



2. CAMPAIGN REPORT

2.1 The Location

Our destination, thanks to the initial collaboration agreement with Hernia International, was the Herona Community Hospital in Kisoga, Mukono, Uganda. Its founder and medical director is Dr. Mukalazi Henry Garvin. Since this campaign took place, collaboration agreements have been signed with the Fundación Cirujanos en Acción for future campaigns.

Through great personal effort, Dr. Mukalazi has provided healthcare to the population of Kisoga and its surroundings, with the following objectives:

- To provide medical and diagnostic imaging services.
- To reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.
- To offer comprehensive HIV care, reducing the morbidity and mortality associated with this disease.
- To provide basic dental care, such as extractions.
- Childhood vaccination campaigns.
- To perform minor surgical procedures.
- To run a basic diagnostic laboratory.

Kisoga is a town belonging to the district of Mukono, one of the 121 districts that make up Uganda, in the central region of Uganda. Like the vast majority of the other districts of Uganda, its name comes from its capital, the city of Mukono, with a population of around 165,000 inhabitants. Among its main features are the Mabira Forest and its coastline along Lake Victoria, the second-largest freshwater lake on the planet. Its area is 11,764 km². Its population is about 800,000 people, with a population density of 69 inhabitants per square kilometer. It is estimated that there is 1 doctor for every 25,000-50,000 inhabitants.

Herona Community Hospital:

The Herona Community Hospital is a healthcare institution located in the town of Kisoga, about 85 km from Entebbe International Airport.

In 2013, Dr. Mukalazi Henry Garvin, born in Kisoga, decided to set up a diagnostic imaging medical center in his hometown, founding the "Herona Medical and Imaging Centre" as a private, non-profit company, registered and licensed by the Ugandan Ministry of Health. Henry Garvin's goal was to provide affordable healthcare services to his community, mainly to the sub-counties of Kisoga and Ntenjeru, six additional counties, and Koome Island on Lake Victoria, located about 12 km south of the town.

The hospital, with a capacity of about 50 beds, offers a range of medical services including general medicine consultations, maternity services, and some surgical procedures. Cataract surgery has also been performed there for the past few years. It has a surgical area with two separate rooms, which allowed us to operate on three surgical tables simultaneously.