

Jinja porter aids neglected mother to give birth

JINJA

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The Jinja district chairperson has instructed the chief administrative officer (CAO), Olive Nakyanzi, together with the district health officer (DHO), Dyogo Nantamu, to probe a health officer who allegedly neglected a mother in labour.

According to Titus Kisambira, the mother was instead aided by a porter to give birth.

Kisambira said this was at Bugobya Health Centre III in Busede sub-county, Jinja district recently.

"I found blood in a basin and I was told that it was a porter who helped a mother to deliver her baby in it," Kisambira told *New Vision*.

BETWEEN THE LINES:

■ MP Naigaga said another health officer asked a man to aid his wife deliver since the child was not their firstborn.

When contacted, Dr Nantamu denied knowledge of the matter.

"I have not heard of such information, but will ask the CAO so as to find out if he has been briefed about the issue," Nantamu said.

The Namutumba District Woman MP, Mariam Naigaga, narrated another scenario where a health officer declined to come out of bed to aid a mother in labour.

Naigaga said the officer asked the woman's husband to help the wife deliver the baby since it was not their firstborn.

"I attended a burial where a man narrated how his wife passed on, I was speechless," Naigaga said.

She said by the time the nurse arrived, the mother's situation had worsened. She was referred to Bugiri Hospital, but the woman died on their way.