

# FIRST LADY CALLS FOR **TIGHT MONITORING** OF CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT SCORES

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**W**hile the education ministry entrusted schools to mark students and send scores to the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) for the 20% scores under the continuous assessment, many schools have abused the provision.

Following an investigation by UNEB, which found that some schools with no computers were scoring learners for computer studies, the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Mrs Janet Museveni, has ordered for tight regulations on continuous assessment scores. According to Mrs Museveni, all loopholes must be closed and the responsible entities must ensure that continuous assessment is monitored.

## TIGHT GRIP ON MONITORING SCHOOLS

The First Lady has since instructed UNEB, the National Curriculum Development Centre (NCDC) and the education ministry Directorate of Education Standards to intensify monitoring of schools.

"An area which UNEB has reported about that needs more emphasis is the continuous assessment – how it is conducted, and the timely submission of the scores," she said. The education minister made the call on Friday

**Dan Nokrach Odongo, the Executive Director of UNEB and Prof. Celestino Obua UNEB Chairperson hand over the 2025 UCE results to the First Lady and Minister of Education Mrs Museveni at State House Nakasero yesterday**



## 20%

**Increase in candidates registered for 2025 UCE exams**

while releasing of the 2025 Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) examination results at State House Nakasero in Kampala.

Several dignitaries in the education sector, including Ministers of State for Education,

such as Dr John Chrysostom Muyingo (higher education), Dr Joyce Moriku Kaducu (primary education), Peter Ogwang (sports) and the ministry permanent Secretary Dr Kedrace Turyagyenda, attended.

## UCE PERFORMANCE

The First Lady said it was gratifying that the country has released the second cohort of learners that have completed Senior Four under the new competence-based curriculum rolled out in 2020.

According to Mrs Museveni, the 20% increase in number of

UCE candidates is evidence that government's call and investment for children to remain in school is finally paying off. The increase, she said, could be attributed to the low absenteeism, which was recorded at 0.5%, which clearly indicates that more children who transitioned from Primary to Lower Secondary level four years ago, stayed in school, until the end of O'level.

However, Mrs Museveni said the ministry is yet to ascertain whether the increase and retention of learners up to O'level was due to the introduction of the competence-based curriculum.

## THE NEW CURRICULUM

Under the new lower secondary school curriculum, the education ministry rolled out different assessments for learners, conducted at both school and national (UNEB) level. According to the curriculum framework, the assessments include formative assessment conducted during the learning process within the classroom, which contributes 20% of the total score.

The other assessment is the end of cycle cumulative assessment administered by UNEB and marked out of 80%.

Under continuous assessment, learners are subjected to an exercise at the end of every topic in what is known as activities of integration. The respective schools are required to record and keep the students' scores right from Senior One and send them to UNEB at Senior Three. UNEB reserves the right to determine the final score after verification.

The education minister lauded the NCDC for its planned investigation, which will be conducted in the next financial year (2026/27) to examine the implementation and benefits of the curriculum, in comparison with the previous one.

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