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Recognizing outstanding players in the health sector

Kampala, Uganda – February 13, 2020 – The inaugural Heroes in Health Awards (HIHA) presented by the Ministry of Health is pleased to recognize outstanding individuals, entities, organizations, services, products, and programs. The HIHA are anticipated to be hosted annually to pay homage to the dedicated and talented individuals, communities, practitioners, academics, organizations and other sector partners who dedicate their careers, time, life and resources to providing exemplary care, innovation and service to Ugandans countrywide.

“It is with great pleasure that we announce the first Heroes in Health Awards (HIHA). Participating in the Heroes in Health Awards demonstrates that individuals, academics, professionals, partners, companies, providers, NGOs, Civil Society organizations, donors and other community partners are not only committed to providing high-quality, value-based healthcare, but are ready to lead Uganda’s health sector in a new, exciting, and necessary direction,” said Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng, the Minister of Health.

Dr. Diana Atwine, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Health stipulated that the 2020 Heroes in Health Awards are instrumental in appreciating the valuable and significant work being undertaken by health professionals, organizations and communities to improve health outcomes across the country.

“It is clear there are many people, organizations and communities who are dedicated to improving healthcare in this country. The innovation, zeal and improved health indicators resulting from all the HIHA nominees who will be selected is testament that we are making the right strides towards a flourishing, self-sustaining health sector,” she said.

The 2020 Heroes in Health awards are merit-based. Candidates will be nominated by the general public. They will be subjected to an in-depth evaluation by distinguished judges from the Ministry of Health to ensure the accuracy of performance claims. The vetting process works to ensure that nominees are rewarded based on the level of service they provide to their communities. For nominees to emerge as winners, there must be demonstrated evidence of extensive expertise and skills, dedication to service and client satisfaction with an on-going commitment to excellence and innovation demonstrated by the nominated individual or entity. By adhering to principles of evidence, transparency, competition and efficiency, HIHA will identify high-value health care professionals and organizations as examples that can be emulated throughout the continuum of Ugandan healthcare practice. The HIHA winners will be announced at a ceremony scheduled for 3rd April, 2020.

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