

New ear surgery centre to offer hearing implants

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KAMPALA. Ugandans will no longer travel abroad to fix severe hearing impairments following the launch of the MED-EL hearing implant programme.

The hearing restoration service will be provided by Kampala Audiology and Speech Centre (KASC), in partnership with MED-EL, an Austria-based global leader in implantable hearing solutions.

Speaking at the launch of the centre in Kampala last Friday, Prime Minister Dr Rukahana Rugunda said

the six implant surgeries conducted at Mulago hospital by the country's surgeons and international experts were evidence that Uganda is in the process of reducing foreign exchange hemorrhage.

"This is an example of a progressive public-private-partnership in making health care services available," Dr Rugunda said.

Ms Fiona Kamya, the executive director of the Kampala Audiology and Speech Centre, said: "Hearing implant systems help to restore the sense of hearing for individuals with severe profound sensor neural hearing loss."

She added: "We assess the hearing system including the inner ear

THE CENTRE

Kampala Audiology and Speech Centre was established in 2004. It is the leading audiological assessment testing and rehabilitation centre in Uganda, offering a range of services that include hearing assessment, hearing screening, provision and fitting of digital hearing aids among others.

up to the auditory nerves and once nothing can be done we recommend an implant."

Ms Kamya said after the wound has healed the cochlear implants are switched on by an ear specialist.

She noted that the MED-EL technology provides exceptional hearing performance.

"The launch of the MED-EL hearing implant programme in Uganda is a timely relief to the country's vital resources and an invaluable help to individual patients who will now be able to access quality and affordable services within the comfort of their country," she said.



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