

## Back on the Road to Health – The Story of Alex.



**Alex** , 35 years, was well until February 2016, where he started to get swelling of the left foot and leg. He went to local hospital and was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and Kaposi's Sarcoma. He was started on ARVs and referred for treatment at Mulago, but did not go – due to lack of money and because of fear, as his brother recently died there.

Alex joined Rays of Hope Hospice Jinja in August 2016, when he was in severe pain due to the cancer. His condition deteriorated very fast, and he developed disseminated Kaposi's Sarcoma involving the lungs leaving him to breathe only with great difficulty. The photo above was taken on a RHHJ home visit, when the condition was very serious. He was given transport money and the following day he went to Mulago, was admitted and started on treatment.

Alex has now finished chemotherapy and he is doing very well on his AIDS medicine. His mother, who did not want him to go to Mulago as she has already lost one son there, is ecstatic over his restoration of health. Alex is happy and ready to work again.



*Total cost for transport, investigations and treatment:  
UGX 375,000 (US\$104)*

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