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First pet hospital to open in Gulu. The Big Fix Uganda, a non-sation, which fights for the rights of domestic animals such as dogs, has set up the first multi-million hospital for pets in Gulu District. The facility on a 1-acre land in Pece Acoyo in Gulu Municipality is expected to open by May this year. [James Owich, Monitor]

Gulu malaria health team demands allowances

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GULU. Health workers who were dispatched to Gulu District

to tackle a malaria epidemic are protesting delayed payment of their allowances by the Ministry of Health. In January this year, the ministry of Health dispatched

374 health workers to 10 malaria-affected districts in northern Uganda where the epidemic has left since April last year- leaving about 658 people dead. The team of 70 was contracted for 30 days to offer case management. Each of them is demanding about Shs1.5m in arrears for the services they have offered.

Not a penny

According to one of the clinical officers who preferred anonymity, their contracts stipulate they are entitled to Shs110, 000 daily allowances, however, no one has received a single coin.

"For the past days, I haven't been able to feed myself well because I don't have money, even my families in Kampala are demanding for upkeep," he said.

Speaking to *Daily Monitor*, Ms Rukia Nakamatte, the Spokesperson Ministry of Health, admitted that there was delayed payment and attributed it to an ongoing verification exercise.



Village health teams train residents on mosquito net usage in Gulu recently. PHOTO BY JAMES OWICH

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