SALE OF SELF-STUDY MATERIALS

The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) developed the Preparedness and Response Plan (PRP) of the Education Sector to COVID-19 that focuses on three areas: continuity of learning, the learning agenda and schooling after the lockdown.

In this regard, the MoES developed a harmonized learning framework and self-study materials for all primary and secondary school learners in all the core subjects/themes. The materials are being used to deliver lessons on TV and Radios across the country and print ones are used for self-study.

The self-study materials were printed and distributed by New Vison Printing & Publishers Company and handed over to the respective Resident District Commissioners and/or Chief Administrative Officers witnessed by the District Education Officers. The materials are intended to keep learners busy and engage their ability, skills and knowledge while at home. The print study materials distribution was to prioritize learners that can’t access lessons on radio and TV stations to continue learning as clearly spelt out in my Circular of 24th April 2020. I am grateful to the Local Governments which made arrangements to ensure that the study materials were distributed to the needy learners.

It has however been brought to my attention that some unscrupulous people have resorted to reprinting and or photocopying the study materials and selling them to parents/learners at exorbitant prices. This is unacceptable since these materials were PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED TO BE ACCESSED BY LEARNERS FREE OF CHARGE. There should be NO SALE of these study materials. If Local Governments or NGOs wish to print and distribute to more learners, it should be done at their own expense and not of the learner or parent.
The purpose of this Circular therefore is to request you to:

(i) Inform the general public not to buy the self-study materials from any person or company;

(ii) Report to Police or cause arrest of any person or company found selling the self-study materials; and

(iii) Continue to monitor the usability of the self-study materials.

I am counting on you for the success of continuity of learning during the lockdown especially for the less privileged learners. No Child should be left behind.

By Copy the Resident District Commissioners are requested to ensure strict implementation of this circular.

Alex Kakooza
PERMANENT SECRETARY

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cc. All Ministers of State, MOES
cc. Minister of Local Government
cc. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government
cc. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Internal Affairs
cc. Secretary, Office of the President
cc. All Resident District Commissioners
cc. All District Chairpersons/ Mayors
cc. All District/Municipal Education Officers
c.c. All District/Municipal Inspectors of Schools