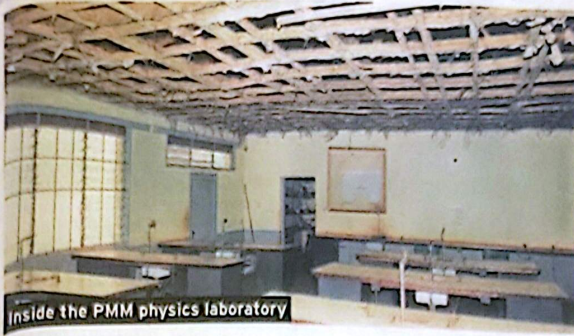
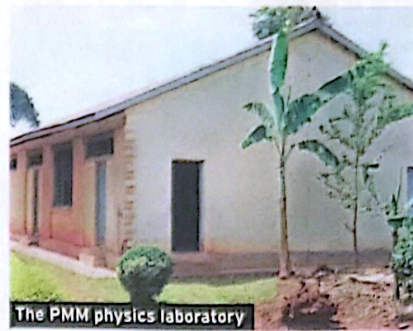


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Inside the PMM physics laboratory



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PMM Girls School needs sh70m to renovate lab

By Donald Kiirya

The Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, has urged headteachers to produce global citizens with skills to compete for international jobs.

Speaking at the launch of a fundraising drive for the renovation of the physics laboratory at Parvatiben Muljibhai Madhvani (PMM) Girls in Jinja last week, Kadaga said one of the strategies to give students a competitive edge on the global scene is to equip them with a second international language.

"Global means you could get a job and work in Australia, Iceland, Denmark and Abu Dhabi. So the question is to you students, how many foreign languages can you speak?" Kadaga asked students and alumni of PMM Girls School.

She urged the headmistress, Immaculate Epenu, to create a global citizen among students by teaching them international languages like French, German and Latin and not speak Lusoga and English only.

"If you go to United Nations for a job, they need someone who knows how to speak more than one international language," the Speaker said.

Kadaga, who is also the Kamuli Woman MP, inspired the old girls of the school and participants to raise sh48m in cash and pledges for the renovation of laboratory. The total project cost is sh70m. Kadaga contributed sh10m towards the project and pledged another sh10m from the Busoga Parliamentary Caucus.

The function was also attended by Busoga Kingdom prime minister Dr Joseph Muvawala and Busoga diocesan Bishop Rev. Can. Samson Paul Naimanhye. Muvawala, who is also the executive director of National Planning Authority, contributed sh3m.



Naimanhe (left) handing over thanksgiving offertory to Kadaga he collected from Christians towards renovation of the Parvatiben Muljibhai Madhvani Girls School physics laboratory



Kadaga (in gomesi) posing with the alumni of PMM Girls school in Jinja last week

Petra Sansa Tenywa, the chairperson of the PMM Girls School Alumni Association, said the Madhvani Group, the founders of the school have pledged to match the funds raised penny for penny. She reiterated the alumni's resolve to fulfil their planned activities starting with renovation of the physics

laboratory. Epenu, who joined the school four years ago, said besides renovation of the laboratory, all buildings at the school, including the administration block are in dire need of a facelift.

"If you had time to walk around the school, one would need gumboots to be safe," Epenu stated before Kadaga.

History of PMM

The school is named after the great grandmother of the Madhvanis.

"If you are to honour a great woman, Parvatiben, you must do something unique. It is my humble request you recognise her by building a new physics laboratory and equip it instead of renovating the old one," Kadaga told Jim Kabeho, a director in Madhvani Group and asked him to inform the Madhvani family about the request.

Kadaga urged the Madhvani Group to do more to honour their mother by constructing a new Physics laboratory. Muvawala, encouraged students to become good people in their country, adding that Busoga Kingdom also supports the girl-child education through giving bursaries to the vulnerable.