

Govt to double salaries of doctors in Karamoja

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MOROTO. The Minister of Health, Dr Jane Ruth Aceng, has said government is considering increasing salaries of medical staff working in Karamoja Sub-region.

Dr Aceng made this revelation last week while addressing the medical staff of Moroto Regional Referral Hospital

after touring the facility. She said increasing pay of doctors working in Karamoja will help government to attract more doctors in the sub-region.

According to the minister, government is facing a big challenge of convincing doctors to work in Karamoja sub-region, saying most doctors prefer working in Kampala and areas near the city.

The Amudat District chair-

person, Mr Francis Kiyonga, said the health situation in the sub-region will take time to improve as long as government is silent about filling up the more than 400 medical personnel gap in the sub-region.

Karamoja sub region still faces a challenge of lack of medical staff with Amudat District being the worse hit district with a staffing level of 20 per cent.