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How was Shs5m for doctors arrived at

React to the story, 'Museveni offers Shs5m as start-pay for doctors' (*Daily Monitor*, November 22). Basing on what rationale was the Shs5m arrived at? Why don't we see a budget of a civil servants income versus their expenses so that we can deduce whether Shs5m is reasonable or not?

How much is enough for monthly medical bill if one is on chronic medication such as for diabetes or hypertension or ARVS, rent, transport, telephone bills, monthly subscription to a health club, subscription for Internet, security guard or subscription for security, food, water, electricity, etc?

Ascertain how much money is left, then determine whether Shs5m makes sense. Let's consider a daily newspaper as a luxury for a civil servant. But should the worker get a child, the budget will fail. The cost of pampers, day-care or a kindergarten going baby will bleed the civil servant's budget. If a female, she should never go to a salon. These are all luxuriant living. The question is, who is mocking who?

A concerned citizen