

said people in his area have enough to extract because they cannot sink the pipes any Ekanya attributed the reduction of the water levels in They are in the districts of Mbarara, Ntungamo, Ibanda, but people have continued destroying residences to do so.

Kavuuya builds sh200m health centre in father's memory

RUKUNGIRI

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Mbarara tycoon, Ben Kavuuya is constructing a sh200m health facility for the public in memory of his parents, Yerima and Joyce Kavuuya.

The facility is being constructed at Rwankoma cell, Rukungiri district.

According to the deputy chief administrative officer of Rukungiri, Deo Kabugo, once complete, it will be the only health centre II in the whole parish and will receive between 100 and 150 out patients daily.

Kabugo said stocking the facility was catered for in the 2017/18 budget, so it will have staff and drugs as soon as it is complete.

Kavuuya revealed that his father, Yerima, died 30 years ago, after failing to get drugs



Kavuuya (second-left) and his wife (left) listen as Bishop (rtd) Tusingwaire speaks during the breaking of the ground ceremony recently. Photo by Caleb Bahikaho

to lower his blood pressure. "My father died on April 3, 1987 at the age of 67. He

succumbed to high blood pressure just because there was no nearby health facility,

where he could get first aid. I do not want to see people in my village die in the same

BETWEEN THE LINES:

- Kavuuya's father died in 1987 after he failed to get medication to control his blood pressure.
- The health centre will serve 100 people a day.

way," the businessman said. The facility is being constructed on a two-acre piece of land. Kavuuya said it is part of the land his father left him. The health centre will be named Kavuuya Memorial Health Centre II Rwankoma. According to the contractor, John Luswata, of PRECIS Construction Company, works will be complete in two months. He said it will include a waiting room, treatment room, examination room, laboratory and a drug store. Kavuuya said he will also

construct staff houses. "The staff houses will be in the second phase, after completing the health centre," he pledged.

Retired Bishop of North Kigezi diocese, Rt. Rev. Patrick Tugume Tusingwaire, urged the Government to give an opportunity to members of the Kavuuya family to have a representative on the management committee.

"Most government facilities have died due to poor management and corruption. We want the family that initiated the centre to be represented, so we can monitor its operations," he said.

Bishop Tugume noted that most government health centres are just buildings without drugs, and health workers are only there for less than an hour a day.