

Baroda treats over 600 to mark 65th foundation day

JINJA

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Over 600 people with eye defects in Jinja district have received free treatment and spectacles.

The free eye treatment was sponsored by Bank of Baroda Jinja branch, in partnership with the Lions Club of Jinja. Bank of Baroda was also celebrating its 65th Foundation Day recently.

The corporate general manager of Bank of Baroda-Global, Rajnish Sharma, inaugurated the eye camp and hailed the bank for its corporate social responsibility and humanitarian programmes.

Sharma urged Ugandans to continue taking care of their health through making various tests and treating themselves.

He requested the managing director of Bank of Baroda Uganda, Ashwini Kumar, to organise more health camps.

Kumar hailed stakeholders who had rendered their support and have been associated with the bank since its inception. He said Bank of Baroda has been a part and parcel of the growth and development of Uganda for the last 65 years and will continue to do so.

He said Uganda's economy has continuously grown and has become a number one investment destination in the world.

Kumar said Bank of Baroda Uganda organised a blood donation camp in Kampala and in Mukono and pledged to organise more camps in Uganda, in order to better the lives of Ugandans.

Rev. Fr. Richard Kayaga Gonza,



Sharma helps Thomas Isiko wear eye glasses he received during the eye camp in Jinja, last week.
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the president of the Lions Club of Jinja, said people with eye defects received eye glasses while others

will undergo the cataract surgery in order to regain their sight.

"In the chain of our health programmes, Lions has organised this sight-saving eye camp in partnership with Bank of Baroda. I also praise the management of Baroda for choosing the said camp to commemorate their 65th foundation day celebrations," Kayaga said.

Kayaga, who is also the chief executive officer of Jinja Cultural Research Centre, also urged communities to team up, like Lions Club did with Baroda, to organise more eye camps.

He explained that Lions Club has served people since 1917 and in

Jinja, the club has been active since 1976.

Bank of Baroda Jinja's chief manager, Yogesh Jain, thanked residents and clients of the bank for turning up for the occasion.

He said their Jinja branch is also one of the oldest.

George William Kamanye, 58, a resident of Buyengo in Jinja district, said he travelled with his son from Buyengo to Jinja town for the eye camp and after being screened, he was given eye glasses.

"I have been experiencing difficulty in reading for the last three years and this had affected my teaching job, but the glasses will help me a lot," Kamanye said.

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