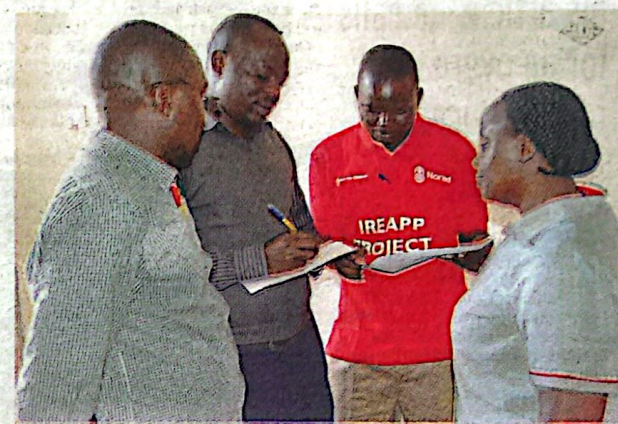




Opira, the manager of Save the Children, opening the evaluation exercise in Gulu municipality recently



John Eremu, New Vision's Features Editor (left) and Jovita Ajuna (right), the Media in Education Manager and Toto Editor chatting with the Save the Children staff before starting a training exercise in Gulu

Don't be selfish with knowledge, say NIE sponsors

By Arnest Tumwesigye

Primary school teachers have been urged to share knowledge with their colleagues in other schools.

Geoffrey Opira, the manager of Save the Children, a non-government organisation, said when a teacher is not selfish with knowledge, it becomes easy to transform society.

He also said if teachers encourage their pupils to read and write, the country's education would improve.

"The newspapers are not just for news. They are resourceful in teaching a wide range of subjects in class," Opira told teachers in Gulu municipality.

He made the remarks during the evaluation of Newspapers in Education (NiE) project, which is supported by Save the Children in partnership with New Vision in Gulu municipality. The teachers were also trained how to promote reading among pupils.

The teachers who took part in the evaluation commended NiE, for improving the pupils'

reading skill.

The teachers noted that apart from the NiE pull-out, the entire *New Vision* newspaper is resourceful as a teaching aid in the classroom.

Vincent Onenkan, a teacher at Oguru Primary School in Awach sub-county, Gulu district, said his school uses newspapers to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills of the pupils.

"When I was teaching about the reproductive system, I did not find any problem in illustrating it to the pupils because I had a newspaper which had the drawing," Morris Okello, a teacher at Opit Primary School, said.

He, however, asked *New Vision* to start featuring the NiE content in the local languages.

John Eremu, the New Vision features editor, told teachers to encourage their pupils to embrace writing and sending their stories for publication.

Over 25 schools in Omoro and Gulu district are benefiting in the partnership between *New Vision* and Save the Children for Newspaper in Education programme.



Pupils of Laminadera Primary School in Koro sub-county, Omoro district displaying the Toto magazines they received from Vision Group. Photos by Arnest Tumwesigye