

Acholi youth told to embrace vocational skills

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The state minister for youth and gender, Florence Nakiwala, has urged the youth in Nwoya, Amuru and Gulu districts to acquire vocational skills to break the vicious cycle of poverty. She made the call while awarding certificates to the youth of Acholi sub-region, who were trained in hairdressing, construction and mechanical works.

Speaking at the annual youth conference and trade show organised by Save the Children in Gulu, Nakiwala said the Government had finalised with the Youth Livelihood Programme, the Youth Venture capital fund and the women entrepreneurship programme. The minister asked the youth to organise themselves in groups to be able to access the money.

The Gulu resident district commissioner, Santos Okot Lapolo, advised the youth from Nwoya, Amuru and Gulu to shun laziness and stay morally upright to be future leaders.

The Nwoya district youth leader, Patrick Okello, called for more youth involvement in the projects that empower them.

The youth from the three districts held a trade show at the Boma Hotel grounds in which they exhibited different skills in hairdressing, livestock rearing and crop farming.