



Rebecca Siwu

Kidney patient needs sh15m

By CHARLES OKALEBO

Rebecca Siwu, a graduate of adult and community education, is seeking financial assistance of \$6,000 (sh15m) to enable her undergo a kidney operation in Nairobi, Kenya.

She has lived with the problem for 17 years.

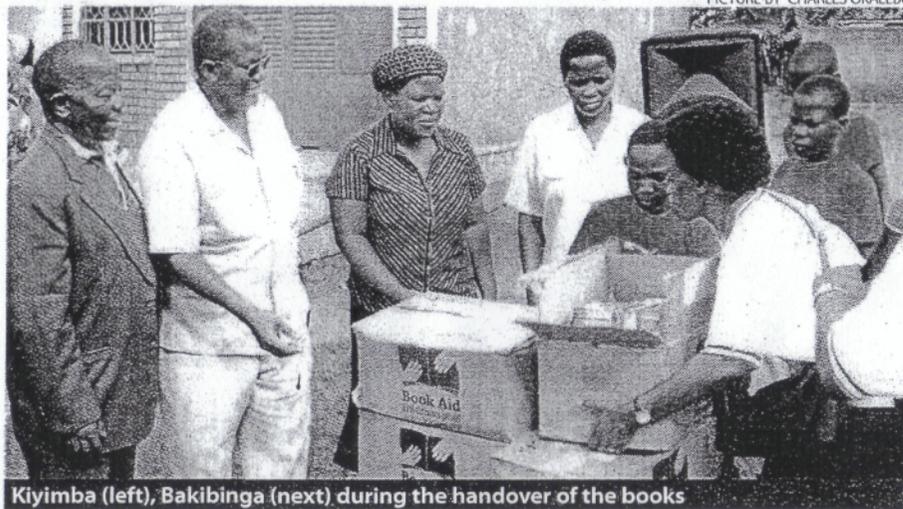
She can no longer work and is bedridden at her parents' home in IDA village, Masese division in Jinja municipality.

She complains of severe pain in the left loin and abdomen.

A medical examination from Mulago Hospital on September 19, found that Siwu had stones in the left kidney.

She has to undergo a percutaneous nephrolithotomy operation to remove the stones.

Mary Siwu, the patient's mother, said the family had used everything they had in supporting their daughter. Any support towards Siwu can be extended through Account No. 0121034465501 (Stanbic Bank, Jinja Branch). Alternatively, it can be sent via mobile money



Kiyimba (left), Bakibinga (next) during the handover of the books

Children's library opened in Jinja

By CHARLES KAKAMWA

A children's library has been opened in Igombe village, Buwenge sub-county in Jinja district.

Kirabo Giibwa Children's Library located 24 kilometres off the Jinja-Kamuli highway at Igombe trading centre, was opened on Friday by the former Makerere University deputy vice-chancellor for finance and administration, Prof. David Bakibinga.

Bakibinga represented the

Minister of State for Higher Education, Dr. John Chryso-stom Muyingo.

Bakibinga asked the community to support the facility and utilise it to acquire more knowledge.

He said the project was in line with the Government's policy of enhancing education as a tool for development.

He donated sh1m and pledged copies of magazines. At least 90% of the funds used in the construction of the 100-seater

capacity children's library was from Book Aid International, while the rest was by Kiyimba's family.

The library is part of the Nambi Sseppuuya Community Resource Centre that was established in 2007 by Justin Kiyimba in memory of their daughter, Irene Nambi Sseppuuya.

Nambi, who worked with *New Vision* until her death in 2002, left behind a daughter, Kirabo Giibwa, after whom the children's library was named.

Jinja boss blocks dismissal of district land board

By JACKIE NAMBOGGA AND DOREEN MUSINGO

The Jinja district chairperson on Friday blocked the disbanding of the land board by the district council.

Fredrick Gume said it would frustrate investment and residents who need land titles for acquiring loans from financial institutions.

"I am against the disbandment of the board. We recommend the appointment of an acting lands officer, a secretary and not the removal of the entire board," he said.

The board is accused of being unscrupulous in its deal-

ings since its creation in 2010.

Paul Balidawa, the district vice-chairperson, told a council meeting that lack of a full-time board secretary and a lands management officer was the major cause of the trouble.

He said the land management officer, Yusuf Kakerewe, only goes to office twice a week, working for only two hours.

A motion calling for the disbandment of the board was later moved.

Councillor Kasim Ntambi of Bugembe town council told his colleagues that Kakerewe had got a new job at the Ministry of Lands.

Busitema to study landslides

By MOSES NAMPALA

Busitema University, in collaboration with the Catholic University in Leuven, Belgium, is to study the causes of landslides around Mount Elgon.

The vice-chancellor, Professor Mary Okwakol, said the faculties of natural resources and environmental science would spearhead the study.

Key players expected to offer inputs include Uganda Wildlife Authority, National

Environment Management Authority, local governments, farmers' organisations and non-governmental organisations in the area.

"The study seeks an integrated assessment of the landslide problem, risks, consequences and opportunities," said Okwakol.

She said the ultimate objective of the study would be to find a lasting solution to the landslides.

Okwakol added that the project would root for the ideal conservation measures.