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The Speaker of Parliament, Anita Among, has contributed sh50m for an eye health camp in Bukedea district and commended the Ruparelia family for supporting government efforts to extend health services to local communities.

Among made the contribution during the official launch of the Rajiv Ruparelia (RR) memorial eye health camp at Kabira Country Club in Kampala on Tuesday.

The medical outreach, scheduled to take place from March 27-29, this year at Bukedea Teaching Hospital and is expected to benefit residents from several districts across eastern and northern Uganda.

Rajiv, the former managing director of the Ruparelia Group, died in a road accident along Busabala road on May 3, 2025, at

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the age of 35. He was known not only as a young business leader, but also as a philanthropist, who championed several community initiatives through the Ruparelia Foundation.

The Speaker commended the Ruparelia family for continuing Rajiv's legacy of philanthropy through programmes that benefit communities.

Speaking at the launch, businessman Sudhir Ruparelia thanked Among for supporting the initiative and for the affection she showed his son during his lifetime.

The businessman said the contribution would help extend specialised eye care services to communities that often struggle to access treatment.

"Rajiv believed strongly in



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Among (centre) being received by Ruparelia and Jyotsna at Kabira Country Club where she joined the Ruparelia Foundation and other partners for the official launch of the upcoming RR Eye Camp in Bukedea district

helping people and giving back to society. This eye camp is part of continuing the dream he had to improve lives," he said.

Sudhir also revealed that the outreach will become a periodic programme held every two years, with the next edition planned for Kasese district.

Jyotsna Ruparelia thanked Ugandans for the support they have shown the Ruparelia family over the years.

Jyotsna said eye health camp was deliberate because eye vision plays a central role in daily life.

"The eyes drive all other parts of the body. If someone cannot see, it becomes very difficult to carry out most activities. That is why protecting sight is so important," she said.

THE CAMP

The outreach is being organised by Ruparelia Foundation in partnership with Mulago National Referral Hospital and C-Care, bringing together specialised medical teams to deliver eye health services closer to rural communities.

According to the organisers, patients attending the camp will receive free eye check-ups, cataract screening, reading glasses, children's glasses and cataract surgeries for selected cases.

Eye diseases in Uganda are largely driven by high ultraviolet radiation exposure, causing a 57.7% blindness rate from cataracts.