

# Newsletter

*3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*

## Foreward



Warm greetings to you all. As we continue this Rotary year under the spirit of “Unite for Good,” I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for your commitment to service and fellowship in the Rotary Club of Iganga.

I warmly recognize our members observing sacred seasons of faith. To our Muslim members observing Ramadan, and our Christian members observing Lent, may these seasons bring spiritual renewal, reflection, and blessings. These moments remind us of the shared values of humility, compassion, and service that align closely with the ideals of Rotary.

I also thank members and all Ugandans for the peaceful participation in the recent elections. Peaceful civic engagement reflects unity and maturity in our society.

My gratitude goes to members who continue to support The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Your contributions help Rotary transform lives across the world. I also appreciate President Elect Rtn. Simbwa Kassim for joining me in contributing USD 1,000 to PolioPlus, supporting Rotary’s historic mission to eradicate polio.

As we move forward, I encourage members to continue strengthening our club through membership growth, as we also position ourselves to pursue Global Grants for impactful and sustainable community projects.

Let us continue serving together in unity as we Unite for Good and make a lasting difference in Iganga and beyond.

Dr. Kharim Mwebaza Muluya. P.h D  
President, Rotary Club of Iganga

## Foreward



It is with great pride and gratitude that I present the 3rd Edition of The Flag, the official magazine of the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Iganga. This publication continues to stand as a symbol of our shared commitment to service, leadership, fellowship, and community transformation.

Over the past year, our clubs have continued to strengthen the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self. Through various initiatives in health, youth empowerment, education, community service, and professional development, our members have remained dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of the people we serve.

The Flag captures the spirit of our work, highlighting the projects, partnerships, and stories that define our impact. It reflects the passion of Rotarians and Rotaractors who volunteer their time, skills, and resources to create positive change within Iganga and beyond.

This third edition also celebrates the power of collaboration between Rotary and Rotaract. When experienced leaders and young professionals work together, we create a strong platform for innovation, mentorship, and sustainable community development.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all members, partners, and supporters whose contributions continue to strengthen our mission. I also commend the editorial team for their dedication in documenting our journey and sharing these inspiring stories.

As you read this edition, I hope you are inspired by the commitment, energy, and vision that drive Rotary and Rotaract in Iganga. Together, we will continue raising The Flag of service, integrity, and hope in our communities.

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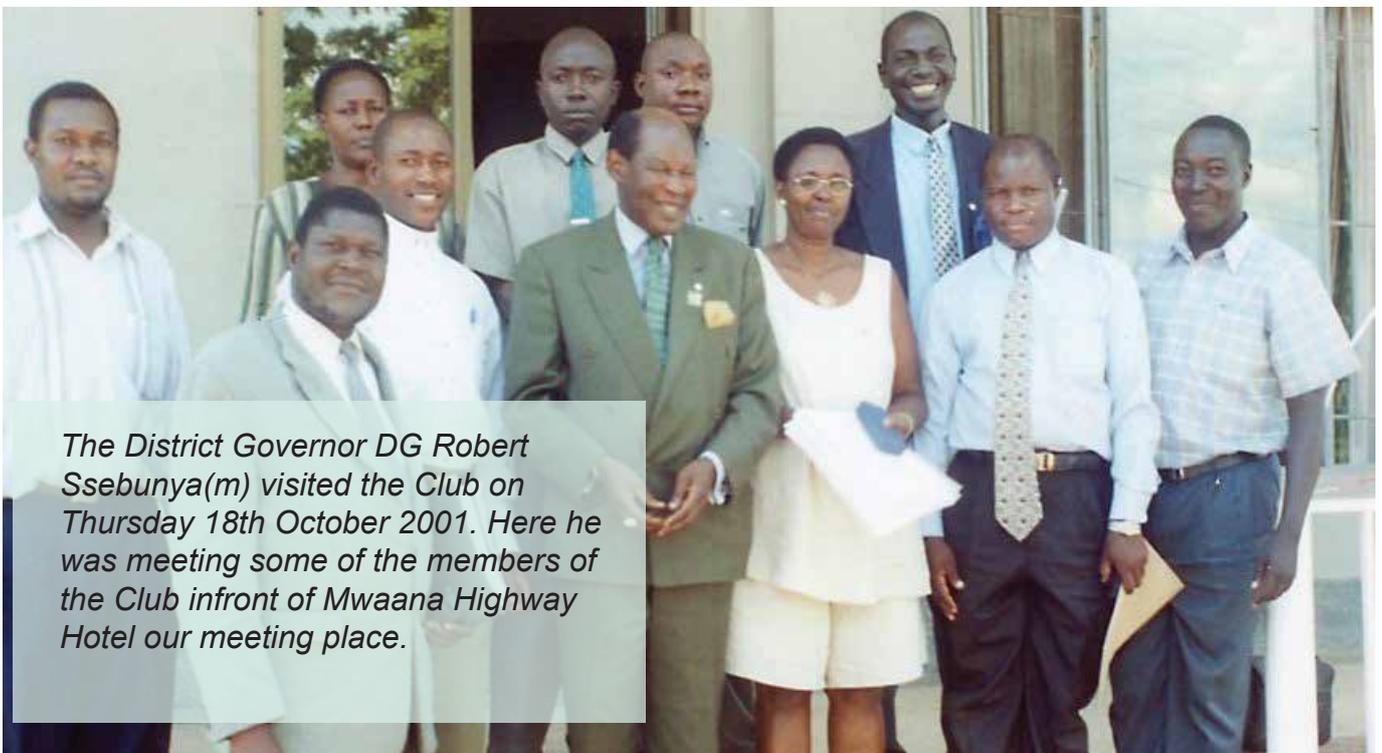
## Who We Are

The Rotary Club of Iganga began its journey in early 1988 and was officially chartered on August 2 of the same year. Guided by its first president, the late Rtn. Kiwanuka Lubanga, the club established a firm foundation built on service, fellowship, and a deep commitment to community development. What started as a small group of dedicated individuals has grown into a vibrant force for good in the Busoga region.

The club's fellowship meetings first took place at Mwana Highway Hotel before later relocating to Ntinda Valley Resort Hotel, where members still meet every Tuesday at 6:00 PM. These weekly gatherings remain an important space for planning, reflection, and strengthening the bond that drives their service. The consistency of this tradition reflects the club's discipline and unity.

For more than three decades, the Rotary Club of Iganga has prioritized improving health services, expanding access to education, and supporting economic empowerment. The club's impact is felt through numerous community projects and strong partnerships that link local needs with global solutions. A notable example is the collaboration with the Rotary Club of Trent Bridge in the United Kingdom that helped deliver clean and safe water to Namunyumya Parish.

Today, the Rotary Club of Iganga continues to stand as a trusted and active partner in community transformation. Through its programs, youth engagement, and sustained service, the club remains committed to building a healthier, stronger, and more prosperous Iganga. The legacy begun in 1988 lives on, inspiring every effort to uplift the community.



*The District Governor DG Robert Ssebunya(m) visited the Club on Thursday 18th October 2001. Here he was meeting some of the members of the Club in front of Mwaana Highway Hotel our meeting place.*

## About the Rotaract Club of Iganga

Chartered on 16th May 2016, the Rotaract Club of Iganga is a dynamic, youth-led organization committed to leadership, professional growth, and community service. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Iganga, we empower young people between the ages of 18 and 35 to lead change through impactful projects in health, education, the environment, and youth empowerment.

With a committed membership of 30 active members, our club continues to grow in both reach and influence. The club's foundation was laid by Charter President **Mukoti Sayid**, whose vision for youth-led transformation remains at the heart of all we do.

The club has been led by Baker Sepuya (2017–2018), Said Awadh (2018–2019), Sumaya Nakaziba (2019–2020), Kagwa Keneth (2020–2021), Katube Mouris (2021–2022), Namaganda Flavia (2022–2023), Mwesigwa Kafuko Mebra (2023–2024), and Magumba Umar Kimbowa (2024–2025). Building on this legacy of leadership and service, the current Rotary year 2025–2026 is led by Tatumwa Desmond Benjamin.

The club also looks forward to continued growth and service under the leadership of the President-Elect, Wesesa Diana, who is preparing to carry forward the Rotaract mission of empowering young leaders and serving the community.

Rotaract Club of Iganga  
Presents  
**10TH PRESIDENT**  
*installation*  
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*Wesesa*

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# Community Health Camps and Medical Outreach

## 2026 COSECSA-Operation Hernia UK Hernia Camp

In a remarkable demonstration of service above self, the Rotary Club of Iganga and the Rotaract Club of Iganga, in partnership with Hope and Healing Center, Operation Hernia UK, and the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA), successfully conducted a free hernia surgical camp in Iganga District. The initiative brought together local and international medical experts, volunteers, and community partners to address the burden of untreated hernias among under-served populations.

During the surgical camp, a total of 74 patients were screened and reviewed. Of these, 72 patients were diagnosed with hernias and successfully underwent free surgical repair, while two patients were found to have other surgical conditions. The camp provided life-changing treatment for patients who had endured hernia symptoms for months and, in some cases, several years before accessing surgery.

The majority of the patients were male, reflecting the higher prevalence of hernias among men. Inguinal hernias were the most common diagnosis, accounting for the largest proportion of cases treated during the camp. Most procedures were performed using mesh repair techniques, which are widely recommended for their effectiveness and reduced recurrence rates.

Beyond patient care, the surgical camp also served as a valuable training opportunity for resident surgeons from St. Francis Hospital Nsambya and Uganda Martyrs University. Under the mentorship of experienced surgeons, the residents gained hands-on experience in hernia management and modern surgical techniques, contributing to the strengthening of surgical capacity in Uganda.

The success of the camp was made possible through strong collaboration among multiple partners. In addition to the leading organizers, key support was provided by Busoga Health Forum and Imperial Hospital Iganga, whose contributions in coordination, logistics, and community mobilization ensured that patients in need could access the services.

This initiative reflects Rotary's enduring commitment to improving health and wellbeing within communities. By combining service, partnership, and medical expertise, the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Iganga continue to demonstrate how collaborative action can transform lives and strengthen healthcare access for vulnerable populations.



***Service above self in action, 72 patients received free hernia surgery during the Iganga surgical camp.***



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# KALIRO MEDICAL CAMP



## FREE HEALTH SERVICES

The Kyabazinga Initiatives Organisation, Rotary E-Club of Naguru and Iganga, the Ministry of Health, Kaliro District and other partners invites you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaliro Medical Camp at Nawaikoke Health Centre III, Kaliro District.

The services include: diagnosis and treatment of common infectious diseases; immunization and deworming; screening for non-communicable diseases (such as hypertension, diabetes and cancer), treatment and referral; health education; counselling; screening for sickle cell; screening and referral for surgical conditions; eye and dental services; and blood donation.

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Kaliro District

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## Rotary Medical Camp in Kaliro District

In the true spirit of Rotary fellowship and service, the Rotary Club of Iganga partnered with the Rotary E-Club of Naguru to organize a successful medical camp on 8th November 2025 at Nawaikoke Health Centre III in Kaliro District. The initiative brought together Rotarians, healthcare professionals, and community leaders with the shared goal of improving access to essential health services for underserved communities.

The medical camp offered a wide range of services, including maternal health services, physiotherapy and orthopedic care, cervical cancer screening, ultrasound services, eye care, family planning, dental services, blood donation, and laboratory testing. In addition, patients received general medical care for common conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, malaria, cough, and other illnesses.

The outreach was a major success, with over 2,000 people receiving treatment and medical support in a single day. The activity was supported by dedicated health workers from Jinja Regional Referral Hospital as well as Iganga and Kaliro districts, whose commitment ensured the smooth delivery of services to the community.

Community members expressed deep appreciation for the services provided, noting that many had limited access to such specialized healthcare. Several beneficiaries requested that future medical camps be extended from one day to two days to allow more people to benefit. This feedback was highly appreciated and noted by the presidents of the two collaborating Rotary clubs.

The Rotary Club of Iganga played a significant role in supporting the activity by providing essential medicines, including antimalarial drugs, mobilizing human resources, and facilitating transportation human resource to the camp site.

The event was further honored by the presence of Owek. Nantale Nasabu from Obwa'Kyabazinga of Busoga, whose participation highlighted the importance of partnerships between community leadership and service organizations in improving health outcomes.

This collaboration reflects Rotary's commitment to service above self and demonstrates how partnerships among Rotary clubs can create meaningful impact in communities. Through such initiatives, Rotary continues to expand access to healthcare and improve the wellbeing of people across the region.

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# **The Visit of the District Governor D9213**

## **DG Geoffrey Martin Kitakule**



The District Governor, Rtn. Geoffrey Martin Kitakule, visited the Rotary Club of Iganga on 11th November 2025, accompanied by a delegation of members from the district leadership team. The visit was warmly received by the President of the Rotary Club of Iganga, Rtn. Dr. Kharim Mwebaza Muluya, together with the Assistant Governor, Rtn. Denis Alex Ojambo, and members of the club.

As part of the visit, the District Governor first met members of the Rotaract Club of Prime Vocational Institute, where he officially launched a community project aimed at supporting elderly people in the community, implemented in collaboration with the mother club, the Rotary Club of Iganga. The project reflects Rotary's commitment to caring for vulnerable members of society and improving the wellbeing of older persons.

The delegation later proceeded to Imperial Hospital, where the District Governor launched another initiative focused on supporting elderly people living with non-communicable diseases. The project seeks to improve access to care and support services for elderly patients affected by conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.

During the visit, the Rotary team also engaged with a woman who had experienced violence and loss within her family due to land-related conflicts. The interaction highlighted Rotary's compassionate approach to community engagement and its concern for social wellbeing beyond health services.

Following the field visits, members gathered for lunch before proceeding to the regular club fellowship, which began shortly before 6:00 PM. During the fellowship, the District Governor shared guidance and encouragement with club members. He emphasized the importance of growing club membership, encouraging Rotarians to recruit new members to strengthen Rotary's service impact.

The District Governor also encouraged the club to pursue Global Grants alongside local projects, enabling the club to undertake larger and more sustainable community interventions. In addition, he urged members to continue supporting The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and PolioPlus, which remain key priorities for Rotary worldwide.

The visit was both inspiring and motivating for members of the Rotary Club of Iganga, reaffirming their commitment to service, fellowship, and Rotary's mission of creating lasting change in communities.



# Welcoming New Members to the Rotary Family



The Rotary Club of Iganga had the honor of welcoming two new Rotarians who were officially inducted into the club by the District Governor, Rtn. Geoffrey Martin Kitakule. The induction marks an important moment for the club as it continues to grow its membership and strengthen its capacity to serve the community.

By joining Rotary, the new members become part of a global network of leaders and professionals committed to the principle of Service Above Self. Their induction reflects the club's ongoing commitment to expanding fellowship, promoting leadership, and advancing impactful community service.

The Rotary Club of Iganga congratulates the newly inducted members and looks forward to their active participation in Rotary activities, projects, and initiatives that continue to transform lives within Iganga and beyond.



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# ROTA KIDS MEET & GREET

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## RotaKids Activity Brings Joy and Fellowship in Iganga

The Rotary Club of Iganga, with support from the Rotary District leadership, successfully organized a colorful RotaKids Activity on 15th November 2025 at Buckley High School in Iganga. The event marked a special moment for the district, as it was the first activity of its kind in Eastern Uganda where the District Governor interacted directly with the children of Rotarians.

The one-day event brought together Rotarians, their families, and children in a joyful atmosphere filled with fun and fellowship. The program began with brief welcome remarks, setting the tone for a day dedicated to nurturing friendship and engagement among Rotary families. One of the highlights of the event was the tree planting exercise led by the District Governor, Rtn. Geoffrey Martin Kitakule, symbolizing Rotary's commitment to environmental stewardship and future generations.

After the tree planting activity, the children engaged in a variety of play and recreational activities, enjoying the many play materials that had been arranged for them. The District Governor also joined the children in some of the activities, creating a memorable experience that strengthened the bond between Rotary leadership and Rotary families. The event concluded with a shared meal between the District Governor, the children, and the event organizers, before the District Governor proceeded to another engagement in Jinja.

Special appreciation was extended to the organizing team for their dedication and hard work. Recognition was given to Family Chair Rtn. Esther Nandase, Club Administrator Rtn. Mercy Namaliky, and the Sergeant-at-Arms Rtn. Speciosa Kantono for their efforts in making the event successful.

The Rotary Club of Iganga also expressed sincere gratitude to parents who brought their children to participate in the activity, making the event lively and meaningful.

The RotaKids Activity demonstrated Rotary's commitment not only to community service but also to strengthening family bonds and inspiring the next generation of leaders through fellowship, care, and shared experiences.



# Rotaract Club of Iganga End of Year Party

The Rotaract Club of Iganga closed the year on a joyful note with its End of Year Party held on 14th December 2025 at Across the Nile Resort. The event brought together members of the club to celebrate the year's achievements, strengthen fellowship, and reflect on the journey of service they had shared throughout the year.

The gathering created a relaxed and exciting environment where Rotaractors connected beyond their usual meetings and service activities. Members participated in indoor games, team-building challenges, and a Santa gift exchange, which brought excitement, laughter, and strengthened the bonds of friendship among members.

One of the highlights of the event was the awards and recognition segment, where members were appreciated for their dedication, leadership, and commitment to the growth of the Rotaract Club of Iganga. Recognizing the efforts of members remains an important tradition that motivates continued service and leadership.

The celebration also featured a photo corner and a vibrant music and dance session, allowing members to capture memorable moments and enjoy the festive spirit together.

Beyond the celebration, the End of Year Party provided an opportunity for Rotaractors to reflect on the club's impact in community service, professional development, and fellowship throughout the year. As the club looks ahead to the coming Rotary year, members remain inspired to continue serving their communities while strengthening the spirit of Rotaract.

The Rotaract Club of Iganga continues to demonstrate that fellowship is a vital pillar of Rotaract, building friendships while advancing the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.





# End-of-Year Fellowship

The Rotary Club of Iganga marked the end of year with a vibrant end-of-year party held on 19th December 2025 at Across the Nile Resort in Jinja. The event brought together Rotarians, their families, and friends in an atmosphere of celebration, fellowship, and reflection.

The gathering was widely appreciated by members, many of whom described it as an innovative idea to change the environment from the usual meeting venues and enjoy their party in a relaxed setting. Members were encouraged to attend with their relatives, which made the occasion lively and memorable for everyone present.

The program began with fun quizzes that engaged members and their families, followed by brief speeches reflecting on the achievements and experiences of the year. One of the highlights of the evening was the gift exchange session, which created excitement and strengthened the spirit of camaraderie among members. As the evening progressed, members and their guests enjoyed music and dance, celebrating the festive season together.

The event concluded in a relaxed manner, with members leaving at their leisure after a joyful evening of fellowship.

During the celebration, the Club President wished members a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2026, while also encouraging everyone to maintain peace and unity during the upcoming January 2026 elections. In a special gesture of appreciation, the President promised to visit each Rotarian's home with a simple gift as a token of gratitude for their commitment to Rotary.

The President also announced that regular club fellowships would resume on 20th January 2026, after the election period.

The end-of-year celebration reflected the strong bond among members of the Rotary Club of Iganga and reinforced the importance of fellowship, family, and service as the club looks forward to another impactful last half of the year.





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## Political Journey of Rotarians

The spirit of service that defines Rotary often extends beyond community projects and into public leadership. In Uganda, and particularly in the Busoga region, several Rotarians and friends of Rotary recently participated in the concluded national elections, demonstrating their continued commitment to serving communities through different platforms.

We proudly congratulate Hon. Wansasula Sarah, a member of the Rotary Club of Jinja, who was elected as the Woman Member of Parliament for Jinja City. Her victory reflects the trust the people of Jinja have placed in her leadership and dedication to community development.

We also extend our congratulations to Prospective Rotarian Hajj Sadala Wandera, who won the Bugweri Member of Parliament seat, defeating the incumbent, Hon. Abdul Katuntu. Hajj Sadala Wandera has been a strong supporter of Rotary activities, particularly the medical camps conducted in Bugweri District, where many community members benefited from free health services. His continued support for community health initiatives is highly appreciated.

Meanwhile, Rotarian Dan Kibira, who contested in Luuka District and Rotarian Mukalu Mohamed who contested for Iganga Municipality, did not succeed in this election. However, leadership is a journey, and we encourage him not to lose hope. The commitment to serve communities does not end with elections.

As Rotarians, we celebrate those who won and stand in solidarity with those who did not. Our mission of service above self remains unchanged. Let us continue engaging with our communities through initiatives such as medical camps, mentorship, and development programs.

After all, 2031 is not far, and the journey of leadership and service continues.



# The Visit of the Rotary International President to Uganda



*I am happy to see that  
Rotaractors are part of every  
part of the projects in Uganda"  
- Rotary International president  
Francesco Arezzo*



**Rotary International president  
Francesco Arezzo**



In February 2026, Uganda was honored to host the Rotary International President, Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy. His visit, which took place from 20th to 21st February 2026, was a significant moment for Rotary in Uganda and a great blessing to Rotary District 9213, Rotary District 9214, and the country at large.

On 20th February 2026, President Arezzo visited the Kawempe National Referral Hospital, where he witnessed the Oxygen for Life maternal and child health project. He later visited the Makerere University Rotary Peace Centre, the first Rotary Peace Centre in Africa, and met Rotary leaders during engagements held at Speke Resort Munyonyo in Kampala.

On 21st February 2026, he continued his engagements by attending a Mega Health Camp at National Medical Stores in Kajjansi, meeting Rotaractors at Lweza, and visiting the Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) Bone Marrow Transplant Unit in Lubowa. The visit concluded with a Rotary membership gala dinner at Speke Resort Munyonyo.

His presence inspired Rotarians across the country and reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to humanitarian service, peace building, and community development in Uganda.



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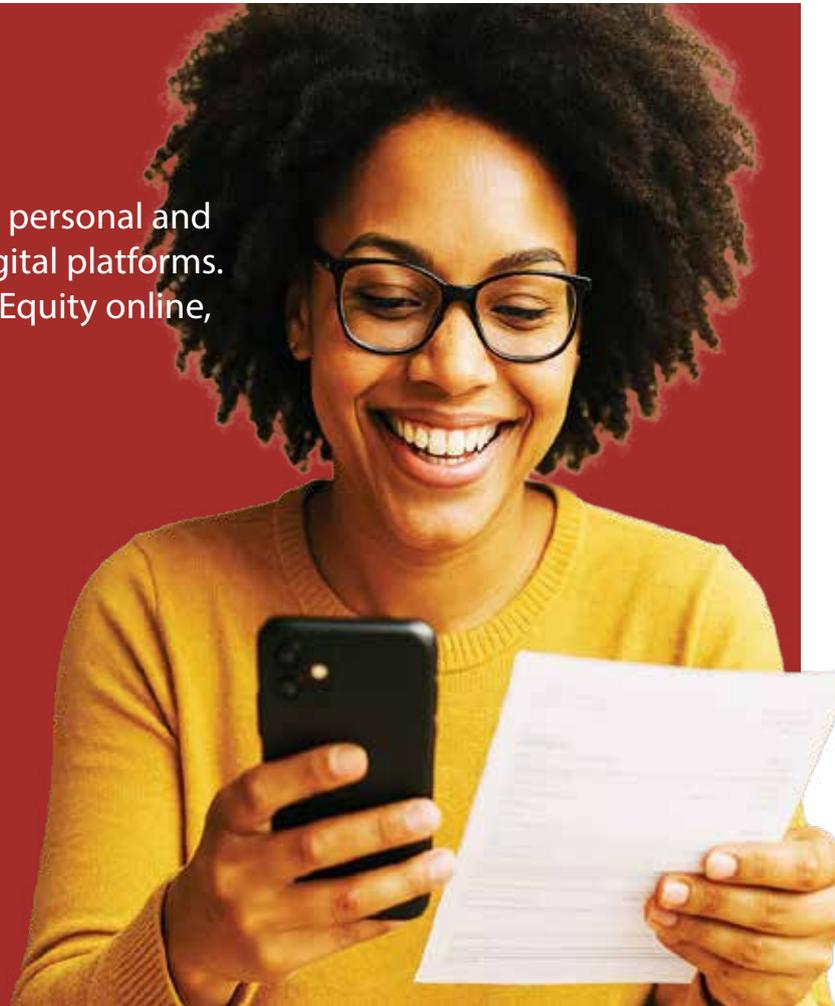
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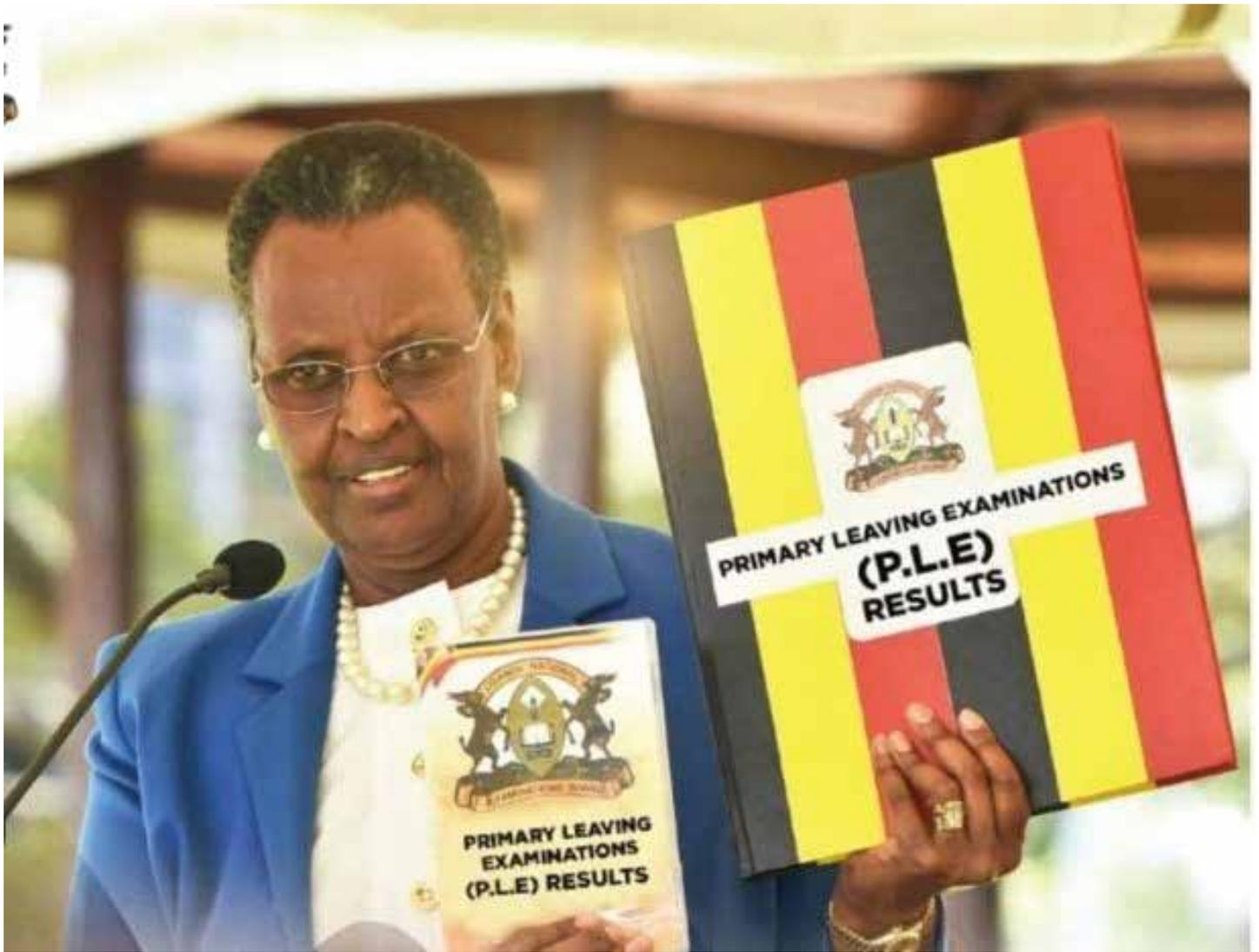
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## Release of the 2025 PLE and UCE Results

The release of the 2025 PLE and UCE results brought joy across the country, particularly in the Busoga region. Many schools led by Rotarians celebrated remarkable performance, reflecting their commitment to education and mentorship of young learners.

Prior to the examinations, the Rotary Club supported learners by distributing success cards to students in several schools across Iganga. This initiative was led by the Club Administrator, Mercy Namaliky, and the Sergeant-at-Arms, Speciosa Kantono, who visited different schools to encourage candidates.

Among the outstanding performers was Iganga Secondary School, headed by Rtn Monic Nakaziba Kaiira, where one student scored 10 As, while others achieved 9 and 8 As, with no recorded failures.

We encourage fellow Rotarians to continue supporting colleagues in the education sector, including institutions such as Iganga SS, Kigulu Prime Academy, Kaliro High School, Iganga Parents School, St Joseph's, and Comprehensive Secondary School, among others. We pray that these schools continue to excel and nurture future leaders for our communities.

# Sickle Cell Awareness Campaign and Run in Iganga



### Sickle cell disease

Normal red blood cells are round and flexible.

In sickle cell disease, red blood cells stiffen, changing shape into sickles (crescent-shaped).

Sickle-shaped cells don't pass easily through blood vessels.

Sickle cell disease symptoms include:

- Frequent pain episodes. Pain affects your child's chest, back, legs and arms most often. Swelling and inflammation of their joints. Painful swelling of their hands and feet.
- Anemia, causing fatigue, paleness and weakness.
- Jaundice (yellowing of skin and whites of eyes).

Cleveland Clinic

A Sickle Cell Awareness Run was recently organized in Iganga District by Iganga General Hospital, with support from Raising Hope International Friends in partnership with several stakeholders, including the Rotary Club of Iganga. The event aimed at mobilizing resources to support patients living with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) receiving care at Iganga General Hospital.

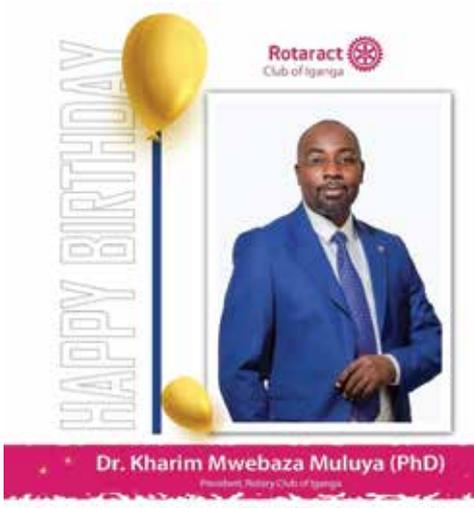
The run also provided an opportunity for free Sickle Cell screening for all participants who turned up, helping many people learn their sickle cell status.

Several dignitaries attended the event, including the Assistant Resident District Commissioner (ARDC) Caroline Kawala, representing the Resident District Commissioner, the District Health Officer (DHO) Iganga, Dr. Kitimbo Patrick, the Chief Executive Officer of Busoga Health Forum, Rtn Moses Kyangwa, and the former LC V Chairperson of Iganga, Patrick Kayemba Gavamukulya, among others.

During the event, the President of the Rotary Club of Iganga, Dr. Kharim Mwebaza Muluya, who also serves as the Assistant District Health Officer for Preventive Health, advised participants to know their sickle cell status before marriage. He also encouraged married couples to test together and screen their children to promote better prevention and informed family planning.

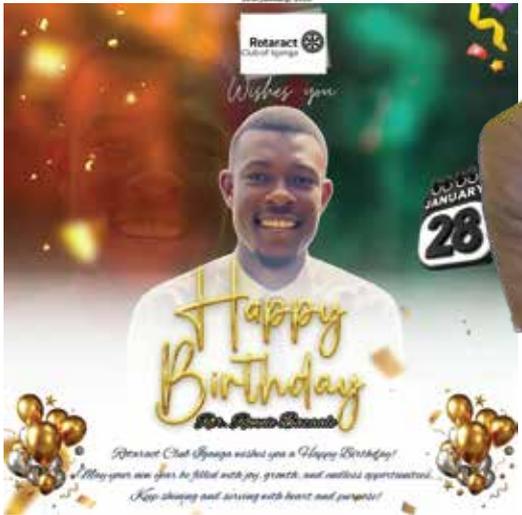
The ARDC and the DHO thanked the organizers for focusing attention on the Busoga region, which carries one of the highest burdens of sickle cell disease in Uganda. As Rotarians, we call upon everyone to take an active role in creating awareness about sickle cell disease in the region in order to reduce the transmission of the sickle cell trait from one generation to another.





**Dr. Kharim Mwebaza Muluya (PhD)**  
President, Rotary Club of Iganga

28th January, 2020







The Rotaract Club of Iganga fellowships every Wednesday at  
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