

Tororo RDC blasts MPs over ambulances

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The resident district commissioner of Tororo, Martin Orochi, has castigated MPs for abandoning their duties and instead resorting to buying ambulances for their constituents.

Orochi said instead of consulting their constituents on the pressing needs and issues affecting their wellbeing, many MPs have now turned to buying ambulances, some of which have been grounded for lack of fuel.

He said buying ambulances is the responsibility of the Government and he does not know why an MP should waste resources buying one yet it is not what they are supposed to do.



Martin Orochi

Orochi made the remarks on Tuesday at Lion Children's Park during the handover of mattresses donated by Tororo Municipality MP, Apollo Yeri Ofwono, to a total 177 candidates from his constituency, who got first grades in last year's Primary Leaving Examinations.

Only 10 candidates were from government-aided schools, with 167 from private schools.

"It is not the responsibility of the MPs to transport sick people to hospital or carry dead bodies from the mortuaries to their homes. Some of our legislators do not know why they were elected," Orochi said.

He commended Ofwono for motivating those who excelled in the national examinations.

Ofwono said the reward was simply to motivate the candidates who excelled, as well as encouraging those going to sit for the examinations to aim high.

Tororo was ranked the third worst performing district in last year's exams something that has forced various stakeholders to commit themselves to combining their efforts in order to improve the academics.

The district leaders have organised meetings for various stakeholders and are moving from sub-county to the next seeking views on how best to tackle the challenges affecting the academic performance in the district.