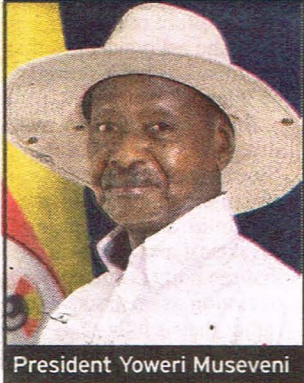


PRESIDENT MUSEVENI BOOSTS CANCER RUN

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President Yoweri Museveni

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President Yoweri Museveni has donated sh3b to support the 15th Rotary Cancer Run in 2026. The funds will go toward building the Rotary-Centenary Bank Cancer Ward at Nsambya Hospital in Makindye municipality.

The presidential gesture was confirmed by Speaker of Parliament Anita Among during the official launch of the 2026 Cancer Run at Nsambya Hospital on Friday.

"I would like to thank President Yoweri Museveni, who will be contributing sh3b for the construction of the building. Originally, we used to deduct money from the members of parliament," said Among who also thanked the Rotary fraternity for organising it each year, calling it an important charity event and a major milestone for the government's goals.

However, Among pledged continued support from Parliament for the cause whose theme this year is: 'Let's run to restore hope'.

"As the Parliament of Uganda, we also pledge our total and unwavering support for St. Francis Hospital and we call upon Ugandans to partici-



Speaker of Parliament Anita Among and Steven Mwanje officially launch preparations for the Rotary Cancer Run on Friday

MUSEVENI OFFERS SH3B FOR CANCER WARD CONSTRUCTION AT NSAMBYA HOSPITAL

pate in this year's run."

"When you contribute to the cancer fight, you are showing love to everybody who is bound to be affected by the disease," she explained.

The decision by Rotary to contribute to the fight against cancer is a noble cause since the incidence is rapidly increasing in society which creates a health burden. Approximately 25,000 deaths are reported annually.

The vision bearer of the cancer run, Steven Mwanje, paid gratitude to parliament, for the continued support since 2014

when they first offered sh2m which went on increasing. To date, the legislature has made a total contribution of sh4.21b towards our cause.

"We recognise it is in fighting this disease. As Rotarians, we started the fight in 2011 and have been able to put up a fully operational cancer ward, but it does not handle all the cases of the disease," he said.

The run is scheduled for August 30 at Kololo Independence grounds and other major towns across the country.

It is sponsored by Vision

Group, Maad McCann, Krystal mineral water, Nsambya Hospital and Centenary Bank that donated sh500m.

Since 2012 money has been raised through the run which led to the construction of the Rotary Cancer Ward. What is remaining in the line of treating cancer victims is radiotherapy which is what the run proceeds are currently targeted to. Construction alone will take close to sh6b while the two machines will cost sh10b on top of training the manpower that will operate the machines and treat the

patients.

Only 30 percent of the Cancer Centre is operational with only 20 percent accomplished with the ongoing construction.

Over sh13b is needed to complete the construction of bunkers and a ward that will house two Linear Accelerators (modern cancer treatment machines) at the Rotary-Centenary Bank Cancer Ward at the hospital. Three years ago Mwanje said, already sh2.3b had been spent on the initial works to construct the bunkers with more needed to expedite the works.