

Head teachers get refresher training

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KOTIDO. Head teachers in Karamoja and Teso sub-regions have been retrained in a bid to improve the academic performance in primary schools.

The Education ministry's assistant commissioner, Mr Jonathan Kamwana, said the training aimed at equipping teachers with new skills

to improve learner outcome for the children, especially from Primary one to Primary Three.

"The programme is intended to improve the quality of learning for learners because many of the pupils cannot read and write. This will address the persistent poor academic performance recorded Primary Leaving Examination results," Mr Kamwana said while closing the training at Kotido Primary Teacher's College at the weekend.

The participants were drawn from

Teso and Karamoja sub-regions and they were taken through literacy teaching in the five-day refresher training, sponsored by the Global Partnership for Education [GPE] and supervised by World Bank.

The teachers also got guidebooks to support teaching of the thematic curriculum and they were trained in various fields, including leadership management and mobilisation.

The head teacher of Awariwar Primary School, Ms Gorrete Igo, said they will use the skills gained to

improve the reading culture among the pupils.

"This training has been instrumental and timely to us," he said.

Mr Simon Aromait, the head teacher of Odudui Primary School, applauded the ministry for the training, but said other factors, including lack of enough infrastructures and negative perception by parents towards education, should also be addressed.

"The training was quite commendable because it emphasised reading, which skill have been missing but others factors should also be addressed," he said.