

Lubanga asks parents to read nursery guide tomorrow

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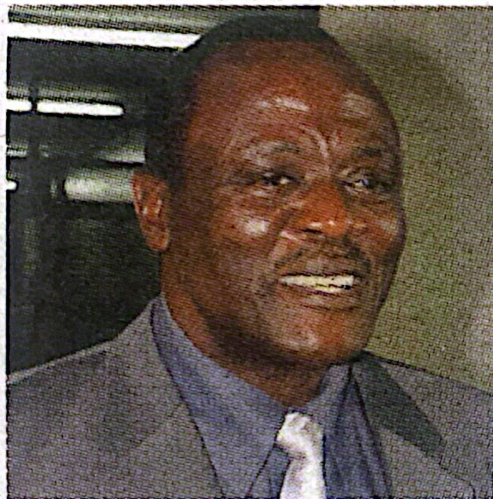
Francis Xavier Lubanga, one of the longest-serving permanent secretaries of the education ministry has urged Ugandans to grab a copy of the nursery guide in *New Vision* tomorrow.

"I welcome interventions to improve the education sector in the country. I urge Ugandans to buy the Early Learning Guide tomorrow!" says Lubanga, who is in retirement.

"Don't miss a copy," he added.

Having joined the education ministry as permanent secretary in 1998, he became one of the main architects in developing free education in the country, which has seen millions of pupils enrolled in school.

He is remembered for having been the technical architect of



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many of the policies and systems on which the country runs its education system.

He is currently the chairman of the University Council for Soroti University.

Lubanga also applauded *New Vision* for the introduction of the guide, intended to streamline

and improve performance of early child development in the country.

"I pray each nursery and primary school gets a copy on Wednesday," he says.

"Parents should also take advantage of this opportunity," he says. Since there is a shortage of well-researched information on nursery education and day care centres in the country, this is a great opportunity at our disposal," he says.

New Vision has pioneered the publication of several guides in Uganda. These include the university guide, schools guide, international schools guide and the vocational guide.

"Counting on our experienced team of writers and editors, we have gone an extra mile to offer you a guide, you can never find

anywhere on the market," Conan Businge, the education editor, said.

The early learning guide publication will provide well-researched information on the importance of early learning as well as a platform for providers of kindergarten education and related services to showcase their facilities, services and products.

The free copy of the guide will demonstrate the central role kindergarten education and day care centres plays in setting a strong foundation for a child's academic journey.

It will also provide information on education insurance and savings, minimum benchmarks for a good kindergarten and the issues parents should consider in choosing a learning centre for their children.