# CANCER PATIENT TREATED AFTER VISION STORY

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A man who suffered at the cancer institute for two months without attention, has praised *Sunday Vision* for highlighting his plight and causing the doctors to treat his daughter.

John Okello Nekyeon said he was tossed around by the Uganda Cancer Institute (UCI) staff without his daughter, Peace Aketo, being attended to. He told *Sunday Vision* that this was because he had not paid over sh300,000 which had been asked of him for the free laboratory tests.

"The story helped us get immediate attention. My daughter was immediately put on treatment after two months of hassle," he said. Okello, who hails from Nwoya district, also complained that he had to spend a lot on food because of the expensive standards of living in Kampala.

"Thank you *Sunday Vision*; after struggling for two months without any help, Aketo was given medication and the situation has improved," Okello called from his home village in Anaka.

Okello said he has the copy of the newspaper which he said he would keep for reference."There is a lot of improvement," he said. "The fluids which were coming out of the cancerous wound have stopped."

Last month, *Sunday Vision* broke the story of Aketo's appalling condition after she collapsed near Golf Course Hotel in Kampala on her way from Mulago Hospital to Mutungo, a Kampala suburb. The 18-year-old former O'Level candidate of Gulu Secondary School, missed exams due to her condition.

"I have improved and I can now eat compared to two months before when I was only drinking juice," Aketo said.

Okello, a retired soldier, said Dr Fred Okuku of UCI attended to them after getting results of the CT scan of Aketo's neck and head. He said they were told to report back on June 27 for further radiotherapy treatment.

The story about Aketo's plight was published in *Sunday Vision* last month

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