

Teso schools lack exposure, says former MP

PALLISA

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The poor performance of schools in the Teso sub-region is being attributed to lack of exposure.

David Ochwa, the former MP for Agule County in Pallisa district, said candidates never go on study trips in order to appreciate what is taught in class.

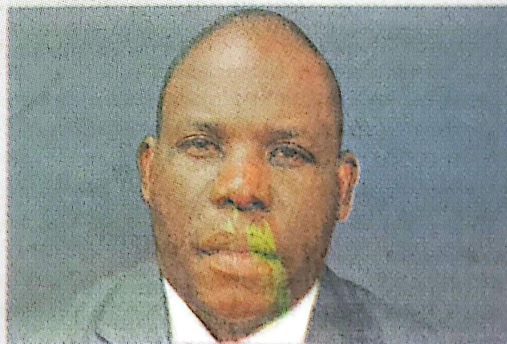
Ochwa, who took 60 farmers from Aganga Farmers Group in Chelekura sub-county, Pallisa for the 25th agricultural show in Jinja, said the majority of learners at the show came from other regions.

"Our children are very bright. If facilitated to visit other educational sites, they would perform better," Ochwa said.

Patrick Duchu, the Pallisa district vice-chairperson, who is also the secretary for education and health, said in Pallisa, primary school pupils hardly go for tour.

However, Alpha Galandi, the deputy head teacher of Komolo-Akadot Primary School, said parents need a lot of sensitisation because they have even failed to provide pupils with meals. "If they refused to contribute 12kg of maize, how can such parents be told of study tours?" Galandi asked.

John Okuma, the district education officer, said 40% of learner's performance is influenced by the teachers but the remaining 60% is a result of learner's personal discoveries, which needs support from the parents. "Our children rely entirely on teachers. But they need more assistance from and parents, who play a pivotal role in their performance, because they are the facilitators of academics," Okuma said.



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