

Oyam health workers killed in road accident

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Two health workers were on Wednesday evening killed in a road accident while returning from field work.

Marino Edii, a clinical officer who is the district HIV focal point person and Daniel Ayo, 29, a volunteer at Anyeke Health Centre IV, died when

a speeding trailer from Gulu heading to Kamdini knocked down their motorcycle.

Oyam district health officer Caroline Agaro said the accident took place at Amwa, between Minakulu and Kamdini, on the Gulu-Kamdini highway. The accident victims were returning from sensitising the community on safe male circumcision.

Agaro said Edii was a

committed person. "Most of the people living with HIV are alive because of him. He had them at heart," she said.

The district chairperson, Nelson Adea, said Edii would work extra hours to save lives. "You cannot talk about Anyeke Health Centre IV without mentioning his name," he said.

The chairperson said the death is even more painful because Edii's wife died

recently and they have left behind young children.

Efforts to get a comment from the Police about the accident were futile.

The incident has happened when the country is fighting to eliminate HIV/AIDS by 2030.

The annual World AIDS Day celebrations for this year will take place in Kole district today. It will be presided over by President Yoweri Museveni.