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# Strange disease leaves Mayuge man in pain

**MAYUGE**

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A 25-year-old old man in Mayuge district is in excruciating pain due to an abnormal growth on his face.

Shaban Kiirya, a resident of Buyugu-Nabyama village in Bukabooli sub-county, Mayuge district is the son of Sauba Namusobya, a widow.

Kiirya said the swelling is growing rapidly and it is now covering most of his face. He narrates that the swelling started as a pimple.

"I developed a pimple at the age of 20. I pressed it to clear my face, but unfortunately it started swelling," Kiirya said.

He said the swelling grew rapidly and it covered his right eye and ear.

"I lost my ear and eye to the swelling and I think I will lose all my facial features if I do not get treatment," Kiirya said.

Kiirya said no one wants to associate with him because of the swelling. He dropped out of school



Kiirya (right) with his brother Kamyia. Photo by Betty Angatai

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as a result after completing primary level in 2014, at Nabyama Primary School in Bukabooli sub-county, Mayuge.

"Some people laugh at me while others call my name to silence their crying children and this haunts me," Kiirya said.

Rashid Kamyia, a brother, said his brother feared to join secondary school because of the deformity. He added that Kiirya was taken to different hospitals, including Tororo and Mbale for treatment. The condition kept on worsening. Kamyia said Kiirya was given cream to smear on the affected part and tablets to swallow but the situation has not changed yet.

Kamyia said a Good Samaritan in Jinja once took his brother to Saudi Arabia for treatment, unfortunately he missed the free surgery.

After losing hope in education, Kiirya married in 2016. He wanted to get a wife who could help him in the daily activities since he had become a person with disability.

"My wife abandoned me because of my condition," Kiirya said.

Kiirya says the swelling is heavy and he feels lots of headache.

Kiirya calls on Good Samaritans to help him get treatment so that she can lead a normal life. For help call 0704206339 or 0787857059.