

Uncertainty as candidates miss PLE

KABAROLE

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Eleven pupils at Kamabale Primary School in Kabarole district missed last year's Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE), raising concerns about their future. Of the 121 registered pupils, nine were girls.

PARENTS SPEAK OUT

Parents and community members cited child marriages and financial hardship as the

likely causes.

Bright Tedeo, a resident of Kamale village in Karangura, said: "Some of the children could have got married days before the exams. Most parents think of marriage more than anything else for their children."

Evelyn Kansime, another resident of Kamale village, added: "When it is time for exams, children are disturbed a lot as they are chased for fees, which results in poor performance at the end of the term. Many parents could have failed to raise the money,

Kamabale Primary School in Karangura sub-county, Kabarole district, where 11 pupils missed last year's PLE



forcing their children to miss the final exams."

Kamale village women chairperson Evelyn Kemigisa said: "These pupils registered

for the exams, but parents fail to get the money. Some parents have two children in Primary Seven, which is too expensive for them."

Kabarole inspector of schools William Butembuzi said: "We told the headteacher that parents who cannot pay fees should be forced. Their

MAJOR ISSUES

Education challenges in Karangura also include shortage of teachers. District education officer Joseph Rujumba said: "Through these workshops, we are engaging all stakeholders so that the message is reinforced at every level."

children should continue studying. Most pupils come from poor households."