

NSSF, KCCA partner to transform city

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As part of its corporate social responsibility agenda, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has over the last three years, partnered with Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) on various projects to transform the lives of city dwellers.

The two institutions are partnering in areas of health and education, within Kampala city and surrounding areas.

As KCCA celebrates its seven year anniversary, NSSF managing director Richard Byarugaba applauds the authority for the tremendous work that it has done to give Kampala a face lift.

"The city has transformed greatly. We now have better infrastructure in terms of roads and traffic lights in almost all residential areas and streets. We have also road names, which is helping people locate places easily," Byarugaba says.

Byarugaba explains that in 2015, NSSF embarked on an initiative with KCCA, aimed at raising funds, to improve



(Left to right) Vision Group chief executive officer Robert Kabushenga, Byarugaba and another participant Paul Matovu after the Seven Hills run organised by NSSF at Pearl of Africa Primary School Nsambya, Kampala in 2016

the learning conditions of underprivileged children in public schools.

The funds were used to improve access to clean, safe

water as well as renovating selected dilapidated structures in the schools.

"The initiative is being implemented through the

annual NSSF Kampala hash Seven Hills run, where NSSF mobilises corporate organisations to raise funds for the cause," Byarugaba says.

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Currently, NSSF together with its partners mobilised over sh285m through charity run. Byarugaba says five schools have benefited from the proceeds.

These are St. Ponsiano Kyamula Primary school Nsambya, Nakivubo Settlement Primary School, Makerere University Primary School and Summit View Army Primary school.

Others are St. Paul, Nsambya and Mbuya Primary schools.

Byarugaba explains that they will benefit from proceeds raised during this year's run that took place earlier in March.

Health sector

To complement KCCA's efforts in public health improvement, Byarugaba reveals that NSSF joined hands with the Authority to

give a facelift to selected hospitals in the city.

In addition, they will provide free healthcare services to communities in Kampala through medical camps.

In the last three years, NSSF has supported Kiruddu Hospital with equipment worth sh87m for the intensive care unit including monitors, suction machines and oxygen concentrators.

Kawaala Health Centre received medical equipment worth sh74m for its maternity and post-natal facility.

Byarugaba says over 2,000 people have benefited from the free yellow fever screening and Hepatitis B testing medical camps.

He adds that NSSF pledges to continue supporting KCCA to improve the city, especially in the areas of education and health.