



Kadaga (left), Kaggwa, Sister Claire and Kiiza participating in the Nkozi Hospital fundraising marathon on Saturday. Photo by Juliet Lukwago

MPs join Nkozi Hospital charity drive

By Juliet Lukwago

The speaker of Parliament Rebecca Kadaga has joined the fundraising drive for the construction of a sh2.8b emergency ward at Nkozi Hospital in Mpigi district.

She participated in a fundraising marathon, which took place on Saturday.

"I thank Nkozi Hospital for taking on the task of building the accident emergency ward. I call upon all Ugandans to support the cause, as we fight together to see to it that we avoid accidents," she said.

Kadaga contributed sh10m on behalf of Parliament.

She applauded Nkozi Hospital staff for their dedicated service to accident victims.

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the Government, will continue operation, but we (Ugandans) also have to play our role," Kadaga said.

The Leader of Opposition, Winnie Kiiza and other MPs also participated in the race.

Bishop John Baptist Kaggwa of Masaka Diocese asked the Government to continue funding development projects of faith-based hospitals. He said Nkozi Hospital is one of the mission hospitals dedicated to serving Ugandans.

"Most of us use it every time and one can never tell when accidents

will ever end, because of some road users who drive badly. I call upon road users to drive slowly and follow the traffic regulations, as they also check the condition of their vehicles before driving," Kaggwa appealed.

Nkozi Hospital, a Catholic Church-aided hospital is situated on the Kampala-Masaka road highway.

The hospital was established in 1942 by the White Sisters and is presently managed by the sisters of Immaculate Mary Reparatrix in Ggogonya, Mpigi district.