

Coffee agency gives fridge to Bushenyi health centre

BUSHENYI

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Despite the Government's efforts to equip health centres with drugs, some drugs expire due to the absence of refrigerators, authorities of Bushenyi/Ishaka municipality have disclosed.

The deputy town clerk, Fedinard Mukuru, said as a result they continue to suffer audit queries over the drugs which expire. This has discouraged some facilities from requesting for drugs which require refrigerators for storage.

On Thursday, Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA) donated a refrigerator to Bushenyi Health Centre IV as part of UCDA's activities to mark 25 years.

The fridge is to help in the storage of drugs for diabetic patients.

The health centre's management committee chairperson, Eldard Bwarare, said the diabetic patients have been going away disappointed since the health centre could not give them care.

The area deputy mayor, Lawrence Baryaraha, said majority of people have been

hoodwinked to believe that herbal products cure some diseases, including diabetes and as a result they have abandoned health centres and ignored the advice of doctors.

The UCDA development services director, Apollo Kamugisha, described coffee as one of the drinks which can help diabetic patients.

The health centre's head, Dr Viola Ninsiima, confirmed that coffee reduces insulin in the body.

Kamugisha appealed to people to plant more coffee so that the country's coffee production is doubled. He described coffee as a means of improving incomes.

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