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Dear Reader, I am pleased to present to you the 2nd edition of the Quaterly Newsletter, covering Quarter Two of the Financial Year 2023/2024.

This edition covers the months of October, November and December of the year 2023.

The newsletter aims at empowering citizens with information regarding the different activities, projects and programs, that the Ministry of Education and Sports has undertaken during a given quarter.

The Newsletter is part of the broader efforts of the Communications Unit to bring the Education and Sports sector closer to the public.

I thank all departments that contributed to the build up of this Newsletter and look forward to the same support for our next edition.

I implore the public to read the newsletter and provie the unit with relevant fedback through our different social media platforms and email: pro@education.go.ug

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MOES VISION

Quality Education and Sports for All!



MOES MISSION

To provide for technical support, guide, coordinate, regulate and promote the delivery of quality Education and Sports to all persons in Uganda, for national integration, individual and national development.



On December 7, 2023, the Ministry of Education and Sports, in collaboration with Vision Group, held a grand ceremony at Vision Group's headquarters to honor and celebrate Uganda's most dedicated and innovative teachers. The First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataha Museveni, presided over the event.

The celebration was part of the "Teachers Making a Difference" initiative, a program initiated by the Vision Group, with the generous support of the Irish Embassy and Travel Care. The initiative aims to recognize and applaud exceptional teachers who have demonstrated unwavering

commitment and creativity in their teaching methods, making a significant impact on the lives of their students.

Among the 425 teachers nominated for the competition, 12 teachers were selected as winners for the Teachers making a difference awards. These received a cash prize of 2 million shillings, equipment worth UGX 2.5 million shillings for their respective schools as well as a trip to Ireland.

In her remarks the First Lady, who is also the Minister of Education and Sports, expressed her gratitude to the visionary teachers for their outstanding contributions to the education sector. She cautioned them to create long lasting networks with their colleagues in Ireland. She also requested that she raises a fund for the other six to join the top six for their trip to Ireland.

The "Teachers Making a Difference" initiative serves not only to recognize the exceptional work of these educators but also as a source of motivation for them to continue their impactful journey in education. It aims to inspire others to consider teaching as a noble and rewarding profession

During the event, several teachers were presented with awards and certificates of recognition for their outstanding achievements. The ceremony featured heartwarming stories of these educators' dedication, passion, and innovative teaching methods, showcasing the positive impact they have had on their students and communities.

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Irish Ambassador Keith Colgan graced the event and, in his address, he emphasized the importance of acknowledging the difference teachers make in our communities.

The collaboration between the Ministry of Education and Sports, Vision Group, and the generous support from the Irish Embassy and Travel Care underscores the collective commitment to fostering a culture of excellence in education. The event concluded with a sense of optimism and pride, as the nation celebrated the unsung heroes shaping the future through the power of education.



The most outstanding teachers include:

- Edward Bukye Nakalama Primary School, Iganga District
- Anthony Lochugai Ding Dang Primary School, Amudat
- Grace Olive Musingo Nabuduwa Ngora Girls School, Ngora District
- 4. Lilly Lakot Paiula Primary School, Pader
- 5. Harriet Arakit Nakapiripirit Seed SS
- 6. Abdul Barabwiriza Tororo Girls SS
- Mathias Kidon Kalatom Primary School, Napak
- 8. Festo Gutaka Kilembe Primary School Sironko
- Francis Nsubuga Ssematimba -St. Maria Gorreti Mpugwe, Masaka City
- Biira Nabukwasi Mayor Primary School, Mbale
- Rogers Kirya Kisaasi Priamary School, Kampala
- Joel Musoke Namagonjo Primary School, Bugiri

Irish Ambassador, Keith Colgan presenting awards to the most outstanding teachers

The "Teachers Making a Difference Awards" are awards where 12 innovative teachers share a cash prize, with the six most outstanding winning an all-expenses-paid trip to Ireland. This recognises teachers who have gone the extra mile to impact the lives of their students and their communities.

SESEMAT TRAINING: THOUSANDS TRAINED IN THE LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL CIRRICULUM

In a determined effort to bolster the quality of science and mathematics education in secondary schools, the Ministry of Education and Sports through the Secondary Education Science and Mathematics (SESEMAT) program set up retooling training for science and mathematics teachers. This initiative is specifically designed as a potent tool to enhance teaching and learning experiences in these critical subjects, aiming to address gaps and elevate the standard of education across the nation.

The Ministry's focus on these
SESEMAT training programs has been
geared towards supporting teachers in
implementing the New Lower
Secondary Cirriculum.

Teachers from various regions have undergone comprehensive training in key areas essential for the successful execution of the New Lower Secondary School Curriculum. These training sessions covered a spectrum of topics, including project work methodologies, content framework comprehension, test and assessment frameworks, as well as end-of-cycle setting. The goal is to equip educators with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the intricacies of the new lower secondary curriculum effectively.



Teachers during SESEMAT training in Masaka

Among the regions that benefitted from this initiative are Acholi, Wakiso, Kasese, Tororo, and Sebei. The Ministry has strategically selected these areas to ensure a widespread impact on secondary education, reaching both urban and rural schools. By focusing on diverse regions, the SESEMAT program aims to create a more equitable



Teachers during a SESEMMAT training in Masaka

educational landscape, leaving no student behind.

The comprehensive training sessions have been praised for their thoroughness and practical applicability. Teachers express appreciation for the hands-on approach adopted during the training, which enables them to implement the newly acquired knowledge in real classroom scenarios.

The Ministry of Education and Sports remains committed to continually improving the quality of education across the country. The SESEMAT program is viewed as a milestone in this journey, heralding a new era for science and mathematics education in secondary

schools. As the implementation progresses, the Ministry anticipates positive outcomes that will contribute to a more robust and competitive education system in the long run.



Teachers during SESEMAT training in Masaka



Artistic Impressions of the newly commissioned Ministry of Education and Sports Headquaters at Kyambogo

COMMISSIONING OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS HEADQUATERS

On the 26th of October 2023, the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports commissioned the Ministry of Education and Sports Headquarters at Kyambogo.

Adjacent to Kyambogo Primary School, the twin towers will house all the departments under the Ministry of Education and Sports.

Twin towers, with one rising to 8 floors and the other to 10, will grace the headquaters complex. Furthermore, the complex will feature a 600-seat auditorium and two deicated parking decks. Once finished, the headquarters will have the capacity to house over 700 staff members.





Artistic impressions of the newly commissioned headquaters.

Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, the Minister of Education and Sports, emphasised that the Ministry priotised establishing its headquaters over the years and now it appears that the dream is within reach.

The Minister stated that the decentralisation of offices across the city has presented coordination challenges within the Ministry, aside from the cost saving. She expressed optimism about resolving this issue.

Ketty Lamaro, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, noted that the construction project is estimated to cost 61.9 billion shillings, with 68 percent of the financing coming from a loan obtained from the Islamic Development Bank, while the government will contribute the remaining 32 percent. She emphasized that the Ministry will oversee the timely completion of the project and ensure that the government fulfills its financial commitments on time.

The contract for the construction of the headquarters has been granted to a collaboration between Sadeem Al Kuwait General Trading and Contracting Company and Dott Service Limited.

The Islamic Development Bank has funded the Ministry's efforts to enhance training, infrastructure and supply equipment at six national colleges, including Unyama National Teachers College in Gulu, as well as five technical colleges situated in Elgon, Lira, Bushenyi, Kichwamaba and Kyema.

The Ministry of Education and Sports joins a growing list of educational institutions situated in the same locality including;

- Uganda Business and Technical Examination Board (UBTEB)
- The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)
- Uganda National Examination Board (UNEB)
- The Inter-University Council for East Africa (IUCEA)
- · Kyambogo University, among others.



BUTALEJA DISTRICT TAKES BOLD STEPS IN **EMPOWERING TEACHERS FOR** COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY **EDUCATION**

The Gender Unit hosted a transformative training workshop, addressing the pressing issues of adolescence, early pregnancies and increased HIV infections among girls in Butaleja District from November 20th to 22nd, 2023.

The initiative, a collaboration between Butaleja District Local Government, UNESCO, Peking University of China, and the Ministries of Education and Health, aimed at equipping teachers with knowledge, attitude, and skills needed to deliver comprehensive sexuality education in primary and secondary schools.

The three-day training attended by more than 100 science teachers from selected schools, covered a spectrum of topics. Facilitators from the Butaleja District Local Government, the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Ministry of Health engaged participants through interactive approaches, including presentations, role plays, group discussions, and reflections.

Key sessions delved into life skills, reproductive health, gender concepts, and relationship dynamics. The training also addressed sensitive issues like menstruation, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases, and non-communicable diseases.

A values clarification and attitude transformation exercise, led by a Ministry of Health facilitator, provided a platform for participants to express their perspectives on contentious topics such as teenage pregnancy, corporal punishment, and the rights of adolescents to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights information.

At the end of the training, participants made commitments to enhance the effectiveness of school clubs, disseminate informative messages, conduct orientation sessions, and integrate life skills into various school activities.

The District Inspector of Schools expressed appreciation for the dedication of the participants and emphasized the ripple effect the training would have on creating a safe and informed learning environment.

EMPOWERING TEACHERS WITH SKILLS TO DELIVER COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION TO ADOLESCENTS



In a bid to reinforce the delivery of comprehensive sexuality education to adolescents, the Ministry of Education and Sports, through its Gender Unit and the UNESCO-PKU project, organized a training workshop for teachers in the districts of Luuka and Butaleja.

The workshop, which aimed at enhancing participants' capacity to deliver sexuality education to learners in upper primary and secondary schools, attracted a total of 120 enthusiastic educators. The training was guided by the Sexuality Education Framework, utilizing approved national teacher training materials.

The comprehensive training covered various crucial topics outlined in the framework, including knowing oneself, puberty, human reproduction, body image and sexuality, setting boundaries in relationships, genderbased violence (GBV), deviant sexual behavior, Menstrual Health and Hygiene (MHH), prevention of pregnancy, abortion and associated risks, sexually transmitted infections/diseases (STI/Ds), HIV and AIDS care, support of people living with HIV, non-communicable diseases, healthseeking behavior and more.

Facilitators employed interactive methodologies to engage participants ensuring a deep understanding of the

subjects covered.
The training not only provided valuable insights into these critical aspects of sexuality education but also equipped teachers with practical skills to integrate this knowledge into their teaching, learning, and co-curricular activities

Participants expressed their appreciation for the workshop emphasizing its role in revitalizing their commitment to supporting the healthy development of adolescents within their schools. The training not only served as a knowledge booster but also empowered teachers with the necessary skills to address sensitive topics in an age-appropriate and culturally sensitive manner.

The Gender Unit emphasized the importance of imparting accurate and age-appropriate information to students, acknowledging that well-informed adolescents are better equipped to make responsible decisions regarding their health and relationships.

By investing in the professional development of teachers, the Ministry of Education and Sports aims to create a conducive environment for open and informed discussions on sexuality education, fostering a generation of adolescents equipped to navigate the complexities of their evolving lives. The success of such initiatives is pivotal in creating a society that values the health and well-being of its youth.



A CAMPAIGN DUBBED "AFRICA EDUCATES HER" LAUNCHED IN UGANDA

In a landmark initiative aimed at championing girls' education across the African continent, Uganda took center stage by launching the Africa Educates Her Campaign. The groundbreaking campaign was officially inaugurated by Honorable Peter Ogwang, the State Minister for Sports, who led the Gender Unit team in the Ministry of Education during the launch ceremony.

The Africa Educates Her Campaign is a comprehensive effort to raise awareness about the challenges hindering girls and women from accessing education. It serves as a rallying call for youth, educators, civil society organizations, and development partners to take positive actions that quarantee the return of girls to school. The campaign is particularly timely as it addresses the post-COVID-19 effects on education, where evidence indicates that girls have suffered disproportionately due to the pandemic.

Girls and women have been adversely affected by the pandemic, bearing the burden of care work and becoming more vulnerable to gender based abuse. The Africa

Educates Her Campaign aims to mitigate these challenges by fostering a collective effort across various African countries. Uganda, taking the lead, is committed to advancing the cause and ensuring equal opportunities for girls to learn and thrive.

The primary goal of the campaign is to bridge the gender gap in education, striving to provide all girls with equal learning opportunities. The launch in Uganda is a significant step toward advancing the rights and opportunities for girls in education, marking a crucial milestone in the fight against gender inequality.

The collaborative nature of the Africa Educates Her Campaign involves African

countries working together to tackle the barriers preventing girls from accessing education.
As the campaign gains momentum, it is expected to inspire positive change and contribute to broader global efforts in achieving gender equality in education.

The Africa Educates Her Campaign is not only a response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic but also a long-term commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable educational landscape for girls across the African continent. Uganda's leadership in this initiative sets the stage for positive transformation and progress in the pursuit of gender equality in education.



MOES COMMEMORATES THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

The Ministry of Education and Sports
Headquarters became a hub of joy and
inspiration as learners from across
Uganda gathered to celebrate the
International Day of the Girl Child.
The event, held on the 13th of
October 2023, under the theme:

Invest in Girls'
Rights: Our Leadership,
Our Wellbeing

was a testament to the commitment of various stakeholders in championing the rights and education of girls.

Learners, clad in colorful uniforms, marched joyfully to the beat of a lively band, setting the stage for a day filled with meaningful discussions and activities.

The event saw the participation of numerous stakeholders including government officials from the ministries of Education and Sports, Gender, Labor, and Social Development, development partners; UNICEF, UNESCO, Plan International, Civil Society Organizations; TMF, FAWEU, ICYD, UGGA, Touch a Heart Uganda, Raising Voices, Concern for the Girl Child, AWAGO, AWARD, teachers and learners. These have been working tirelessly alongside the Ministry to enhance the lives and educational opportunities for girls throughout the country.



School children during an interactive dicusson session at the event.

The festivities kicked off with a series of speeches addressing the challenges faced by girls in accessing quality education. The discussions touched upon pressing issues such as violence against children, the lack of support from parents, the low uptake of science subjects by girls, limited access to ICT education, and inadequate life skills among learners.

In a thought-provoking dialogue session, learners actively engaged with these challenges, proposing strategies to address them. The dialogue served as a platform for the young minds to express their concerns and brainstorm innovative solutions. The event highlighted the importance of empowering girls with education, not only as a means of personal development but also as a crucial step towards building strong communities and nations.

State Minister for Sports in Uganda, Honorable Peter Ogwang, officiated the event and in his remarks, he emphasized the crucial role girls play in shaping the future, and stressed the need for concerted efforts to overcome barriers that hinder girls' education.

The Minister lauded the Ministry's development partners for advocating for the girl child. He noted that it is through collaborative efforts that we can break down the barriers preventing girls from accessing quality education and empower them to reach their full potential.

The celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child at the Ministry of Education and Sports Headquarters served as a powerful reminder of the collective responsibility to create an environment where every girl has the opportunity to thrive, learn, and contribute to the progress of society.

The commitment of all stakeholders was evident, reflecting a shared vision of a brighter and more equitable future for girls across Uganda.



Male learners participate in an interactive discussion. This inclusive approach helps stereotypes, encourages empathy and builds a more equitable society.

Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni(L) together with the MTN CEO, Sylvia Mulinge and other officials during the opening of the dormitories.



SALAAMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND RECIEVES REFURBISHED DORMITORY

MTN Uganda, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Sports, commissioned a state-of-the-art dormitory at the Salama School for the Blind in Mukono District at a ceremony presided over by the First Lady of Uganda and Minister of Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni.

On October 25, 2022, the Education sector faced adversity when Salama School for the Blind, a learning center for visually impaired learners in Uganda, tragically lost 12 students in a fire.

support their unique learning needs. MTN Uganda, through its corporate social responsibility arm, MTN Foundation built the school a state-of-the-art dormitory, ensuring comfort and safety for the visually impaired learners as they pursue their education.

The newly constructed dormitory, built with a 70-bed capacity, is fully furnished with 40 beds and mattresses. The facility includes self-contained units and caretaker quarters, providing a comfortable and secure living space for 70 learners. Safety measures include state-of-the-art firefighting equipment, security cameras, and fire detection systems.



In addition to the dormitory, Salama School for the Blind was equipped with a cutting-edge computer library, designed specifically for visually impaired children.

The Computer Lab empowers students by featuring 10 computers, internet connectivity and specialized software, granting them access to vital educational resources and fostering academic excellence.

In her remarks, the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Museveni commended MTN Uganda for its support, highlighting the transformative impact it will have on the education of visually impaired children.

"Today's commissioning of the dormitory and computer lab is an example of what can be achieved when we work together across sectors, transcending boundaries and affiliations. It embodies the spirit of unity and shared purpose," the Minister stated.

The Minister encouraged optimism and collaboration, emphasizing the collective ability to overcome challenges and build a better future for all Ugandans. Over the years, MTN Uganda has collaborated with various organizations, such as Promoting Equality in African Schools (PEAS), to support the government of Uganda in delivering education for all.

Through partnerships and initiatives, MTN Uganda has implemented 15 infrastructural projects in various educational institutions, expanding access to quality education for thousands of learners.

MTN Uganda Chief Executive Officer, Sylvia Mulinge, expressed the company's commitment to making a positive impact in the communities it serves.

Ms. Mulinge said the new initiative aligns with MTN Uganda's Ambition 2025 strategy, which aims to lead digital solutions for Africa's progress, including education.

She said MTN is steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that every child, regardless of status and economic background, enjoys the benefits of a modern connected life.

This commissioning marks a new chapter in the collaborative efforts of MTN Uganda and the government to empower communities and create a brighter future through accessible and quality education.

In addition, a mass was held to commemorate the lives of the 12 learners who perished in the fire. MTN Uganda firmly believes that education is a powerful driver of development and one of the most potent instruments for reducing poverty, improving health, achieving gender equality, promoting peace, and ensuring stability goals that resonate with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals," Mulinge said.

CRICKET CRANES RETAIN THEIR AFRICAN TITLE AFTER DEFEATING KENYA IN S.A

Uganda's
Senior Men's
National
Cricket team
has carried the
national flag to
heights in both
regional and
international
sports arenas
and this time
it was at the
Cricket Africa
in South Africa.



The 2023 ACA Africa T20 Cup was a cricket tournament that was played in Benoni, Gauteng, South Africa in December 2023. Uganda was the defending champions, having won the inaugural edition in 2022. Two qualification events were played to determine the seven teams to join Uganda in the tournament

Despite their defeat to Rwanda in the opening match, the Cricket Cranes bounced back strong when they emerged victorious against Malawi and Mozambique, thereby securing a spot in the semi-finals.

In the semifinals, the Cricket cranes dominated, balling against Botswana by 10 wickets, setting the stage for an amazing match against Kenya in the finals.

The Cricket Cranes carried the same spirit from the semis, displaying skill and thrashing Kenya by a staggering 91 runs. Uganda finished on a tournament-high of 186/8 in their 20 overs.

The victory crowned a perfect year for the Cricket Cranes who qualified for a maiden ICC T20 World Cup in West Indies in 2024.

CHAMPIONS RISE:

UGANDA WINS CECAFA U18 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP IN THRILLING VICTORY

The Uganda U18 National Team etched their name in history, securing a heart-stopping 2-1 win against Kenya in the CECAFA U18 Boys Championship in a riveting final held at the Jomo Kenyatta International Stadium, Kisumu on Friday afternoon. The stadium pulsated with fervour, filled to the brim with passionate Kenyan plus a pick of Ugandan fans, amplifying the intensity of the match.



Despite Kenya
taking the lead with
an early second-half
goal, the Uganda
team showcased
unwavering
determination.
Abasi Kyeyune's
electrifying equalizer
moments before the
final
whistle pushed the
game into extra time,
setting the stage for
a nerve-wracking
climax.



U18 Uganda Cranes Boys team lifitng the CECEFA Cup in Kenya

In a defining moment, Mutebi Hakim hailed as the tournament's Most Valuable Player, rose to prominence by slotting in Uganda's winning goal during extra time. His stellar performance throughout the championship culminated in this pivotal moment of triumph.

Post-match, Uganda's head coach, Morley Byekwaso, acknowledged the intense challenge his side faced during a compelling interview. He lauded his team's resilience, acknowledging the sheer difficulty of the game and praising their steadfast determination.

Adding to the jubilation, the President of the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) through EXCOM Member Rogers Byamukama honored the team's monumental achievement by awarding each member with a generous sum of 1000 USD. This gesture of appreciation and recognition highlighted the nation's pride in their young athletes.

Uganda's victory in the CECAFA U18 Boys Championship stands as a testament to their exceptional teamwork, unwavering spirit and remarkable talent. The players' prowess on the field, coupled with their resilience under pressure, captivated audiences and secured their place in the annals of Ugandan football history. As celebrations reverberate across the nation, Uganda proudly embraces these young champions, celebrating their hard-earned victory that brought glory to the country.

In our upcoming edition, we delve into our educational highlights and more!

Sneak peek into our next edition.









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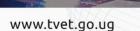
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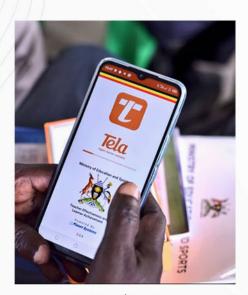
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