



Nile Breweries lights Mulago children unit

Kampala, 25th July 2018 – Nile Breweries through its Nutri-Kit Project handed over a solar panel unit alongside other items to the Mwanamugimu Nutrition Unit.

The annual malnutrition campaign, which was launched in July last year is geared towards promoting nutrition especially towards women and children. Handed over to Mwanamugimu which currently has 250 beneficiaries, are 250 Nutrition Kits, 100 mosquito nets and 1 solar panel unit, in total, worth Shs60 million.

“The kits we have provided to these mothers and children contain a rich variety of food nutrients such as soya, silver fish, groundnuts, rice, posho, beans and sugar as well as soap that will last them a while and are to cater for their basic nutritional and wellbeing needs,” said Onapito Ekomolait, the Nile Breweries Legal and Corporate Affairs Director.

Reports in Mulago Hospitals archives show that malnutrition is a major public health concern in Uganda today and yet proper nutrition is essential to ensure the growth, health, and development of children to their full potential.

“300,000 children are estimated to be acutely malnourished and nearly 120,000 of them have severe acute malnutrition. This is a staggering number that leaves Ugandan corporate institutions with an onus to do what they can about it and we stand for bringing people together for a better world,” he said. Ekomolait affirms that it is this very reason that stirred the interest of the Nile Breweries team and they decided to step in and help out where they can.

He also added that the solar panel will provide an alternative source of lighting system to Mwanamugimu Nutrition Unit thus enable the medical personnel and caretakers to give timely medications and therapeutic feeds to the vulnerable children.

“On behalf of Mulago National Referral Hospital I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Nile Breweries for having donated the items to our Mwanamugimu nutrition unit. This will contribute greatly to our vision to be the leading center for Health Care Services,” said Mr David Nuwamanya, the Principle Administrator Mulago, on behalf of the executive director.

Childhood Malnutrition is a direct cause of 35 to 55 percent of all childhood deaths making for urgency to prevent and address the problem.

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