

India offers to boost Malawi's medical system

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India has committed to help Malawi boost its medical system by offering free training to Malawian medical doctors in India to help reduce the number of referral cases from Malawi to the Asian country.

The commitment follows a visit by an Indian doctor Shahid Merchant who has treated 85 percent of patients with cardiac

problems who were certified for referral to India right here in the country.

After treating a number of patients on his cardiac camp, Merchant said the country only needs a boost to improve its medical system.

He said: "I have observed that a number of cases that are referred to India can be treated right here in the country. That way, Malawi can save a lot of money."

In his remarks, Indian High Commissioner Suresh Kumar Menon said the government

of India is ready to help boost Malawi's medical system.

In a separate interview on Tuesday, Ministry of Health (MoH) Principal Secretary Dan Namarika said the arrangement is welcome and that Malawi appreciates the assistance the Indian government lenders to the health sector.

"Having our doctors go to India to understand the equipment, the system and the skills in India is very relevant because that is where most of our patients go for treatment," he said. ■



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Namarika: It is a welcome development