

Government committed to universalise education, Literacy

The State Minister for Elderly Affairs, Dominic Gidudu Mafwabi has said that the government is committed to universalizing education, literacy and training in communities.

Gidudu said that government has so far taken steps in making education accessible through introduction of Universal Primary education and Universal Secondary education.

He was speaking today during the international Literacy day celebrations held at the district headquarters under theme ‘Transforming literacy learning spaces’

“The government has and continues to implement programmes to universalise education, literacy and training. It has done this through programmes such as Functional Adult Literacy, UPE, USE and complementary education projects and Integrated Community Learning for Wealth Creation (ICOLEW)” Gidudu said.

Gidudu said although the government has registered some achievements in eradicating illiteracy, a lot has to be done to improve on literacy levels.

“In Uganda, about 1.8 million men and 8.2 million women are non-literate. Of these, 93% live in rural areas and only 7% in urban centres,” Gidudu said adding that about 80% of older women are illiterate compared to 41% of men aged 60 years and above,” Gidudu said.

Illiteracy level among persons with disabilities is still high with 64.7% of them aged 13 years and above not have completed primary education.

Focusing on adult literacy, Gidudu said that government has embarked on enrolling integrated community learning for wealth creation programme in the whole country. The programme was piloted in the districts of Namayingo, Nwoya, Iganga and Mpigi with support from the Ministry of Gender, Labour and social development in partnership with DVV International.

The District chairperson, Ronald Sanya commended the government and development partners for the support towards the improvement of literacy in the district.

During celebrations, the minister commissioned two community learning centres of Madowa in Buswale and Butajja in Buyinja sub counties. In the same event, a total of 490 adult learners who completed the ICOLEW cycle were graduated.

The woman Member of Parliament for Namayingo district Margret Makhoha urged residents to embrace both formal and informal education



The minister of State for Elderly Affairs Dominic Gidudu Mafwabi commissions Madowa Community learning centre in Buswale sub county during the International Literacy day celebrations on Thursday.

