

Akware needs skin treatment

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A desperate mother of five is seeking help from good Samaritans to raise funds for treatment of her daughter's rare skin disease.

Felista Cheptoris, 40, says her child, Elina Akware, developed the condition just three days after birth at Tororo Hospital on January 8, 2016. Cheptoris, a peasant farmer in Amagoro A village in Osukuru sub-county, Tororo district, she says she has exhausted all her resources in medical bills.

Akware was diagnosed with dermatitis (an inflammation of the skin) and was advised to seek the services of a dermatologist, but because of limited funds, this was not possible. Akware got a

rare bumpy skin rash that spread from her foot to the chest and eventually to the upper limb in a linear pattern. It has continued to erupt in new places, while healing in the old areas.

"I have tried everything, including selling my assets to have this girl treated, but I am now defeated. I have been to Tororo Hospital several times, St Frances Clinic in Tororo town and even Alupe Hospital in Busia county in Kenya, but my daughter has failed to heal," Cheptoris said, adding that she was forced to abandon her job to care for Akware.

Her husband, Alex Epero, a peasant, was recently arrested over family neglect.

To help Akware, contact Cheptoris on 0771426694.



The disease has left Akware in pain