

**JCRC JOINS THE REST OF UGANDANS IN THE KABAKA BIRTH DAY RUN 2022  
UNDER THE THEME: MEN AGAINST HIV/AIDS TO SAVE THE GIRL CHILD.**



*From left the Kabaka of Buganda, His Majesty Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II, flags off the enthusiastic runners, next on the right, are the JCRC staff who participated on the 3<sup>RD</sup> July 2022.*

**T**he Kabaka Run is an annual marathon organized by Buganda Kingdom. The 67<sup>th</sup> is held in celebration of Kabaka's birthday and the theme for this year was: "Men against HIV/AIDS to Save the Girl Child," with the aim of continuing to create awareness about HIV/AIDS and encourage men to get tested, get treated and eventually protect women against infection. Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC) pioneered the HIV/AIDS fight since 1992 and has been partnering with Buganda Kingdom. JCRC was one of the sponsors among others.

The Kabaka of Buganda, His Majesty Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II, was appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador by The Joint United Nations Programme (UNAIDS) in 2017 to rally his subjects to control HIV.

The UNAIDS' Fast-Track strategy since 2017 focuses on ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. UNAIDS on HIV/AIDS aims for HIV testing, treatment and viral suppression rates to be 95%--95%--95% by 2025.

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*The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Ms Winnie Byanyima (centre) poses for a picture with organisers*

The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Ms Winnie Byanyima, present at the grand opening of the event said in her remarks that at this year's Kabaka Birthday Run that there has been increased testing and reduced new infections of HIV since the health-leaning event embarked on HIV and AIDS awareness three years ago.