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**RECOMMENDATION FOR AN AMBULANCE FOR NUMEM HEALTH FACILITY**

The Director of NUMEM informed me that you request for my views on the above subject. The Health facility is situated in the center of Pader town, Northern Uganda, East Africa. It serves the catchment population of about 189,000 people. The nearest Hospital to the North is about 70 kms; South 80 km; West 100 km and East 100 km.

Commonly the facility is faced with the challenge of either; how to pick some very sick patients from the community or how to refer complicated cases, including obstetric cases, the children, etc.. to the Hospitals. Many times the referred patients are either transported on motorcycles (Boda Boda), or on bicycles, or on public transport means that are too slow, as they stop often on their ways.

Once the Ambulance is provided, it will be a big relieve to the community. Most of the preventable deaths (due to lack of referral services) will not occur.

I am convinced that maintenance of the Ambulance will eventually be taken care of by NUMEM. I propose that the Ambulance should be a hard top Land Cruiser and should have among others, Oxygen cylinder, mask, equipment for resuscitation, intravenous fluid, drip stand, stretcher, trolleys, just to mention but a few.

I therefore, highly recommend that an Ambulance be supplied to NUMEM. I also want to recognize and appreciate the supply and installation of question boxes to our District.

God bless you all.

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