

Nadowli-Kaleo District donates school uniforms, laptops to Sankana Girls Model JHS

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THE Sankana Girls Model Junior High School in the Nadowli-Kaleo District of the Upper West Region, has received 50 pieces of school uniforms and 10 laptop computers from the district assembly.

The support was to help address some of the challenges confronting the first batch of girls admitted to the school and also facilitate the teaching and learning of Information Communications Technology (ICT) among the girls.

Presenting the items to the school, the District Chief Executive (DCE), Madam Katherine Lankono said, as part of measures to retain the girl child in school, government through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection had rolled out a programme to establish a model girls school, in each district of the country.

She explained that the Model School Programme was to provide at least a first class educational facility mainly dedicated to seeing to the academic progression and development of the girl child at the district level.

Madam Lankono said, apart from that, government intended to reduce the dropout rate of girls at

the basic school level by grooming girls who got the opportunity to be enrolled at the model schools to act as role models in their respective communities.

She noted that as part of the package each of the model schools would have boarding facility which would enable the girls stay on campus to be trained and supported to ensure that they continue their education to whichever level they desire.

"With the model schools every encouragement in terms of material and psychological needs will be given to the beneficiary girls to ensure that they stay in school," she added.

Madam Lankono, therefore, advised the first batch of beneficiaries to take advantage of the opportunity given them and study hard to achieve their hearts' desires.

The District Director of Education, Mr Valentine Domapiella on his part said, it was important that all districts upheld the concept of Model Junior High School for girls in their respective districts.

He said the concept sought to bridge the existing gap between education of the girl child and the boy child in the country.

Mr Domapiella said the District Directorate of Education was

grateful for the support offered by the District Assembly since the school was faced with teething challenges.

He noted that the challenges were anticipated since the concept was a new one being rolled out, however, with the support of all stakeholders, these challenges would be surmounted and make it a first class education centre for

girls in the district.

The pioneering headmistress of the school, Madam Christiana Kuuyangna said she was very happy to have been given the opportunity as the first headteacher of the school which was a novelty.

According to her the prospect of the school was very encouraging and the first batch of beneficiary girls have already

started showing promising signs of excelling.

She, therefore, appealed to all stakeholders to put their shoulders to the wheel to make the school one of the best model schools in the region and the country as a whole. The school was constructed in November last year and has an enrollment figure of 35 girls as the pioneers.



• Madam Lankono presenting a school uniform to a beneficiary. Looking on are Mr Valentine Domapiella (right) and Madam Christiana Kuuyangna (middle)