

# OFFICIALS REVEAL PLANS FOR A HOSTEL NEAR UGANDA CANCER INSTITUTE

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Part of the proceeds from the recent Gen. MK 52nd Birthday Run have been directed to support the Uganda Child Cancer Foundation (UCCF), following the charity event held last month.

The 10km marathon, held on April 26, at the Kololo Independence Grounds in Kampala, brought together thousands of participants under the theme; *Run for Charity, Run for Hope*. The event raised funds intended to support orphans, babies' homes and vulnerable communities across Uganda.

Accordingly, UCCF was selected as one of the beneficiaries. The Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Gen. Muhoozi Kainerugaba, accompanied by his wife Charlotte, handed over a dummy cheque of sh100m to the institution at the Special Forces Command headquarters on Friday.

Representatives from the foundation who received the cheque included Dr Racheal Angom, a consultant paediatric oncologist and head of the division of paediatric oncology at the Uganda Cancer Institute; Moses Echodu, the executive director of UCCF and a cancer survivor; Ezra Anecho, the deputy executive director; Priscilla Nambalirwa, the head of the patient support programme; and Elizabeth Nakamyia, the finance and administration officer.

# CDF GIVES SH100M BIRTHDAY RUN CASH TO CHILD CANCER FOUNDATION



**Gen. Kainerugaba (second-right) and his wife, Charlotte (right), handing over a dummy cheque of sh100m to UCCF representatives at the Special Forces Command headquarters in Entebbe on Friday**

Gen. Kainerugaba expressed strong support for the foundation's mission to create a society free of childhood

cancer through comprehensive patient support, awareness, advocacy, research and mentorship.

Holding the foundation's work in the highest regard, he extended the contribution with the sincere hope of

easing the burden on young cancer patients and their families.

Looking ahead, the foundation leaders briefed the CDF about plans to build a hostel in proximity to the Uganda Cancer Institute to house children with cancer, sparing them from having to make long, exhausting journeys while undergoing treatment.

The UCCF was established to meet the social and economic needs of cancer patients, specifically children. The foundation helps cover critical expenses, such as transport, feeding and accommodation, for young patients and their families during treatment. It operates largely through donations from well-wishers.

Started in 2006, the foundation became fully active in 2021. Its major donors include St Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Cancer Society and the University of Cambridge. To raise more funds, the foundation started fundraising initiatives such as the Cancer Run and Guardian Angel.