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Children with nodding syndrome get life skills

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KAMPALA. Children suffering from nodding disease and their parents have been trained on various life skills, officials have revealed.

According to officials, the training has been conducted by Willio Trains, a non-governmental organisation.

While receiving donations from Opportunity Bank staff at marathon organised to help children affected by nodding syndrome yesterday, Ms Winnie Lawoko, the founder and a board member of the bank, said the sick children can perform some vocational jobs such as knitting."You know the way the manual knitting machine moves is therapeutic for the sick children. We are also training them in music dance and drama and already have a training centre but we need capital to equip it with necessary machines," she said.

Earning income

She added: "The caregivers can knit sweaters and sell to the people within the area to earn some income."

Mr Tineyi Mawocha, the chief executive officer Opportunity Bank, yesterday said they were responding to the public outcry for help to support the victims.

"Our staff and board members have raised close to Shs10 million and the bank decided to match their amount with Shs10 million," he said.

Mr Francis Gimara, the president of Uganda Law Society, who also participated in the marathon, said it is important that government started tasking its technocrats to account for their omissions and commissions in government projects because many suspects are walking scotfree.