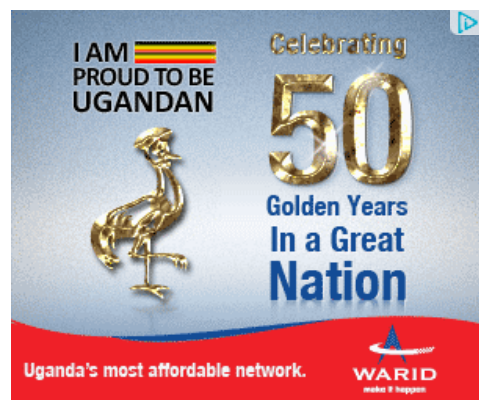


Government Asked To Construct More Health Centres

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The district health officer of Luuka, Dr Enock Kwikiriza is still has said that although sensitisation is key in enabling pregnant women to access medical services, there is need to increase accessibility of health centres to women to able to have many attending antenatal care.

He was speaking at the launch of a report by Makerere University medical school that found more than 51% of pregnant mothers in the district are not accessing antenatal services from health centre, many preferring traditional birth attendants.

The report among others recommended more sensitisation of pregnant mothers to understand the importance of antenatal care in their health of mothers and that of the baby.

Accordingly, a team of students on research supported by lecturers from Makerere university medical school will camp in the district for two years conducting the maternal new borne study to sensitize women about the dangers of getting antenatal care from traditional health attendants.

But Dr. Kwikiriza says that the government should also consider constructing more health centres in the district because it is hard for a pregnant mother to walk for 15km from Kasozi Mawembe in Bulongo Sub County to access services in Kiyunga health centre IV.

However Luuka Resident District Commissioner, Aggrey Frederick Bangu said health services can be improved if health workers did not absent themselves.

"After here my office will definitely liaise with the political to crack down on health workers who are enjoying the taxpayer's money without rendering the required services" Bangu said.

The district with approximately 200,000 people boasts of one Doctor Enock Kwikiriza who doubles as the district health officer and in charge Kiyunga health center IV, the district's referral health center.

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