

KCCA to retrain all lower primary school teachers

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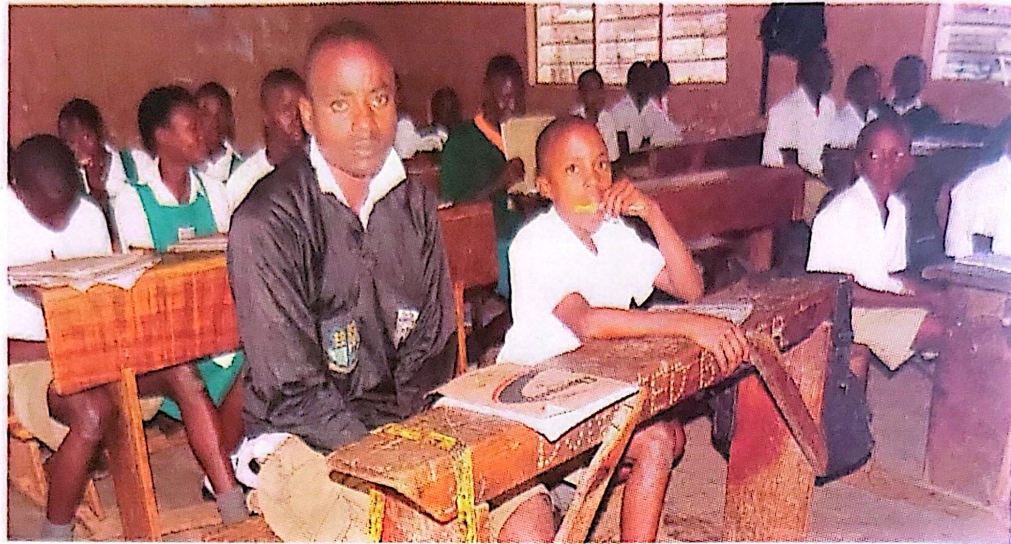
KAMPALA. Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) has said they have designed a programme to equip lower primary school teachers with 21st Century teaching skills to improve the quality of learning in public schools.

Ms Jennifer Musisi, the KCCA executive director, while responding to questions regarding the squalid and pathetic state of their schools yesterday, said they are discussing with the Aga Khan Foundation to equip teachers around the country with the 21st Century teaching skills.

"As KCCA management we have already signed it off. We are waiting for the ministry of Education to implement it because this is a national programme designed by KCCA targeting teachers in nursery and lower primary schools," she said while receiving proceeds of the 2017 NSSF marathon to improve learning facilities for Nakivubo Settlement School.

Just like all government schools across the country, many were founded by faith based organisations. District local governments which manage them, offer free primary school education. In Kampala, KCCA manages 79 schools.

Compared to private schools, they own better learning infrastructure like classrooms and



Studying. Kevin Matovu Abas a 17-year-old pupil in Primary Five sits with other pupils in Nakivubo Settlement Primary School yesterday. PHOTO BY STEPHEN OTAGE

play spaces needed for learning. Ironically, one wonders whether any learning takes place there because most of them still operate the way they were formed where pupils were taught using tools like the abacus and chalk

boards.

Many parents and pupils go there to pass time, instead of learning using modern Information Technology based systems that prepare pupils to fit into the global village.

While handing over Shs131m donation, Mr Richard Byarugaba, the National Social Security Fund managing director, said despite improvements KCCA is making in the city, whenever he travels to other cities, he sees developments that need to be brought back home and it requires joint efforts.

"Last year, we collected Shs65m. This year, we doubled it to Shs131m and next year, I hope it doubles to Shs260m. We call upon other companies

to join and support the cause to improve our education standards," he said.

He advised Ms Musisi to desist from asking for cash support. He advised her to solicit material support from companies such as those dealing in roofing materials, cement and paint which would have a bigger impact.

Ms Mariam Aloikin, the school head teacher, said the school, which was established in 1954, was built by Asians to help poor Ugandans who could not afford their education to get some form of education.

Dr Akim Okuni, the Aga Khan Foundation Country manager, confirmed the development but he was not committal on exactly what they are supposed to do.

21ST CENTURY SKILLS

- Collaboration and teamwork
- Creativity and imagination
- Critical thinking
- Imagination
- Learning and innovation
- Information, Media and Technology skills
- Life and Career skills