



Walking. A student walks to class at Kilak Corner Technical Institute in Pader District where teachers have not been paid for the last 10 months. FILE PHOTO

Teachers spend 10 months without pay

Desperate. They say ever since government posted them to the technical institute, they have never received any salary, which has forced them to depend on handouts from relatives.

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PADER. Teachers at Kilak Corner Technical Institute in Pader District have threatened to strike over failure by government to pay their salaries.

A total of 13 teaching staff out of the 14 posted by government at the institute have gone without pay since May last year.

The deputy principal of the institute, Mr James Obbo, on Saturday said only one teacher has been receiving salary.

He noted that ever since the members of staff were

posted, efforts to get their names on the government pay roll have not succeeded.

“Our continuous engagement with the district and central government to enable these teachers’ salaries be paid has failed. We have been tossed up and down with endless promises,” he said.

“ We need an urgent intervention by government to help these teachers. They are living miserable lives which is affecting their performance. The students are not getting the best from the teachers,” MR JAMES OBBO, THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

He said the teachers are surviving on handouts from close relatives and friends, adding that some of them have been kicked out of their houses due to unpaid rent.

Mr Obbo made the revelation while meeting a team of

Acholi Parliamentary Group (APG) members.

The MPs led by their secretary general, Mr Gilbert Olanya, were on a fact-finding mission on the performances of students and management at the technical institute.

Mr Geoffrey Ojobi, a welding and metal fabrication assistant instructor, said he has struggled to make ends meet ever since he was posted at the institute last year.

He said he is among the instructors trained by government to teach students specifically at the institute.

But the chief administrative officer, Mr Robert Okwi, said they have created payroll codes at the public service commission for the teachers. He added that by the next financial year, the teachers will start receiving their payments.