

# DFCU Bank marks 62 years with free health camp in Busoga

DFCU Bank has marked its 62nd anniversary with a community health camp in Busoga, providing free medical services to more than 2,000 people in partnership with Rotary Uganda, the Busoga Kingdom and health professionals.

Speaking at the event, DFCU Bank Executive Director Kate K. Kiiza said the bank deliberately chose to celebrate the milestone through service to the community rather than a traditional corporate function. "We made a conscious decision to celebrate differently this year. Instead of a corporate event, we chose to commemorate 62 years of service through community impact," Kiiza said.

She said the anniversary

reflects decades of supporting businesses, empowering individuals and contributing to Uganda's economic transformation.

"DFCU Bank has grown alongside Uganda for 62 years, financing enterprises, supporting farmers, enabling home ownership and empowering women-led businesses," she said.

Kiiza said the bank's work goes beyond financial services and must also respond to social needs, including health and community wellbeing.

She said DFCU Bank recognises that health, environment and social wellbeing are key pillars of sustainable growth, adding that economic progress cannot be separated from access to

healthcare.

The health camp offered free services including screening and management for sickle cell disease, diabetes, cancer, eye care and mental health support. According to the bank, many of these services are often out of reach for rural communities because of distance and cost, prompting the decision to bring healthcare closer to the people. Busoga Kingdom Deputy Katukiro Ahmed Osman welcomed the initiative, saying cultural institutions play an important role in mobilising communities for development programmes.

He said the exercise showed that corporate success should be measured not only by profits,

but also by the lives transformed and the communities uplifted.

"This initiative shows that true corporate success is not measured only in financial performance, but in the lives transformed and communities uplifted," Osman said.

He warned that poor access to healthcare is hurting productivity in Busoga, especially in agriculture and industrial labour.

Osman noted that many residents depend on government health facilities such as Walukuba Health Centre IV, but face challenges including drug shortages and limited service delivery.

He said this has forced many families to rely on private

facilities or intermittent medical outreach programmes.

"The reality is that many patients are tested but told to buy drugs outside the facilities, which most cannot afford," he said.

Osman called for stronger collaboration between government, the private sector and development partners to improve access to healthcare services.

He also urged communities to embrace preventive healthcare practices, including early testing, hygiene, proper nutrition and the use of mosquito nets.

Rotary Uganda also praised the partnership, describing it as a model of collaboration in delivering healthcare, education and community development

services.

Rotary District 9213 Governor Geoffrey Martin Kitakule said Rotary remains committed to strengthening partnerships aimed at improving healthcare access and community wellbeing.

He said collaboration with cultural institutions, government and the private sector remains key to delivering sustainable health interventions.

"We remain committed to working together with cultural institutions, government and development partners to improve lives and promote sustainable development," Kitakule said.

He said Rotary would continue supporting initiatives that improve health, restore dignity and strengthen communities.