ministry of Health and Red Cross, for joining the cause.

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Airtel Uganda's human resource director Lwanga helping a 70-year-old man after receiving his spectacles

seller and resident of Arua, said for the past week, Airtel Uganda and its partners have been in the area, encouraging residents to donate blood.

"We thank Airtel for teaching us about giving to those in need. I think everyone who has the ability should join

the blood donation cause to save our brothers and sisters from dying. Today, I have been checked and taught about women's health," she stated.

There was excitement in the crowd when a 70-year-old man who had been declared

blind received his first pair of spectacles and was able to see clearly for the first time in 15 years.

The ophthalmologist, who examined the elderly man identified the condition as unidentified long sightedness. Ntambi Lwanga noted that it was cases, such as those of the old man, that motivated Airtel Uganda to continue its efforts in improving the lives of communities across Uganda.

Doctors at the health camp were also able to identify critical cases, including one of a pregnant woman who had an incisional hernia; a scar as big as a baby's head inside her stomach.

The scar, which was about to erupt was discovered at the maternal clinic section where the doctors referred her to the regional hospital for further medical care.

According to the Arua district health office, there have been efforts to improve the health situations.

However, the health status of the population of Arua is still poor, with a high prevalence of infectious and communicable diseases, malaria, skin diseases among the youth and children, dental and eye diseases among the old and malnutrition among the people.

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