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Mrs Museveni, who is also Minister of Education and Sports, was speaking at the opening of the education ministry's high-level breakfast meeting on SDG4 Education

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#### Life-long learning

A release from her office states that while urging the stakeholders to work towards

implementing the ... far discussed, Mrs Museveni reminded them to focus on identifying and working with many children that are gravely marginalised to make sure they are indeed learning.

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# Rotary to raise \$50m per year for polio treatment

By Betty Amamukiror

Kenneth Mugisha, the Rotary governor for district 9211, has said they are currently in a drive to raise \$50m (sh185b) per year for the next three years to help in the prevention and treatment of polio.

Speaking at the press conference yesterday at Grand Imperial Hotel, Kampala, Mugisha said the drive is to rid the world of polio and protect people from being crippled by the disease.

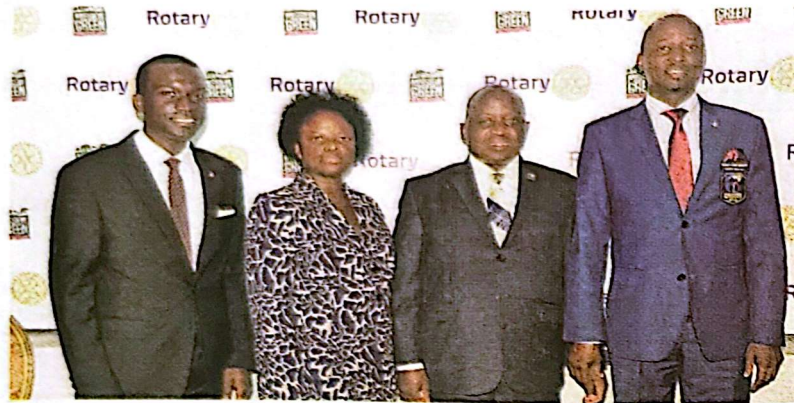
"Rotarians are people of action, we cannot just watch people die without doing anything about it," he said.

#### Polio

Polio is a crippling and potentially deadly disease caused by the polio virus. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), it mainly affects children under the age of five years.

One in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis and among those paralysed, 5% to 10% die when their breathing muscles become immobilised.

Mugisha also said they are going



Sendawula, Christine Nantongo, the public relations officer; Kasingwire and Mugisha during the media advisory conference at Grand Imperial Hotel Kampala yesterday. Photo by Ashraf Kasirye

to use the annual August cancer run to raise part of the remaining \$4m (sh14b) that is needed to complete the modern cancer machine being built at Nsambya Hospital, Kampala.

During last year's run, Rotarians were able to raise over sh1.3b that they used to kick-start the project. He said what remains is the installation of the linear

accelerator machine.

"This will help the underprivileged people who cannot afford the treatments to access it from Nsambya Hospital cheaply," Mugisha said.

#### Other projects

Mugisha said, under the district governor's initiative, they have been

running the mission green programme where they have been planting trees to counter the problem of deforestation.

They are still planning to plant 20 million trees each year over the next five years.

He said the trees would be grown both in Uganda and Tanzania with the aim of reconstructing the degraded environment and expand its endowment for the future generation.

#### BETWEEN THE LINES

During last year's run, Rotarians were able to raise over sh1.3b that they used to kick start the project.

Jacob Sendawula, the Rotaract country chairman, said they were also involved in a menstrual hygiene drive where they are teaching rural girls how to take care of themselves and how to make reusable sanitary pads.

#### Upcoming Rotary conference

The press conference was held to announce the upcoming 93rd district

conference and assembly which will be held at Imperial Resort Beach Hotel from May 2 to May 5.

The conference will have the theme "Making a sustainable difference".

Mugisha said this year's conference discussions would focus on six key areas including disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, peace and conflict resolution and economic and community development.

David Kasingwire, the conference chairman, said the conference was overbooked and they now had 1,700 people registered to attend.

"Because of the hotel's limited capacity, we had not been able to take in the more than 2,000 delegates that had showed interest," he said.

Kasingwire said during the conference, they will also take into account their achievements and discuss what still needs to be done to improve the world and elect a new Rotary leadership for the next one year.

The Kabaka of Buganda, Ronald Muwenda Mutebi, will be guest of honour.