



Equipped. Technicians from the Ministry of Health offload solar batteries and other equipment at Kamuda Health Centre III in Soroti District last week. PHOTO BY SIMON PETER EMWAMU

Govt installs solar at health centre after Monitor story

Situation. Health workers at Kamuda Health Centre have been using torches to operate patients.

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SOROTI. The Ministry of Health has delivered an assortment of solar batteries and panels to Kamuda Health Centre III in Soroti District.

This comes after *Daily Monitor* run a story about health workers at the facility using torches at night to treat patients for more than a year.

The LC3 chairperson, Mr Daniel Eigu, said he received numerous calls from the ministry, alerting him to witness and supervise the fixing of the solar system.

"I also applaud the media for helping in highlighting the matter of this health unit, which has attracted a quick response," Mr Eigu said.

"No government can work without the role of the media, the two are intertwined," he added.

Mr Eigu said the solar system will now ensure that the two out-patient departments and the ma-

ternity ward operate normally.

The officer-in-charge of the health facility, Mr Peter Rogers Ojulong, thanked the ministry for its timely response.

"It was challenging to operate a unit in darkness," Mr Ojulong said.

Mr Joshua Kato, the technician from the ministry, said they would also fix other health units across the districts without lighting.

28,000

Patients. Number of people Kamuda Health Centre serves, according to Mr Calvin Elenyu, the health secretary in Soroti District. It also carries out 45 deliveries every month.

In an earlier interview, Mr Eigu said the health unit has only one midwife, who sometimes has more than five deliveries to attend to at ago.

"As a sub-county, we are in a crisis; we have put this matter before the district. We pray it is given the attention it deserves," he said.

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