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The City Town Clerk,  
Lira City Council

## **END OF YEAR 2023 REPORT FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

### **Introduction**

Lira City Council is located in Lango Sub region, Northern Uganda. It has forty four government aided primary schools, six government aided Secondary Schools, two government aided tertiary Institution that is Lira School of Nursing and Midwife and Uganda technical college Lira and we public university. Eighty five private primary schools, 142 Early Childhood development centre, eight health Institutions, Four University teachers training Institutions and three private university. Although there are some Institutions which are not registered and operating illegally.

### **SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

The enrolment of learners in Government aided schools is as recorded below;-

Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ **56,065**

Secondary: \_\_\_\_\_ **7,372**

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### **Methodology**

The methods used includes:-

- Observation
- Checking school records
- Interviews
- Post observation conference within Headteachers, SMC, and PTA

- Photography among others.

### **School monitoring meeting at the City level**

This exercise was carried out in all schools within Lira City.

They were:-

- Nursery Schools and Kindergartens
- Primary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Tertiary Institutions
- Universities

These schools were monitored and checked to find the level of compliance to the existing laws mainly;

- The Education act 2008
- The Financial and accounting act.
- The Government Standing Order
- Teachers professional Code of conduct.
- The Children's act

The level of teacher's performance was fairly good.

Although teachers performance is low in the peri urban areas of the annexed sub-counties.

This is majorly related to laxity from the school administration.

This was witnessed in the following schools;

1. Iwal primary school
2. Cura primary school
3. Acwikot primary school
4. Owinyo primary school
5. Lira Parents primary school

In some of these schools teachers have continued to fail to complete syllabus for example Owinyo primary school where P.7 teachers did not complete the syllabus for P.7 candidates who sat for PLE 2023.

Remedial lessons were not taught in some of these schools.

Teacher’s absenteeism is a challenge in the annex sub counties where learners have continece to perform poorly in classes.

Pupil’s absenteeism is a challenge coupled with very high level of school drop out.

TELA is being used in government aided schools although private schools could not pick up since phones prescribed to be bought are not there in the open market.

**Objectives of the monitoring exercise**

The main objective of the exercise was to find out the level of teacher learners achievement a cross schools.

- To find out whether Inspectors of schools have supported teaching and learning in schools.
- To check the level of syllabus coverage accross schools.
- To find out whether teaching and learning is going on well in schools.

The monitors that participated in the exercise includes;-

1. The City Town Clerk
2. The City Education Officer
3. The Associate Assessors
4. The City Councilors

**The schools visited includes;-**

S/N	NAME	CELL	PARISH	DIVISION
01	Amuca Primary School	Olago	Amuca	Lira City West Division
02	Barapwo Primary School	Akaoidebe	Barapwo	Lira City West Division
03	Olaka Annex Primary School	Ongica ‘B’	Barapwo	Lira City West Division
04	Adyel Primary School	Adyel Kasubi	Omito	Lira City West Division
05	Ambalaa Primary School	Ambalal	Teco 'C'	Lira City West Division
06	Otim Tom Primary School	Lango College	Akwoyo	Lira City West Division

07	Ojwina Primary School	Ojwina Quarters	Barogole	Lira City West Division
08	Ober Primary School	Onyapoyere	Ober	Lira City West Division
09	Punuoluru Primary School	Anai Pida	Anai	Lira City West Division
10	Starch Factory Primary School	Starch Factory 'B'	Starch Factory	Lira City West Division
11	Lira Police Primary School	Junior Quarters	Junior Quarters	Lira City West Division
12	Lira Army Primary School	Senior Quarters	Senior Quarters	Lira City East Division
13	Lira Primary School	Kakoge 'B'	Kakoge	Lira City West Division
14	Elia Olet Primary School	UTC	Te-obia	Lira City East Division
15	Ireda Primary School	Ireda Lumumba	Ireda East	Lira City East Division
16	Erute Primary School	Ogengo	Ireda East	Lira City East Division
17	Railway Primary School	Railway Quarters	Railway Quarters	Lira City East Division
18	Nancy Primary School	Ogengo	Ireda East	Lira City East Division
19	Akia Primary School	Awiodyek	Akia	Lira City East Division
20	St. Paul Primary School	Tegot	Anyangapuc	Lira City East Division
21	Ngetta Boys Primary School	Ayomet	Telela	Lira City East Division
22	Ngetta Girls Primary School	Core 'A'	Anyangapuc	Lira City East Division
23	Canon Lawrence Dem School	Boroboro cental	Boroboro East	Lira City East Division
24	Boke Primary School	Adidikgweno 'A'	Boke	Lira City East Division
25	V.H Public School	Bazzar East	Bazzar	Lira City East Division
26	Ayago Primary School	Ireda Lumumba	Ireda East	Lira City East Division
27	St. Gracious Primary School	Teobia	Lira Town College	Lira City East Division

28	St. Kizito Primary School	Cathedral	Ojwina	Lira City West Division
29	Lira Central Primary School	Senior Quarters B	Senior Quarters	Lira City East Division
30	City Parents Primary School	Barogole	Barogole	Lira City West Division
31	Montessori Primary School	Baazar East	Baazar	Lira City West Division

### **Secondary Schools**

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| 1. Lira SS                      | 5. Comboni College |
| 2. Lira Town College            | 6. Lango College   |
| 3. Dr. Obote College Bororoboro | 7. Faith SS        |
| 4. St. Katherine Girls SS       | 8. Wickham SS      |

### **Tertiary Institutions**

1. UTC Lira
2. Lira School of Nursing and Midwifery

### **Universities**

2. Lira University

Uganda Martyrs University Ngetta

The level of compliance in City West division was fairly good except the following schools which needs more support and finances.

1. Ober primary school
2. Teokole primary school
3. Otim Tom primary school
4. Omito primary school
5. Olaka primary school
6. Ambalal primary school

In City East division the schools that needs support are;-

1. Akwiaworo primary school
2. Anyomore primary school

3. Cura primary school
4. Ongura primary school
5. St. Paul primary school
6. Ngetta girls primary school
7. Iwal primary school
8. Ongica primary school
9. Akia primary school
10. Adekekwok primary school
11. Owinyo primary school
12. Canon Lawrence DEM School
13. Acwikot primary school
14. Boke primary school
15. Adwila primary school

Teachers attitude is a challenge in these schools, they want to be forced to do the work.

Headteachers in some of these schools are relaxed.

### **Success Stories**

The majority of schools finished the syllabus in time.

Schools feeding program has taken shape in private schools.

The level of schools inspection and support supervision has dramatically improved.

Uganda heart Institute has screened learners in schools on Rheumatic heart diseases where 367 students were found to be positive with the disease and referred for care and treatment.

Learners were also screened in sickle cell where many were found to be positive.

We had a training camp for primary seven candidates for 2023 in two phases where learners were supported in question and answer approach.

The level of teacher's commitment has improved.

### **Summary of field findings**

The following external examinations were conducted successfully;

PLE from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Uganda Certificate of Education

This was carried out from 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Uganda Advance Certificate of Education

This was carried out from 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

Uganda Business and Technical Education

This was carried out from 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 in 20 centers  
National Diploma.

This was carried out from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in 8 centers

### **Emergency issues**

Teacher's commitment is affected by bad comments from UNATU leaders within Lira City Council which discourages teachers from working hard.

There are some few teachers in Lira Town College and Lango College

Who have continued to perform below standards, this has affected the quality of Education in the two schools. There is need for immediate intervention on this vice so that does not migrate to other government schools. There is a group of parents within the City who use the radio stations to demobilize parents from supporting children in schools.

### **Significant findings**

From the school monitoring exercise the following issues were found to have contributed highly in poor performance in Lira City Council schools.

- Teacher's attitude towards teaching and learning in schools is bad.
- Some teachers are still teaching using the old text books and curriculum and teaching topics which are not examinable by UNEB.
- Reading and writing is a very big challenge in both private and government schools. A child who does not know how to read and write cannot pass PLE.

- Some Headteachers have the I do not care attitude where they pay attention to the quality of education in schools.
- Poor planning and budgeting a cross schools by Headteachers.
- Poor syllabus coverage.
- Poor assessment system, where there is no continuous assessment.
- Headteachers who fear teachers who do not want to work especially in secondary schools where these teachers are UNATU leaders.
- Lack of school feeding programs in schools.
- Poor parental support in schools.
- Lack of school inspection and monitoring of schools.
- Lack of subject content by teachers.
- Teachers who have not studied in O'level and borrowed papers of relatives.
- Both internal and external examinations ended well.
- Some teachers discourage their colleagues not to work

### **Challenges gaps**

- Lack of essential text books in schools.
- Poor parental involvement in school management
- Lack of supervision from SMC's and PTA executives.
- High level of teachers and pupils absenteeism in schools.
- Secondary school teachers who have overstayed in schools and they think they cannot be transferred.
- Inadequate desks, toilets, classrooms, text books and other facilities in schools.
- High charges in schools.
- Abandonment and abscondment of duties by teachers.
- Few teachers in schools compare to high enrolment leading to high work load a cross schools.
- Some teachers are teaching wrong facts
- Teachers are teaching subject competencies leaving language competencies
- Some Teachers in secondary schools especially Lango College and Lira Town College have no respect for Education office and Lira City council staff

### **Recommendations**

- Recruit more teachers to match the high enrolment in schools and offset the high work load.
- Secondary school teachers who have overstayed should be transferred.
- NGO called ICYD Usaid must streamline their activities and incorporate in departmental plan.
- Need for continuous capacity building and training of teachers



- Guidance and counseling department to be supported in schools.
- Need to sensitize learners on the effect of drugs in schools and the society.
- Teachers who abandoned duty should be presented to service commissioner for action.
- Secondary School teachers who have overstayed in one school should be recommended for transfer.



City Education officer cross a river on a boat to go for School monitoring



TPC monitors fencing at Adyel Primary school



Meeting to Discuss Akiibua construction at Lira District Council hall



Meeting parents at Starch Factory PS



Meeting with Parents at St Kizito PS



Lesson presentation at Amuca PS



Monitoring construction works at Railway Seed secondary school



Monitoring Learning at Adyel PS





Site meeting at Railway SS



Community engagement meeting at Lira Police PS

Thanks

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