

Apac wants at least four female teachers in each school

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Leaders and technocrats in Apac district have come up with tough regulations to strengthen the education of girls through balancing the number of female to male teachers in schools.

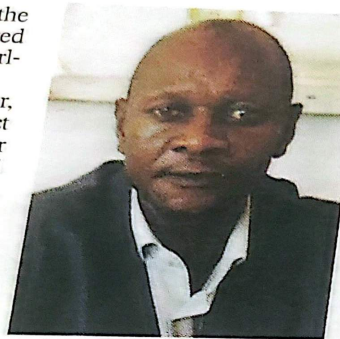
During the fourth council meeting held at district scouts hall last week, Geoffrey Eling, the secretary for education and health, stressed the need for balancing the number of female teachers in all primary schools across the district.

Eling, who represents Cawente sub-county, said this

would bridge the gap in the education of girls as stipulated in the UN convention on girl-child education.

"Starting next academic year, every school in Apac district should have a minimum of four female teachers and it should focus on the rural schools, where the education for girls is not being taken seriously," he said.

Eling said the female teachers will be role models to young girls. "When you do not have enough female teachers, it may create the impression in girls that they are not meant to study, but when they see female teachers, it will motivate them to remain in



Education officer Okunyu

school," he added.

Billy Okunyu, the district education officer, said they have reduced the cases of

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unprofessionalism among teachers and called on parents to embrace it.

The farmers in Kumi district said they have been lagging

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Okunyu said there is a funding deficit in the education sector and parents should be involved in the education cycle. "We are aware of the social problems, but these should not be reason for parents not to buy essentials for their children and provide development funds for the school," he said.

Statistics

Apac district had 1,668 primary school teachers, working in 114 government-aided primary schools, with a 1:14 school teacher ratio. Of these, 567 are females.

However, in July 2016, when Apac town council was elevated to municipality status,

12 schools were carved out with 175 teachers, 50 of whom are females.

Currently, the greater Apac district has remained with 102 schools, with 1,498 teachers; 519 of whom are females.

Andrew Omu, the district inspector of schools, said there is a huge gap in schools, with a high enrolment of girls in lower classes and a lower one in the upper ones.

According to the 2016 statistics, total enrolment in P1 was 121,000 pupils, 52,300 of whom were girls.

Out of the 93 registered candidates who did not show up for final exams, 51 were girls and 41 boys.