



Aneyo with his mother

## Boy needs sh70m for operation on gullet

**KAMPALA**

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Eight-year-old Jodra Aneyo is in pain. He speaks, but cannot eat normally like many of his able-bodied friends because of an accident that left his gullet (esophagus) impaired.

It started four years ago when he accidentally swallowed gastric soda, a corrosive substance that blocked the gullet.

"He visited a neighbour who used to make soap and swallowed the chemicals," his mother, Alinda, told *New Vision* in an interview. He was admitted to Mulago Hospital.

Although Aneyo recovered from burns on his body, the chemical corroded the lining of his gullet, leaving him unable to eat. For the last four years, doctors had been preparing him for

surgery, but discovered it was a delicate procedure that could not be handled at the hospital.

Aneyo urgently needs to undergo surgery in India, but his mother says they cannot afford the bill of about sh70m. "I am a single mother, I separated from my husband, Johnson Mwesigye, a resident of Kyarumba village in Kasese district when boy's condition worsened," Alinda narrated.

"I request good Samaritans to help save my son's life," she says.

**Any assistance can be sent to account No.3201471542, Centenary Bank, Kasese branch in the names of Alinda Angella Ifo Jodra Aneyo. You can also contact: +256 777613016/ 777 744377.**

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