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Government urged to stop confusing parents

Above: A parent emphasizes to colleagues the need to suplliment the UPE fund.

Parents of Aluka Primary school in Pader were shocked to learn that for a total of 229 pupils in the school, the Government only contributes UGX4000/= per pupil for the running of the entire term. This was revealed during a Parents meeting held at school last week to discuss issues that continue to affect the quality of their children's education.

The school is struggling with the frequent absenteeism of teachers which in turn demotivates the pupils. There is also lack of basic learning materials in school such as chalk, books and pens for the teachers to draw the schemes of work.

According to the parents, the President of Uganda declared that education is free and hence any one who tries to request for money in the names of improving the pupils welfare should face disciplinary action.

However, the Head teacher of the school shocked parents when he revealed how much the school gets and how he spends it.

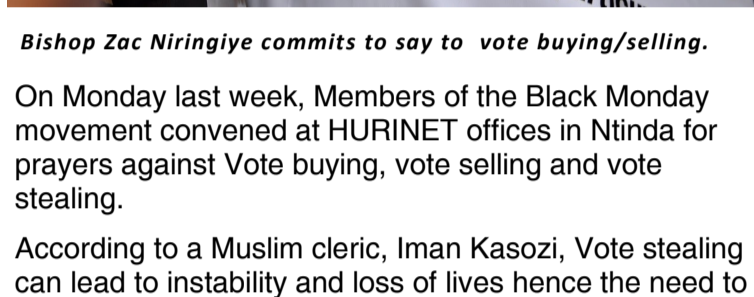
With a total of 229 pupils, we receive only UGX4000/= in form of the Universal Primary Education Capitation grant per year per child every year. This is an equivalent of UGX 1333/= per term for each child. What can that money do?', he wondered.

Parents were urged by the Chairperson of the School Management Committee to contribute UGX7000/= per term for every child to supplement the UPE funds for better learning of their children. In the same meeting, parents and teachers discussed and drew work plans for the school feeding program funded by ActionAid.

"The children cannot learn on empty stomachs. Let us work together to provide quality education for our children for a better future", added Moses Onen, the Program Officer for ActionAid in Pader.

"The Government and Museveni should STOP confusing parents because the UPE capitation grant cannot even run the school for a term" remarked an angry parent.

Black Monday Movement Prays against Vote Buying/selling!



Bishop Zac Niringiye commits to say to vote buying/selling.

On Monday last week, Members of the Black Monday movement convened at HURINET offices in Ntinda for prayers against Vote buying, vote selling and vote stealing.

According to a Muslim cleric, Iman Kasozi, Vote stealing can lead to instability and loss of lives hence the need to desist from it.

"The current regime went to the bush to fight a government that has stolen votes. There was blood shed. A lot of property was destroyed. We should not have a repeat of that nasty history", he cried out.

Bishop Zac Niringiye, also a civil society activist caused the entire audience to chorus that Vote buying, selling and stealing are evil.

"It is an evil. Don't sell the future of your children in exchange for a sugar. Don't trade Uganda in exchange for a match box. Tell everybody that it is an evil", he said.

According to Richard Sewakiryanga, the Executive Director at the Uganda National NGO forum, the campaign against vote buying and vote selling was launched in the build up to the 2016 General elections.

"We are calling upon all Ugandans to commit to protecting the sovereignty and future of this country. Don't vote in exchange for Sugar, salt, soap and matchboxes. Our country is worth more than that. Vote for the minds that will bring about the future that you desire Uganda and your children to have".

The campaign will be rolled out to all parts of the country. Sign a commitment against vote buying/vote selling today.

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Women Rights International Platform Meets in UK



Participants in UK Last week

In the week ending, Harriet Gimbo, the Programs Director at ActionAid participated in the Women Rights International Platform in the United Kingdom. The meeting brought together Country Directors, Members of the Senior Management team and Women Rights Thematic Coordinators from the ActionAid federation countries.

While at the meeting, the ladies and gentlemen dug into the revival of a strong women Rights agenda in the federation that seems to be dwindling.

"We need to renew our commitment and champion the revival and re-invigoration of Women's Rights in our work", remarked Harriet Gimbo.

The meeting also challenged offices across the federation to rethink about their partners, allies, campaigners and institutions on whether they are the right ones to enable a win against Women Rights abuses and violations.

The meeting resolved that all participants get back home and reflect on their strength and niche and ride on that as an entry point for repositioning as key players.

"That is the only way we shall deliver on our Key change promises of increasing Women and Girls control over their bodies and generating Women centered economic alternatives", they chorused!

All the above will be done with clear analysis, focus, depth, clarity of indicators with a strong link with other international platforms like Land, Governance, Education and Humanitarian response.

WEEK AHEAD:

- The AAU Governing Board is holding its quarterly meeting today at the AAU offices.
- The 10th edition of the Oil in Uganda Newsletter will be launched this week.
- AAU and UNNGOF have organised a PRDP and Social Service Delivery review and planning meeting at Eureka Hotel this week.