



**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS**

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**A) DISTRIBUTION OF S.1 AND S.2 TEXTBOOKS FOR THE REVISED LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

The Ministry has procured S.1 and S.2 textbooks for the Revised Lower Secondary School Curriculum which was rolled out starting academic year 2020 with the S.1 Class. Relatedly, the Ministry of Education and Sports would like to clarify and inform the public as follows:

1. These textbooks are being distributed to all government and private Secondary Schools as per the data in the Education Management Information System (EMIS) of 2017. This explains some Secondary Schools that will not be able to be availed the textbooks during this distribution cycle.
2. We are aiming at achieving a student-to-textbook ratio of 3 learners per textbook for the Core Subjects English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geography, History and Political Education. On the other hand, for the non-core subjects the textbooks shall be distributed to attain a student-to-textbook ratio of 6 to 1.
3. Of the materials each school shall receive, 80 percent are textbooks for regular use whereas 20 percent of the materials consist of textbooks for reference purposes.
4. Relatedly, each school shall receive materials from three suppliers as follows: Supplier A will provide the 80 percent textbooks, Supplier B and C shall supply 15 percent and 5 percent to make 20 percent of the reference materials. Therefore, since all the suppliers are not using the same distribution means, Schools should expect not to receive 100 percent of the materials at the same time.
5. The publishers are expected to deliver the textbooks to the school door as per contract. The distribution is to be finalized by the end of February 2022.

6. We are experiencing late completion of the distribution exercise than anticipated. More than 80 percent of our supplies were held up during the strike of truck drivers at Malaba border which has since come to an end.
7. The delivery of the textbooks for S.1 and S.2 is intended to quality assure implementation of the Revised Lower Secondary School curriculum. Other textbooks that are used for the old curriculum may be utilized as reference materials where applicable.
8. We appeal to all stakeholders especially Local Governments, RDCs, Members of Parliament to support the Ministry by being vigilant in ensuring that schools that are expected to receive the textbooks do so and in the correct quantities as per the distribution list which has been uploaded on our Ministry's website.
9. Schools shall not have received any textbooks by end of February are advised to write to the Permanent Secretary by providing the details of the school including the enrolment of students in all Classes.
10. The procurement of S.3 and S.4 textbooks for the cohorts that shall be using the Revised Lower Secondary Curriculum in those levels is in the final stages. These books are expected in schools before the next School Academic Year commences.

#### **B) COMMISSIONING OF SEED SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

Government of Uganda started the construction of 117 Seed Secondary Schools under the first Phase of the Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfers Program for Results (UgIFT) in calendar year 2019. Of the 117, sixty-nine are ready for commissioning in addition to the one earlier commissioned by His Excellency the President.

1. The summary of the ready schools per region are as follows:

- i. Ankole: - 07
- ii. Buganda: - 13
- iii. Bukedi: - 04
- iv. Bunyoro: - 04
- v. Busoga: - 06
- vi. Elgon: - 04
- vii. Karamoja: - 05
- viii. Kigezi: - 04
- ix. Lango: - 08
- x. Teso: - 07
- xi. Tooro: - 04
- xii. West Nile: 03

Region	District	Seed Secondary School
Ankole	Buhweju	1. Kyankanda Seed School
Ankole	Bushenyi	2. Bumbaire Seed School
Ankole	Kiruhura	3. Nyakasharara Seed School
Ankole	Mbarara	4. Bukiiro Seed School
Ankole	Mitooma	5. Mayanga Seed School
Ankole	Rubirizi	6. Ryeru Seed School
Ankole	Sheema	7. Kigarama Seed School
Buganda	Buikwe	8. Ssugu Seed School
Buganda	Kalungu	9. Lukaya Seed School
Buganda	Kassanda	10. Manyogaseka Seed School
Buganda	Kayunga	11. Nazigo Seed School
Buganda	Luwero	12. Katikamu Seed School
Buganda	Lwengo	13. Lwengo Seed S.S.
Buganda	Lyantonde	14. Mpumudde Seed School
Buganda	Mpigi	15. Kiringente Seed School
Buganda	Mubende	16. Kigando Seed School
Buganda	Mukono	17. Kimenyedde Seed School
Buganda	Nakaseke	18. Nakaseke Seed School
Buganda	Rakai	19. Samson Kalibbala Seed S.S.
Buganda	Wakiso	20. Sumbwe Seed School
Bukedi	Butaleja	21. Nkwasi Seed School
Bukedi	Butebo	22. Kanginima Seed School
Bukedi	Pallisa	23. Olok Seed School
Bukedi	Tororo	24. Malaba Seed School
Bunyoro	Buliisa	25. Ngwedo Seed School
Bunyoro	Kagadi	26. Kiryanga Seed School

Region	District	Seed Secondary School
Bunyoro	Kibaale	27. Mugarama Seed School
Bunyoro	Masindi	28. Budongo Seed School
Busoga	Bugiri	29. Iwemba Seed School
Busoga	Bugweri	30. Naigombwa Seed School
Busoga	Iganga	31. Nawanyingi Seed School
Busoga	Mayuge	32. Mpungwe Seed School
Busoga	Namayingo	33. Mwema Seed School
Busoga	Namutumba	34. Namutumba Seed School
Elgon	Bukwo	35. Kaptererwo Seed School
Elgon	Bulambuli	36. Bunambutye Seed School
Elgon	Namisindwa	37. Mukuto Seed School
Elgon	Sironko	38. Bumirisa Seed School Buteza
Karamoja	Abim	39. Nakwae Seed School
Karamoja	Kotido	40. Panyangara Seed School
Karamoja	Moroto	41. Rupa Seed School
Karamoja	Nabilatuk	42. Lolachat Seed School
Karamoja	Nakapiripirit	43. Nakapiripirit Seed School
Kigezi	Kabale	44. Buhara Seed School
Kigezi	Kisoro	45. Nyakinama Seed School
Kigezi	Rubanda	46. Nyamweru Seed School
Kigezi	Rukiga	47. Rwamucucu Seed School
Lango	Alebtong	48. Abia Seed S.S.
Lango	Amolatar	49. Muntu Seed School
Lango	Apac	50. Apac Seed School
Lango	Dokolo	51. Batta Seed School
Lango	Kole	52. Okwelodot Seed School

Region	District	Seed Secondary School
Lango	Kwania	53. Aduku Seed School
Lango	Lira	54. Agali Seed School
Lango	Otuke	55. Ogoro Seed School
Teso	Bukedea	56. Kabarwa Seed School
Teso	Kalaki	57. Kakure Seed S.S.
Teso	Katakwi	58. Palam Seed S.S.
Teso	Kumi	59. Kumi Seed S.S.
Teso	Ngora	60. Ngora Seed S.S.
Teso	Serere	61. Kadungulu Seed School
Teso	Soroti	62. Asuret Seed School
Tooro	Bundibugyo	63. Kisuba Seed School
Tooro	Kabarole	64. Kasenda Seed School
Tooro	Kamwenge	65. Bwizi Seed School
Tooro	Ntoroko	66. Nombe Seed School
West Nile	Nebbi	67. Atego Seed School
West Nile	Pakwach	68. Alwi Seed School
West Nile	Zombo	69. Atyak Seed School

2. When a school that is ready for commissioning, it means that all the infrastructure that was set to be built is now in place and complete.
3. The Schedule for commissioning shall be released within the coming days.
4. These schools are already operational; implying that they are admitting learners and government has already availed them with:
  - a. Capitation grants for at least 240 learners for the start and shall be increased once the CAOs inform us of the actual enrollment.
  - b. Each school has some teachers out of the expected target of thirty-one. The Education Service Commission has promised to conclude the recruitment process by end of February 2022.

5. Lastly, we have received some reports that some schools have converted some classrooms into dormitories. This is not acceptable. All the Seed Secondary Schools under UgIFT are not boarding facilities except where express permission was granted by His Excellency the President. We therefore call upon the Chief Administrative Officers and Town Clerks to ensure that no Seed Secondary School is converted into a boarding facility without evidence of written permission from His Excellency the President and knowledge of the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Education and Sports.

**C) EDUCATION POLICY REVIEW COMMISSION:**

1. We would like to appreciate the public for the enthusiasm with which the call for participation in the Education Policy Review process has received.
2. The Commission has since sent out formal requests for Memoranda to over eight hundred various individual and institutional stakeholders. These include individual Members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Parliament, government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, local governments, non-state actors among others.
3. Once again, we encourage those who have received the call for submission of Memoranda to seize this opportunity to make their contribution on what needs to be done to make the Education and Sports system in our country become the catalyst for social-economic transformation.

I thank you.

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