

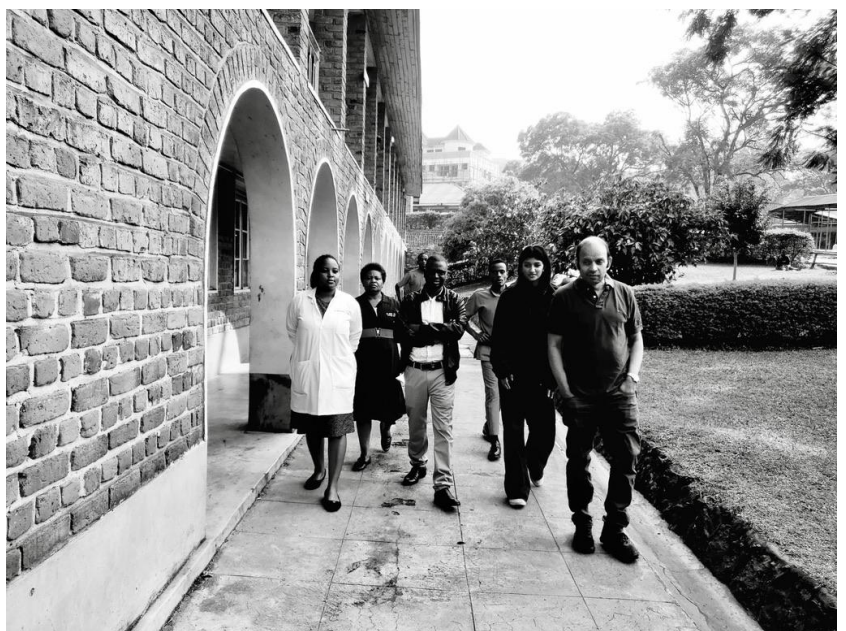
“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10

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Greetings from our Medical Superintendent

Dear Colleagues, Partners, and Friends of Kisiizi Hospital,

As we come to the end of the year, I extend warm greetings to you all on behalf of the Hospital Management and Board. This season gives us an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on God's faithfulness and on the shared journey we have walked together in service to humanity.



Throughout the year, our staff have demonstrated dedication, resilience, and compassion in providing quality and holistic health care for all. In keeping with our calling and inspired by the words of *John 10:10*, we have sought not only to treat disease, but to restore life in its fullness physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I commend every member of staff for your commitment, professionalism, and servant leadership.

We remain deeply thankful to our partners, supporters, and the wider community for your continued trust, prayers, and collaboration. Your support has enabled us to sustain services, strengthen our systems, and extend care to those most in need.

As we look forward to the coming year, we do so with renewed hope and purpose. While challenges remain, we are encouraged by our shared vision and the strong foundation we continue to build together. Our commitment remains to improve quality of care for all, enhance patient experience for all, support staff well-being, and steward our resources responsibly, guided by our Christian values.

I wish you and your families a peaceful festive season and a New Year filled with good health, hope, and abundant life. Thank you for being part of the Kisiizi Hospital family.

With gratitude and blessings, Dr Lukabwe Henry

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

-John 10:10

Congratulations to Streamline Health on the 2025 Heroes in Health Award

Kisiizi Hospital warmly congratulates **Streamline Health** on winning the **2025 Heroes in Health Award** for its outstanding contribution to accelerating **AI in Healthcare in Africa and Smart Hospital Technologies**.



Streamline Health, which started nearly 10 years ago through *istreams* in collaboration with **Kisiizi Hospital**, has grown into a remarkable innovator, transforming healthcare delivery through technology. This award is a proud milestone and a testament to the power of collaboration, innovation, and commitment to quality healthcare.

We celebrate this achievement and look forward to continued partnership in advancing smart, efficient, and patient-centered healthcare services.

Kisiizi Hospital Receives Digital Excellence Award at UPMB Annual Symposium

Kisiizi Hospital has been honored with the **Digital Excellence Award** at the **Annual Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB) Symposium**, held in December this year. The award recognizes the hospital's outstanding commitment to leveraging digital innovations to improve healthcare delivery, efficiency, and patient outcomes.

This recognition reflects years of deliberate investment in health information systems, smart hospital solutions, and partnerships that have strengthened service delivery and accountability. The award is also a testament to the dedication of Kisiizi Hospital staff and partners who continue to embrace innovation in support of quality, patient-centered care.

Kisiizi Hospital is grateful to UPMB for this recognition and remains committed to advancing digital transformation in healthcare for the benefit of the communities it serves.

Palliative Care Services

Death is never an easy topic, but caring well at the end of life is essential. Our palliative team supports patients with life-threatening conditions both in hospital and in the community, offering holistic care that relieves physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering through close collaboration with our chaplaincy and medical teams.

We recently welcomed **Mr. Amon Tumubugane** as our new nurse lead, whose goal is to be “a voice for the voiceless.”

Welcoming Dr Grace, Kisiizi’s Newest Surgeon

“Hello Kisiizi partners and hospital community, I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am so grateful to God that after my training, I was offered a job at Kisiizi hospital to serve as a general surgeon this time.

The one thing that I was most looking forward to on returning to Kisiizi was returning to a community where everyone knows each other, and the Christian fellowship.

Some of the challenges that I have encountered as a surgeon in Kisiizi are the overwhelming numbers of surgical cases that we must handle with limited resources. Specifically, limited ward space, short staffing, lack of an ICU facility, and insufficient specialized surgical equipment hinder the services we provide. We thank the hospital management and Kisiizi partners for supporting the surgical department with what we are working with for now and we hope to write proposals to seek more support”

-Dr. Iga Grace (Kisiizi Surgeon)



Cerebral Palsy Camp

In June, we were grateful to welcome physiotherapy and nutrition students from University College Dublin, whose time and skills greatly enriched our work. With their support, and through the dedication of our rehabilitation and medical teams, we hosted a two-week camp for families with children living with cerebral palsy. During the camp, **34 children** received medical and nutrition assessments, physiotherapy sessions, and access to specialized equipment tailored to their needs. Caregivers also participated in health education sessions, gaining practical tools to support their children at home, while finding encouragement, shared understanding, and friendship among other families facing similar challenges, creating a meaningful sense of community and belonging.



Cerebral palsy (CP) is a neurological condition that affects movement, posture, and muscle control, caused by injury to the developing brain before, during, or shortly after birth. In rural Uganda, CP is seen more frequently due to limited access to consistent prenatal care, skilled delivery services, and timely newborn care, which increases the risk of birth complications, infections, and breathing difficulties that can affect early brain development.



“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did for me”

Matthew 25:40

Urology Surgical Camp

Once again, we were pleased to welcome **Dr. Sunil and Dr. Steve** in September for our annual urology surgical camp. We were also delighted to welcome Rhea, Dr. Sunil's daughter, on her first visit to Kisiizi. Through their support, equipment donations, and teaching, more than 45 male patients received highly subsidized operations. We are deeply grateful to our team for their dedication, teamwork, and compassion throughout the very busy two weeks. The most common procedures performed were transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) and urethrocytoscopy with dilation.



New Anesthesia Machine

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kisiizi Partners for providing the funds to purchase a new anesthesia machine (pictured on the right between two of our anesthetists). We are also deeply thankful for the donated ventilator for our Universal Anesthesia Machine (UAM) and the free repair provided by Gradian Health Systems, special thanks to their Chief Executive Officer, Lina Sayed, for making this possible. The new anesthesia machine arrived just in time for the November surgical camp.



Laparoscopic and Orthopedic Camp

At the beginning of November, we held another successful surgical camp, made possible through the hard work and dedication of our hospital staff and the invaluable support of visiting specialists and volunteers. We are especially grateful for the expertise and generosity of **Dr. Gabriel Okumu**, **Dr. Kakyama Moses** (orthopedic surgeon from Mubende), **Dr. Kintu Andrew**, **Dr. Atwiine Edgar**, and several other volunteers who generously gave their time and skills to serve our patients. During the camp, the surgical team managed many complex cases involving patients who would not have been able to fully cover the cost of surgery and hospitalization without subsidies. Among the major procedures completed were **three laparoscopic cholecystectomies**, offering patients a safer, minimally invasive option with faster recovery times. Beyond the surgeries themselves, the camp also created valuable opportunities for knowledge sharing, mentorship, and hands-on learning for our local surgical and nursing teams, strengthening services well beyond the duration of the camp.



Kisiizi Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Clinic Update

Current Challenges

The ART clinic is currently facing significant challenges, many of which are directly linked to the recent stop-work order from the Trump administration and resulting reductions in USAID funding. Limited funding and supplies have restricted access to essential medications and diagnostic tools, disrupting continuity of care. As a result, community follow-ups for patients who miss appointments or are bedridden have been suspended. Recent supply deliveries, were incomplete, leaving some urgently needed commodities unavailable. These shortages have also affected basic clinic operations, with limited access to stationery sometimes as simple as printing paper and patient files.



At the same time, staffing levels have been reduced, with only two nurses currently supporting the clinic compared to four in the past. This shortage has led to longer waiting times, reduced capacity for ongoing outreach (CDDP) and education efforts, and increased strain on remaining staff. Despite these pressures, the team continues to serve patients with dedication, often working through meals to keep the clinic open and services available.

Next Steps

Despite these challenges, the ART clinic remains committed to providing compassionate, life-saving care to those who depend on these services. In the months ahead, our focus will be on sustaining core clinic operations while seeking practical and long-term solutions to restore and strengthen care delivery.

Key priorities include securing alternative funding and partnerships to help bridge current gaps in medications, supplies, and staffing; gradually reinstating community follow-ups for the most vulnerable patients as resources allow; and supporting and retaining the dedicated staff who continue to serve under increased pressure. We are also working closely with hospital leadership and partners to adapt service delivery in ways that maintain safety, dignity, and continuity of care, even with limited resources.

While the path forward is challenging, the resilience of our staff and patients gives us hope. With prayer, collaboration, and continued support, we trust that the ART clinic will not only endure this season but emerge stronger, ready to continue offering hope and healing to the community it serves.

A Story of Hope and Resilience from the ART Clinic

The ART clinic at Kisiizi Hospital stands as a beacon of hope for many clients and their families. One of our clients, a 32-year-old woman living with HIV, once struggled deeply with stigma and isolation. After a particularly difficult visit, she noticed other patients leaving the clinic laughing and supporting one another. Wanting that same sense of connection, she joined one of the clinic's discussion groups.

There, guided by a caring counsellor, she found encouragement, community, and renewed commitment to her treatment. With consistent medication, her health improved, and her viral load became fully suppressed. She began to see herself not as a victim, but as a survivor.

Today, she encourages others through her story, both during clinic visits and at community events. Her courage helps reduce stigma and inspires others to seek care. During a recent community talk her eyes filled with tears as she reflected on how far she had come, not only in her health but in her ability to uplift others.

The ART clinic at Kisiizi Hospital has transformed not only her own life but also the lives of countless others. Through the support and resources provided, it creates a network of empowerment and resilience in the community.

***For more information regarding the ART clinic or ways to get involved, please reach out to Kanyesigye Dianah (HIV Clinic in-charge) at 0789401445



Hope Community Clinic Launches Maternity Services

Hope Community Clinic, a Private Not-for-Profit health facility owned by Worldshine Ministries, has officially launched maternity services, marking an important milestone in expanding access to maternal healthcare in the community. The clinic is funded by Mission Rwentobo Charity and operates under the supervision of Kisiizi Hospital.

The launch function was graced by several distinguished guests, including the District Health Officer (DHO) of Ntungamo, a representative from the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau (UPMB), the Town Clerk, and many friends and well-wishers of the clinic.

During the event, clinic staff were reminded of the greater responsibility that comes with providing maternity services, particularly the need for professionalism, compassion, and adherence to quality standards. The proprietors of Hope Community Clinic were also appreciated for their commitment to embracing community health insurance and delivering quality, people-centered healthcare.

The launch of maternity services is expected to significantly improve maternal and newborn health outcomes and further strengthen the clinic's role in serving the community.



Kisiizi Visitors and Volunteers



Lis & Leo Steenbergen (UK)

We were delighted to welcome Lis back to Kisiizi, this time accompanied by her husband, Leo. The community greatly appreciated Lis's teaching on diabetes management and enjoyed Leo's wonderful gift of music on the guitar. With his interest in tourism and hospitality, Leo also shared valuable ideas on how the community can continue to thrive. Both have expressed a sincere desire to return in the near future.



Sue & Nigel Lee (UK)

We were also pleased to welcome Sue and Nigel for their first visit to Uganda. Sue, a retired midwife, was deeply impacted by the differences in midwifery here and was eager to spend time both on the ward and in the community, learning from and teaching our staff. Her willingness to listen, teach, and serve alongside the team was greatly valued. Nigel, while not coming from a clinical background, became actively involved in supporting the child sponsorship and insurance programs, offering practical help and encouragement. Together their presence was a meaningful blessing to both staff and families, and we are grateful for the time they spent serving in Kisiizi.



Leah Prairie (Canada)

“I could never have imagined the path God would lead me on when I first began my nursing training eight years ago. I never expected that I would find myself not once, but twice, in Uganda, nor could I have guessed how deeply I would fall in love with a small rural community thousands of kilometres from the place I called home. I couldn’t have foreseen the joy and the heartache I would experience there.



Most of my days were spent on the paediatric and medical wards, completing nursing tasks and writing reports. Outside the hospital, I visited staff, baked banana bread, prepared for Sunday School, played with children, hiked the mountains, learned to cook local meals, and joined in bible studies.

I was continually moved by the compassion of the staff, the resilience of caregivers, and the warmth of the community. Colleagues became friends, and friends quickly began to feel like family.

Kisiizi will always hold a special place in my heart, and if it is God’s will, I hope to return.”

-Leah Prairie, RN, MScPH



“Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

-Psalm 73: 23-26

Friends & Partners of Kisiizi Day 2025

Friends of Kisiizi were delighted to gather for Friends Day 2025 in Reading, bringing together around 70 supporters from across the UK with longstanding and new connections to Kisiizi Hospital. The day was filled with updates, testimonies, and shared encouragement, celebrating God’s faithfulness and the remarkable growth of Kisiizi’s many ministries. Highlights included reports from recent visitors, video messages from the Kisiizi team, and updates on key areas such as child sponsorship, mental health outreach, community clinics, IT innovation, and future hospital needs. Above all, the day was marked by joyful fellowship, renewed partnerships, and a shared vision for supporting Kisiizi’s work in the years ahead.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Kisiizi Hospital

Season's Greetings from Kisiizi Hospital As we celebrate the joy and hope of Christmas, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness throughout the year. We are deeply grateful to our patients, staff, partners, and the entire community for the trust, support, and cooperation you have shown us. May this Christmas bring you peace, good health, love, and renewed hope, and may the New Year be filled with God's abundant blessings.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
■ Management, Staff, and Board Kisiizi Hospital



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We would be glad to hear from you at khmedsup@gmail.com to confirm you received this newsletter or to update your contact details.

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or learn more about our work, please reach out or visit our website (kisiizihospital.org.ug). We would be delighted to connect with you.

Opportunities to Give

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Sort code 01-32-61

Account: COU Kisiizi Hospital 6003717303

UK Account: National Westminster Berkhamsted branch

Sort code 55-70-10

Account: Kisiizi Hospital 06513123

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