

TORORO

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Over 200 participants who attended a two-week information communication technology (ICT) training have been cautioned against the misuse of media platforms.

The training, which was organised by the ICT ministry and held at Asinge Senior Secondary School in Tororo district, attracted a large number of participants and some were turned away due to limited computers and space.

Tororo South County MP Fredrick Angura cautioned the graduates against the abuse of various media platforms. He advised the graduands to use the knowledge to improve their communication skills.

He advised them to continue seeking more knowledge, adding that those who are financially able should open up internet cafes in their various trading centres so that the youth who want pursue distant learning can enrol for e-learning programmes than engaging in non-productive activities such as drinking and gambling.

"Let this training be an eye-opener to you. Be wise enough because the sea of knowledge has no boundary. I expect you to be the ambassadors of the programme since you have acquired knowledge regarding a vital communication tool," Angura said.

ICT graduands warned against misuse of the media



Scovia Aketch receiving a certificate from MP Angura at Asinge SSS on Friday. Photo by Faustine Odeke

He promised to lobby the ministry for more computers and continue with the programme to boost the computer knowledge of his people which stands below 10% of the area's total population.

The school headteacher, Luke Emurwon, said the training is the third of its kind since 2012 when the ministry gave them 11 solar-powered computers.

He said since then, three computers have broken down and cannot be repaired because there are no spares in the country.

Emurwon appealed to the

Government to give the school more computers to match with the increasing school enrolment which stands at 1,117 students. He added that the school also needs a computer laboratory.

He said during the training, they were forced to hire more computers and gadgets in order to match with the training demands.

The Government through the Uganda Communication Commission, has given computers to many schools in the rural setting to benefit the students and the communities around them.