



New Vision Media in Education manager Jovita Ajuna (in blue T-shirt) and Alice Amel (in red T-shirt) with teachers of Nakapiripirit after the NiE evaluation workshop



Fred Businge officially opening the NiE evaluation exercise in Nakasongola

Karamoja education bosses hail NiE

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Karamoja district education officials have hailed the Newspapers in Education (NiE) programme as a good initiative that enables learning to take place even outside the formal school setting.

Opening a teachers' NiE evaluation workshop at Panaora Hotel in Nakapiripirit town last week, the acting district inspector of schools, Alice Amel, said newspapers, however old, are of great importance because interaction with written information has great impact on readers and pupils alike.

At the same event, Joseph Lomogin, the district co-ordinator for Alternative Basic Education for Karamoja (ABEK), said as a hard-to-reach place, even newspapers of several months-old still provide fresh news in Karamoja.

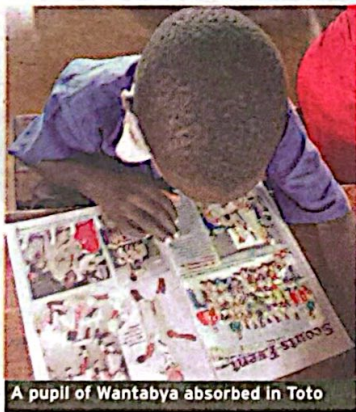
NiE is a global movement that promotes the use of newspapers to deliver the curriculum. New Vision is the pioneer media house to implement the programme in Uganda. Research has shown that the use of newspapers as a teaching tool greatly improves learning achievement among young learners. New Vision in partnership with Save the Children International is implementing the programme in selected schools in Karamoja, Acholi and central regions.

In Gulu, Save the Children education manager — northern, Geoffrey Opira, urged the teachers to share the information they learnt from NiE trainings with their colleagues.

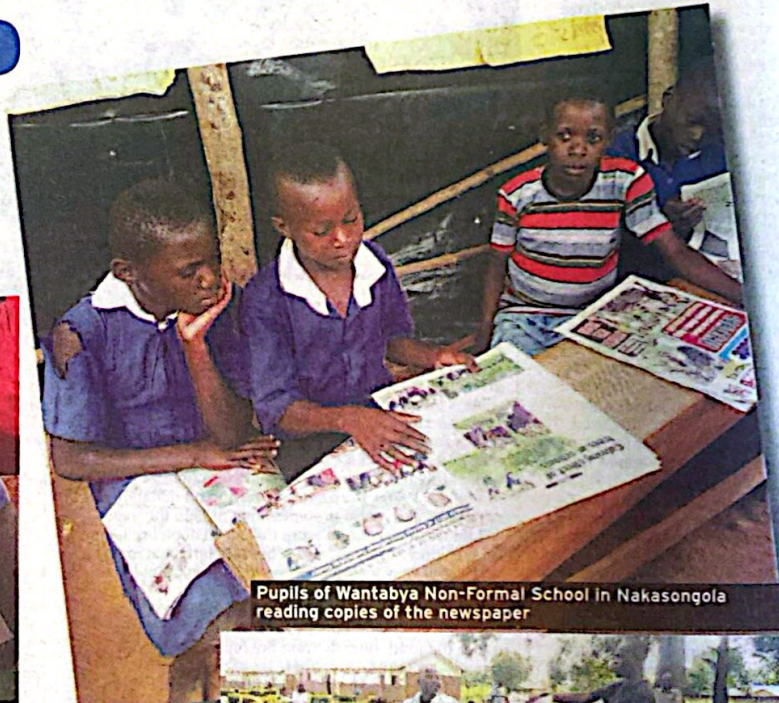
At Nakasongola, Fred Businge, the Save the Children senior officer for basic education, implored the teachers that for effective learning to take place, they must put the newspapers in the hands of the children.

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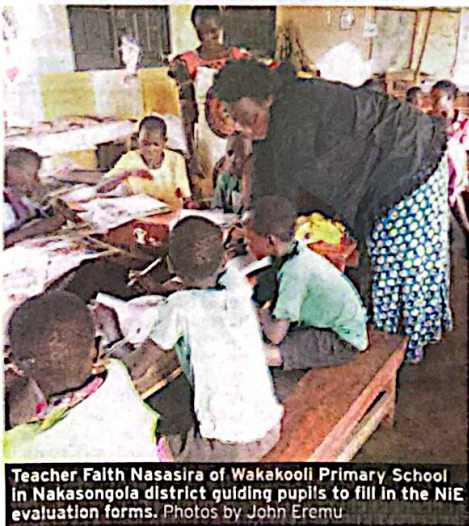
Officials say NiE is doing a good job by taking newspapers to the hard-to-reach areas



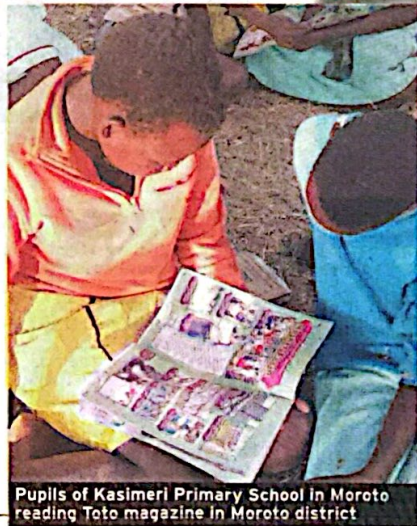
A pupil of Wantabya absorbed in Toto



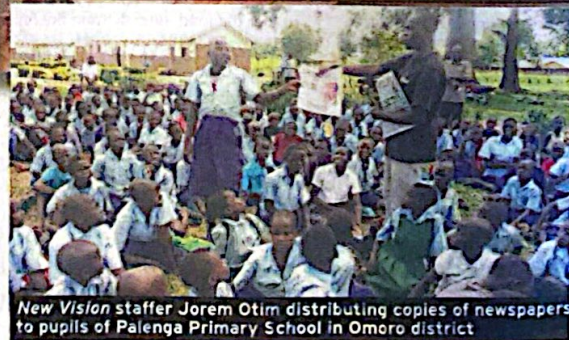
Pupils of Wantabya Non-Formal School in Nakasongola reading copies of the newspaper



Teacher Faith Nasasira of Wakakooli Primary School in Nakasongola district guiding pupils to fill in the NiE evaluation forms. Photos by John Eremu



Pupils of Kasimeri Primary School in Moroto reading Toto magazine in Moroto district



New Vision staffer Jorem Otim distributing copies of newspapers to pupils of Palenga Primary School in Omoro district



Jovita Ajuna addressing teachers from Luwero and Nakaseke