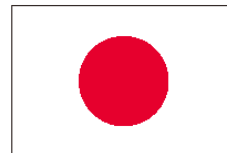


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Japan Supports to improve the maternity environment in Kapelebyong District

The Embassy of Japan will commission the newly constructed maternity ward at St. Francis Acumet Health Centre III in Kapelebyong District on Wednesday 6th August 2025. The project, formally titled “The Project for the Construction of a Maternity Ward at St. Francis Acumet Health Centre III in Kapelebyong District”, began on October 23, 2024, with a grant of USD 72,694 from the Embassy of Japan, equating to over 256 million Ug. Shs.

Deputy ambassador of the Embassy of Japan to Uganda, Mr. Tomotaka YOSHIMURA will officiate the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

St. Francis Acumet Health Centre III is a private-not-for-profit (PNFP) health centre established in 1989. There are only lower level health centers in the sub-county besides this health center, and the higher level health center is 12 km away, so the health center plays a very important role in the community. At the time of requesting for the grant, there was no dedicated maternity ward. A part of the general ward was being used as a temporary maternity space, separated only by a simple partition. And the health centre had only 5 beds and 1 delivery table. As a result, the hospital was constantly overcrowded, with patients waiting both inside and outside the general ward, which posed serious risks of cross-infection.

In response to these pressing needs, the Embassy of Japan supported the construction of a maternity ward at St. Francis Acumet Health Centre III, equipped with 8 hospital beds, 8 mattresses, 2 delivery beds and 2 periodic beds and 1 patient trolley.

This upgrade has significantly enhanced the capacity of the health centre to deliver better quality maternity services in a safe and hygienic environment, benefiting the entire community and beyond.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community-led development projects which uplift the life of people at the grassroots level. So far, a total of 293 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.