

Launch of construction works of Major theatre and maternity ward at Rukungiri HC IV, Eastern Division- Rukungiri Municipality



On Tuesday, September 26, 2023, the Security Minister Hon. Maj. Gen. Jim Muhwezi officially launched the construction works of a major theatre and maternity ward at the Rukungiri Health Center IV (Rwamahwa) in the Eastern Division- Rukungiri Municipality.

The construction works, will be carried out by the Uganda Peoples Defense Forces (UPDF) Engineering brigade. The major theatre will cost the Ushs. 675 million from the government of Uganda through the Ministry of Health and will take six months to complete.

The maternity ward construction will thereafter commence and an allocation of Ushs. 400 million from the government of Uganda through the Ministry of Finance was made.



Chief guest launching the major theatre

The chief guest, Hon. Major General Jim Muhwezi, thanked Area MP Hon. Dr. Elisa Rutahigwa and stakeholders for the effort to lobby the facility, stating that the building of the theater is the first step on the path to the general hospital.

Minister Jim Muhwezi urged the people of Rukungiri to put in a lot of effort towards the advancement of their country given that COVID-19 has had an impact on Uganda.



Chief guest, Area MP, RDC and other guests inspecting the theatre site



Major theatre construction site



Chief guest breaking the ground for the theatre

Hon. Dr. Elisa Rutahigwa, a representative for the Rukungiri Municipality in Parliament who was also the host MP, praised the Ministry of Health for providing funding for the theatre's construction as well as the maternity ward, which will also be built by the UPDF Engineering brigade after the theater is finished.



Hon. Rutahigwa also launching the maternity ward

The construction of the theatre according to Hon. Rutahigwa, is an evidence that he is keeping his promises made during the general elections of 2021 promising for more because he is prepared to grow and transform his constituency.

The Rukungiri Woman Member of Parliament, Hon. Medius Natukunda Kaharata, thanked the Government of Uganda for funding the theatre and maternity ward at Rukungiri Health Center IV noting that it will reduce the death rate of women and children dying during childbirth and the rate of referrals.



Rukungiri District Woman MP launching maternity ward

Town Clerk Mr. Robert Nuwamanya also thanked the Government of Uganda, Ministry of Health and MoFPED for the allocation of funds for the construction works at Rukungiri HC IV. However, he informed the chief guest that there is under staffing but was hopeful that with the recently concluded payroll verification, recruitments will be done.



Town Clerk giving remarks

Major Mawanda Francis who headed the UPDF engineering brigade highlighted that they are focusing on quality work and value for money and requested assistance from the people to help them produce easy and excellent work.



Head of UPDF engineering brigade giving remarks

Mayor Rukungiri Municipality Charles Makuru also commended the Government for the offer and gave a brief history of Rukungiri HC IV, patient statistics among others.

Senior Presidential Advisor Francis Batinti, H.E Nsubuga Bewayo Stephen-the Rukungiri Resident District Commissioner (RDC), Ahimbisibwe Wilberforce Ongom-the Deputy RDC, Kyomukama Geofrey- Rukungiri district chairperson LC5, Rev. Dr. Julius Turyatoranwa- Parish priest Christ the King, Rukungiri, Manager TASO- Rukungiri, Stanbic Bank- Rukungiri as well as other invited guests blessed the event.

