

Foundation constructs five operating rooms in Rukwa

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THE Benjamin William Mkapa HIV/Aids Foundation has handed over to Rukwa region five state-of-the-art operating rooms which have been built in five health centres in all the three district councils in the region at a cost of over 395m/-

This was revealed by Dr

Adeline Saguti Nyamwihura on behalf of the foundation's Chief Executive Officer, Dr Ellen Senkoro, at the handover ceremony held in Mwimbi village in Sumbawanga district recently.

She noted that the cost included construction of corridors linking the new operating rooms to maternity wards in order to ensure that health services provided would be delivered timely,

adding that the foundation has also purchased operating instruments worth over 80m/- and distributed them to the health facilities.

According to Dr Nyamwihura, four of the theatres were constructed by the Benjamin William Mkapa HIV/AIDs Foundation through the Mkapa Fellows Programme at Mwimbi and Ngorotwa health centres (Kalambo), Milepa Health

Centre (Sumbawanga) and Kala Health Centre along the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Nkasi district.

The foundation also rehabilitated a theatre room at Kirando Health Centre in Nkasi district.

"Also all five operating rooms have been supplied with requisite equipment including a modern operating bed, anaesthesia machines and other impor-

tant instruments in a bid to ease the delivery of operating services in case of emergencies" she said.

For her part, Acting Kalambo District Commissioner, Mr Iddy Kimanta, who also doubles as Nkasi District Commissioner, directed all three councils in the region to allocate a budget for rehabilitation of the theatres to ensure their sustainability.