



SPEECH FOR HON. MINISTER OF HEALTH

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LAUNCH OF THE HEROES IN HEALTH AWARDS 2020

Ladies and Gentlemen, I welcome you all to the launch of the inaugural Heroes in Health Awards (HIHA).

Today, we gather here as key stakeholders and players in the health sector to launch the Heroes in Health Awards. Government of Uganda acknowledges that the health work-force is the backbone of the health sector. Without our health workers, we are nowhere. Our health workers work in the most resource constrained settings, hard to reach areas, serving overwhelming numbers in a bid to save lives every day. We are also cognizant of the fact that the health workers need to be motivated and recognized.

Therefore, the Ministry of Health in conjunction with Xtraordinary media will this year host the inaugural Heroes In Health Awards, scheduled for 3rd April 2020. The gala will be officiated by the President of Uganda, H.E. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni.

These awards, the first of their kind, are instrumental in appreciating the invaluable and significant work being undertaken by the health workers, organizations, and communities to improve health delivery outcomes in the country.

The 2020 Heroes in Health awards are merit-based.

Candidates will be voted for by the public, who are the beneficiaries of our work.

Allow me call upon all of you to nominate your best health worker, health facility, organizations, services, products, and programs from **15th February to 15th March 2020**.

They will then be subjected to an evaluation by a technical team to ensure that those nominated actually merit to be winners. The vetting process will ensure that nominees are rewarded based on the level of service they provide to their communities.

The award categories include:

1. Life Time Achievement Award
2. Public Health Facility of Choice
3. Private Health Facility of Choice
4. Mission/Faith based Health Facility of Choice.
5. Maternal and Child Healthcare Award
6. Health Innovation Award
7. Use of ICT to improve Patient Care Award
8. Student innovation Award
9. Media Excellence in Health Promotion
10. Excellence in improving Access to Essential Medicines and Vaccines.
11. Healthcare Financing Innovation Award
12. Healthcare Leadership Award
13. District/Authority with the Best Managed Health Promotion Campaign
14. Doctor of the Year
15. Nurse of the Year
16. Midwife of the Year
17. Allied Health Worker of the Year
18. Pharmacist of the Year
19. Regional Health Champion – North, East, West, Central & south
20. Award of Excellence in Palliative Care
21. Measles and Rubella Awards of excellence
22. Ebola prevention, treatment and management Awards.
23. Media Excellence Broadcast
24. Media Excellence Print
25. Pharmacovigilance Excellence Award

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 professionalism, excellence and innovation, demonstrated by the nominated individual or entity.

By adhering to principles of evidence, transparency, competition and efficiency, the Heroes in Health Awards will identify high-value healthcare promoters, professionals and organizations as examples that can be emulated throughout the continuum of Ugandan healthcare practice.

The winners of these awards will be announced at a gala held on 3rd April, 2020.

In a special way, allow me appreciate the Organizing committee from the Ministry of Health, Xtraordinary Media, National Drug Authority (NDA), National Medical Stores (NMS), World Health Organisation (WHO), Uganda Healthcare Federation (UHF), Next Media, Havas Africa and the media fraternity for supporting this noble event.

It is now my pleasure to launch the inaugural Heroes In Health Awards 2020.

Thank you.

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Minister for Health

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