

# Rotarian donates wedding suit to refugees

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A Rotarian and Kamuli C' Local Council 1 (LC 1) chairperson, John Lubega, has donated his white wedding suit, worn over 30 years ago, alongside other personal items, to support refugees in northern Uganda.

Lubega delivered the items on Friday to the head offices of Vision Group in Kampala, where he handed them over to deputy editor-in-chief Felix Osike.

He first formally communicated his desire to donate in a letter dated March 26, 2026, addressed to editor-in-chief Barbara Kaija.

The donation included two pairs of brand-new shoes, three new shirts and the cherished white suit he wore on his wedding day three decades ago.

Lubega also shared printed photographs from his wedding, showing him dressed in the same suit, an item he described as deeply personal and symbolic.

"This suit is very special to



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me. It is what I wore when I married my wife in church over 30 years ago. But I felt I should give my best to those in need," Lubega said.

He explained that his decision was inspired by an appeal calling for clothing and other essential items for refugees.

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John Lubega (right), handing his white wedding suit and other items over to *New Vision's* deputy editor-in-chief, Felix Osike to support refugees in northern Uganda

Lubega, who hails from Kireka I parish, Kira town council in Wakiso district, said the gesture reflects his belief in giving back, especially to vulnerable populations.

Lubega, who studied in South Africa between 1973 and 1978 before returning to Uganda in 1983, noted that service to the community has been central to his life.

"I hope the *New Vision* staff will be pleased with me being part of them when they give a hand of love to these human beings in need.

I pray to God that your vision

becomes a blessing to these disadvantaged people," he stated in the letter to Kaija.

Receiving the items, Osike, who is also a Rotarian, expressed gratitude for the gesture, describing it as a reflection of compassion and shared values.

"We thank you for the compassion you have shown in responding to our call to help those in need. This is in line with Rotary values of giving to the needy and supporting the vulnerable," he added.

Osike also used the occasion to call on the public to emulate Lubega's generosity by contributing items that can support refugees, particularly those in the West Nile sub-region.

The donation is part of an ongoing effort to mobilize support for displaced communities in northern Uganda, with contributions expected to provide relief and restore the dignity to affected families.