



Yumbe, Kayunga hospitals set for face-lift

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YUMBE. Ministry of Health has secured \$41m (Shs 137b) funds for the rehabilitation and expansion of Yumbe and Kayunga hospitals.

The project is funded by government of Uganda in partnership with Arab Bank for Economic Development, Saudi Fund for Development and OPEC Fund for international Development.

The project contracted to M/s Dar engineering in association with Joadah Consult Ltd started with an assessment of the area in the two hospitals.

Speaking during a meeting at Yumbe Hospital, last weekend, Mr Sam Wanda, the project coordinator from ministry of Health, said the rehabilitation and expansion will involve strengthening of accident and emergency services, maternity as well as obstetrics services.

"We will also construct new medical and administrative staff housing units," Mr Wanda said.

Mr Yorke Odria, the MP for Aringa South, said that the hospital risks collapse.

"We want new structures because putting more weight on the old structures is dangerous," he said.

Mr Taban Yasiin, the district chairperson, said the hospital requires expansion owing to the increasing population in the area.

"We have condemned buildings that put the lives of patients at risk. Our request is that all the buildings should be demolished and new ones constructed," he said.

Mr Alfred Yayi, the District Health Officer, said since its construction, the hospital has not undergone any major renovation.

He said leaking roofs, falling ceilings, non-functional toilets, sewage and water systems are now common features of the facility.