



The girl sitting in her bed in Tororo Hospital where she is receiving treatment. Photo by Faustine Odeke

Tororo man abandons HIV-positive daughter

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A parent in Tororo has abandoned his HIV-positive daughter.

The 15-year-old girl is currently admitted at Tororo Hospital thanks to Good Samaritans.

Her father, Ali Marijan, a resident of Agururu A village popularly known as "Area 40" in Tororo municipality, reportedly rented a separate house for the girl and her other siblings far away in Juba village and abandoned them to fend for themselves.

The girl said, her father always locked her in the house, beat her and told her not to seek medication since her mother died in 2011. But the girl would sneak to hospital with the help of some neighbours, something that angered Marijan.

Sister Anne Akello of Tororo Hospital said they were forced to admit the girl after noticing that she was generally weak and anaemic. She said fellow nurses came to know about the girl's condition in January last year when she had turned up for routine health checks and

she disclosed that her father did not want her to seek medication and was not buying food for them. A Good Samaritan, Haji Nasir Lubengo, then offered them a scholarship at Aturukuku Primary School and paid for them mid-day meals which they depend on.

ON THE GROUND

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The neighbours have appealed to the Police and other government agencies to arrest and prosecute the culprit for neglecting his family.