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CONSTRUCTION OF EDUCATION FACILITIES IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

The Ministry of Education and Sports conducts regular monitoring of the implementation of local government based construction projects to ascertain compliance and conformity to the Ministry's designs, standards and specifications. Of recent, key findings indicate that while the completion rates were satisfactory, the general quality of works and compliance to the Ministry's designs and standards were on the decline.

Pursuant to the vision of the Ministry of Education and Sports, and in exercise of the ministry's mission of provision of technical support, guidance, coordination, regulation, and promotion of quality education and sports, adjustments in the following areas of management of local government based construction projects are to be implemented starting this financial year: -

- i. **Work plans;** Annual District/ Municipal / City Work plans prepared and submitted by the respective Local Governments shall be approved by the Ministry of Education and Sports before implementation of the planned construction projects commences. Only legible activities under Education Sector should be planned for to avoid inconveniences.
- ii. **Designs and Standards;** All primary and secondary school facilities must be compliant to the designs and standards as issued by the Ministry of Education and Sports. These, as you may be aware are regularly updated and therefore, District / Municipal / City Engineers shall ensure that only up to date designs and standards are implemented in their areas of jurisdiction. Contact Persons for these are Ronald Samuel Mukwana (mukwana_ron@yahoo.com) and Douglas Tumwine (tumis04@gmail.com) for Primary and Secondary levels respectively.

Higher Institutions of Learning are required to submit design drawings to the



Assistant Commissioner, Construction Management Unit, Ministry of Education and Sports for approval before implementation of the proposed development projects.

iii. Quality Assurance Mechanism; The Ministry's Construction Management Unit is undergoing re-organisation and as part of the process the Assistant Engineering Officers (MoES) who have been stationed in Local Governments have been withdrawn. In the meantime, the District / Municipal / City Engineers, together with their respective Works Department personnel, shall be fully responsible for the quality control, cost control and project timelines of all Local Government based Construction Projects. Engineers from the Ministry's Construction Management Unit shall continue to monitor the implementation of district based construction projects on a regular basis to ascertain compliance and conformity to the Ministry's designs, standards and specifications. A Ranking System shall be developed where all Local Governments visited in a financial year shall be ranked basing on their respective levels of performance.

iv. Provision of Lightning Arrestors; Lightning remains a constant threat to the lives of our children and teachers, and can be very devastating in some cases. To guard our learners, teachers and buildings against lightning, all local governments are required to incorporate lightning protection systems whenever constructing new school facilities. These should be in accordance with the current standard of lightning protection, **IEC 62305**, which is based on a comprehensive and complex risk assessment that not only takes into consideration the structure to be protected, but also the services to which the structure is connected. Contact Person – Eng. Odongo Brian (congrian.od@gmail.com).

The purpose of this communication is to provide the above guidance and to wish you all, the best in the financial year 2026/2027.

Thank you for your cooperation.


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