

primary production, processing, certification and value addition of agricultural products.

Oba Lwanga, a senior economist in the financial services department of the finance ministry, said that

INAADS, Operation Wealth Creation, into one pool, to capitalise the co-operative bank.

He said the programmes were not benefiting the farmers to the intended target.

KCCA gives 48 schools deadline

By Juliet Waiswa

Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) has given owners of the 48 schools which are facing closure up to February 5 this year to improve their standards or else they lose their licences.

During a meeting held with the 48 heads of schools on Monday in the office of the director of education services, the teachers were warned that if they do not abide by the set KCCA standards, KCCA will also block parents from taking their children to the schools.

"KCCA met the headteachers and told them to comply with our standards and that if they fail, we shall tell parents not to take their children to the said schools," the director of public and corporate affairs, Peter Kaujju said.

The affected schools, according to Kaujju, fall short of basic requirements and minimum standards as specified by the Ministry of Education and Sports (MOES).

The closure that takes immediate effect in nursery, primary and secondary schools, comes just a few weeks to the beginning of this year's school term.

"These schools were inspected and found to have dilapidated and unsafe infrastructure,

inadequate sanitation facilities and untrained teachers, in addition to operating without licences," the communique issued by KCCA reads.

KCCA, through the Directorate of Education and Social Services performs the quality assurance functions, through school inspection and monitoring.

Through the processes, the Education Act, 2008 provides for the closure of schools where safety, health and security of learners is at stake.

School heads speak out

"It is true we met with KCCA officials and they asked all school owners to rectify their problem by January 25. We have already started our renovation and are just waiting for KCCA to inspect," one of the directors of Children Corner Stone, who only identified herself as Nkalubo, said.

Nkalubo said some schools which did not have enough space for pupils were to relocate. She, however, said some schools may fail to meet KCCA's demands.

The head of Seven Hills International, Laura M. Reilly, said KCCA's concerns were basically security and safety for the pupils, adding that her school had fixed all that KCCA requested of her.