Abim hospital receives beds, mattresses

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ABIM. Government has procured mattresses and beds for Abim hospital in Karamoja sub-region to address the shortage at the facility.

The move follows a controversial visit to the hospital by Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) presidential candidate Dr Kizza Besigye during presidential campaigns last year.

While campaigning in the sub-region last December, Dr Besigye made an impromptu visit to the referral hospital which had not received a facelift since it was built in the 1960s. The hospital has been operating without a resident doctor for nearly two years, with no mattresses, beds and dilapidated building.

The rot was widely covered in the media and three nurses who talked to Dr Besigye about the rundown of the hospital nearly lost their jobs. They were severely reprimanded by government for taking the FDC candidate around the hospital and exposing the despicable state of the health facility.

However, the hospital has since undergone renovations and government has delivered 220 mattresses and 120 beds to the hospital.

The Abim chief administrative officer, Mr Moses Kasiba Nandala, confirmed receiving the mattresses and beds, saying they were from World Health Organisation through the Ministry of Health. He said before Dr Besigye's visit to the hospital, there were arrangements to improve the standard of the hospital.

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