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Mpigi restores health unit management committees

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MPIGI. Medical workers in Mpigi District breathed a sigh of relief when the Health Unit Management Committees (HUMCs) were restored at their health institutions last week.

The committee system was restored by the district local government through the advocacy efforts of Action for Rural Women's Empowerment (ARUWE), a non-profit organisation operating in the district.

ARUWE conducted an assessment in six health facili-

ties where interviews were held with health centre in-charges, health workers and members of HUMCs, among others. The assessment looked at the composition of the committees, the selection procedure and compliance to the terms of service as per the Ministry of Health guidelines.

Dr Jubilee Abwooli, the in-charge of Mpigi Health Centre IV, admitted that the health centre has not had a HUMC for a long time, saying: "I have written several letters to the district requesting for a HUMC but the process has been slow." According to

the 2012 HUMC guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, every Health Centre IV is required to have a functional committee of nine members whose purpose is to strengthen the management of the health unit for improved service delivery. Ms Sylvia Nalubega, a staff of ARUWE, said: "District leadership needs to allocate enough resources to keep all HUMCs in the health facilities fully functional."

THE BACKGROUND

Mpigi Health Centre IV is the main health facility that serves the district with a catchment area of six sub-counties and one town council whose population is 251,512 according to the 2014 national population and housing census.