

Iganga children get free food, treatment

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IGANGA. Iganga-based Tree of Life Ministry in partnership with Samaritans, has trained more than 200 mothers in Iganga District in good feeding.

The organisation has also given free food and medical treatment to more than 70 malnourished children.

The training, which is aimed at fighting rising cases of malnutrition in the district, took place at Nakigo Sub-county headquarters last Saturday.

The head of Life Ministry,

Pastor Wilson Gowa, said the church was compelled to initiate the programme after it discovered more than 100 children suffering from acute cases of malnutrition in Igombe, Makutu, Ibulanku and Nakigo Sub-counties where they operate.

“When we visited the homes of these people, we were shocked to learn that some parents were taking these children to shrines thinking that the problem was a result of witchcraft,” said Pastor Gowa.

During the training, parents were encouraged to feed their children on protein-rich

foods, but the majority told the trainers that implementing the lessons learnt was going to be an uphill task due to poverty.

Iganga District health officer David Muwanguzi told the mothers that 65 per cent of the children in the district under the age of five are malnourished and that the problem is on the rise due to poverty among other reasons.

“Most of the children are underfed and the problem is on the rise largely due to poverty and lack of proper information that can guide the way parents feed their children,” he said.