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Musana schools: Where learning meets practical life skills

BUDAKA. There have been concerns that the competence based learning system is not reaching out to schools in upcountry areas. However, a tour of Musana Nursery and Primary Schools, spread through the districts of Budaka, Iganga, Kaliro, Kamuli and Mayuge, shows that teachers there are going beyond academics to deliberately build practical life skills among learners.

According to the Musana Nursery

and Primary School-Budaka campus headteacher, Ms Esther Agwang, the learning process goes beyond memorising.

"It is about equipping learners with practical skills they can carry into their future," Ms Agwang said.

"We teach both practical skills and theory subjects to empower our learners set for the future."

She adds the newly established school has a staggering enrolment of 188 pupils mostly targeting the vulnerable children within the communities.

Take 13 year-old Grace, for example. In a typical day at Musana Nursery and Primary school-Budaka campus, she starts with the theory subjects, but by mid-morning, she is learning hairdressing. "I used to think school was on-

ly about tests," Grace admits. "Now I feel like I'm learning how to live, not just study."

Ms Agwang explained that the school undertakes plumbing, tailoring, hairdressing and agriculture as core to empower learners with these practical skills to better their future.

She further explained that her teachers also play the role of mentors, guid-

ing learners to discover their strengths and passion.

"We want our learners to leave school not only with academic success, but with the skills to navigate life independently" she further emphasized.

The Musana Community development organization have so far established 6 primary schools, 3 secondary schools.

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