

Front row, L-R: Kyobe, Barugahara and Odul, at the commissioning of the new health facility

Rotary Ntinda sets up free healthcare services

NAKASEKE

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Residents of Kiwoko town council in Nakaseke district are set to benefit from improved access to healthcare following the commissioning of a new community health centre aimed at serving women and children.

The facility, built through the support of Dr Alex Ssebunya, a member of the Rotary Club of Ntinda based in Australia, was officially commissioned on Saturday by the State Minister for Youth and Children Affairs, Balaam Barugahara.

The health centre is expected to provide free treatment services to women and children, while also serving as an immunisation hub for the surrounding communities.

This intervention will significantly ease pressure for services from the existing public health facilities.

Speaking at the commissioning over the weekend, Barugahara commended Ssebunya and the Rotary fraternity for contributing to improved community health services, noting that such partnerships are critical in complementing government efforts.

"Government cannot do everything alone," he said. "When individuals and organisations come in to support, especially in critical sectors like health, they are directly saving lives and building stronger communities."

Barugahara also encouraged residents to utilise the facility responsibly and prioritise preventive healthcare, particularly immunisation and maternal health services.

Lynn Odul, the previous president of the Rotary E-Club of Ntinda, said the project reflects Rotary's commitment to community service and sustainable impact.

She added that Rotary will continue to support initiatives that directly improve livelihoods and strengthen community resilience.

Godfrey Kyobe, the facility's operations manager, said the health centre is designed to respond to the area's most pressing healthcare needs.

"Our focus is on maternal and child health, as well as immunisation services," Kyobe said. "We want to ensure that no mother or child is left behind due to lack of access to care." He noted that the facility will work closely with local health authorities to ensure efficient service delivery and proper referral systems where necessary.

Nakaseke district, like many rural areas in Uganda, continues to face challenges related to limited healthcare infrastructure and understaffing amidst high demand for maternal and child health services.