

Female teachers sexually harassed, DEO tells ActionAid

PALLISA

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Sexual harassment of female teachers in Pallisa district has affected equitable distribution of teachers in schools and has also resulted in the poor attendance of girls due to the absence of senior women teachers in some schools, John Francis Okuma, the Pallisa district education officer, has said.

"In Opeti Primary School, for example, many girls have dropped out of school, because there are few female teachers," Okuma noted.

He made the remarks at a service delivery accountability meeting organised by ActionAid Uganda, in Pallisa district. Shiba Namalindwa, an ActionAid programme officer, said they arranged the meeting, following an outcry over poor service delivery.

Okuma said over 20 teachers had reported cases of sexual harassment by colleagues to his office.

