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Ntinda school for the deaf receives donation

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KAMPALA. Children of Ntinda School of the Deaf were all smiles when Ms Efrat Peleo, listed as the world's 50th richest woman by Forbes Magazine, visited the institution and donated Shs80m.

Ms Efrat Peleo, the chief executive officer SBI International, led a team that donated to the school, founded in 1959 by the Anglican Church.

The government-aided school, located in Ntinda, Nakawa Division in Kampala, accommodates about 200 children with different disabilities.

SBI International also supported the renovation of the school facilities, including bathrooms and toilets. The school officials said though the school is governmentowned, it receives from government less than 5 per cent of its budget.

While presiding over the handover of a computer laboratory and the refurbished dormitory, the State Minister for Primary Education, Dr John Chrysostom Muyingo, blamed administrators of government institutions for not budgeting for maintenance. "School ad-

ministrators should develop the culture of maintaining government buildings because it is cheaper to rehabilitate than building new ones," the minister said. He was accompanied by Labour state minister Kamanda Bataringaya.

Ms Peleo urged businesses operating in Uganda to support the communities in which they operate in order to create a difference in people's lives.



Labour state minister Kamanda Bataringaya joins children from Ntinda School of the Deaf last Saturday where construction company SBI donated to the school. Looking on are officials of SBI Kampala office. PHOTO BY STEPHEN OTAGE