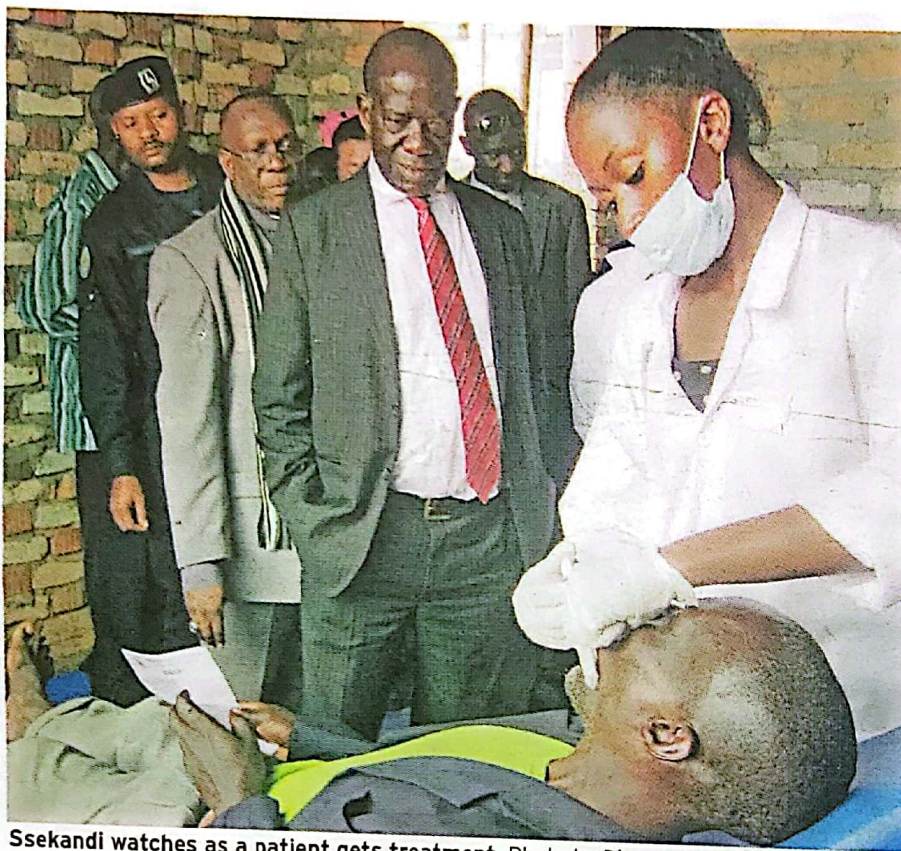


VP Ssekandi hails US dental team



Ssekandi watches as a patient gets treatment. Photo by Dismus Buregyeya

MASAKA

By Dismus Buregyeya

The Vice-President, Edward Ssekandi, has hailed a dental medical team from the US for treating over 2,000 residents in Bukoto Central constituency in Masaka district.

He was speaking to locals after a one-week medical camp, organised by a team of dental surgeons in Kindu parish, Kyanamukaka.

"My people can now chew on sugar cane and meat because their teeth have been fixed, free of charge. I am glad the medical team honoured my request to come and address health challenges in the area," he said.

The team from Virginia in the US also set up a dental clinic at Ebenezer Devotion Centre in Kyanamukaka, where the locals can access free dental treatment.

Dr Steven Stuart, a dental medical officer from the US, said lack of adequate information regarding dental management was still a

The team gave free medical treatment to over 2,000 residents of Kyanamukaka

challenge in the area.

He promised that the US dental team would continue to support dental medical camps in Uganda.

The Kyanamukaka LC3 chairperson, Mesach Ssebula, said the dental medical camp initiative was timely and that it will save the rural population from dental diseases.

He noted that dental health services are not accessible in rural areas.

"The majority of our people have dental problems. Many of us are suffering with

toothaches. We are lucky that the US team has brought the services to us at no cost," he said.

He called for eye medical camps in the area, saying many people are suffering from eye sight complications.

The principal private secretary to the Vice-President, Kityamuwesi Musubire, said Ebenezer Devotion Centre at Kyanamukaka will work closely with the US dental medical team to have regular dental camps in the area.

Malaria

Ssekandi warned the beneficiaries of the recently distributed free mosquito nets not to misuse them.

"Some of you have been using the mosquito nets to fish in the lake. This must stop," he said.

He said malaria control strategies must be embraced in order to build a productive nation.

"Malaria is costly to treat. We need a healthy population. Let's utilise the mosquito nets to control malaria," he said.

Man arrested over self-kidnap

Police in Tororo district on Monday afternoon arrested a man for alleged self-kidnap.

