

Primary school heads seek leadership training

WAKISO

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Headteachers of primary schools have requested for specialised leadership training, to enable them enhance their professionalism and efficiency.

They argued that many of them are appointed to the office because of their co-curricular talents and charisma, which do not necessarily reflect competence in educational management.

Ismael Luzinda, the headteacher of Kireka UMEA, said: "Many of us manage our schools without adequate leadership skills. We studied school administration when we were being trained as teachers. However, at that time, we were studying with the aim of passing the examinations. Currently, we are in the field and need leadership training workshops to acquire the relevant information and skills for our day-to-day



Fredrick Kiyingi

administrative activities."

The headteachers made the request during a leadership training seminar, which was organised at Mount of Olives College, Kakiri in Wakiso district last week.

The school organised and sponsored the seminar, which attracted over 600 headteachers from the districts of Wakiso, Kampala and Mukono.

The Wakiso district education officer, Fredrick Kiyingi, urged headteachers to take advantage

of every available opportunity for leadership training.

"Our schools need to be managed properly. Headteachers and their teachers must work as a team. Systems are also preferable to undue bureaucracy and red tape. If you are not in office, please delegate responsibilities to other teachers in the school. Do not move with the office. If you have duties outside school, assign someone your role at school," Kiyingi told the teachers.

The principal of Mount of Olives College, Regina Laboke, said her school organised the seminar with the aim of improving academic excellence in primary schools.

"Primary schools are our feeder schools. We thus feel obliged to help the headteachers to improve their management and administrative skills, so as to produce competent students at Primary Leaving Examinations," she said.