

# NEWSLETTER

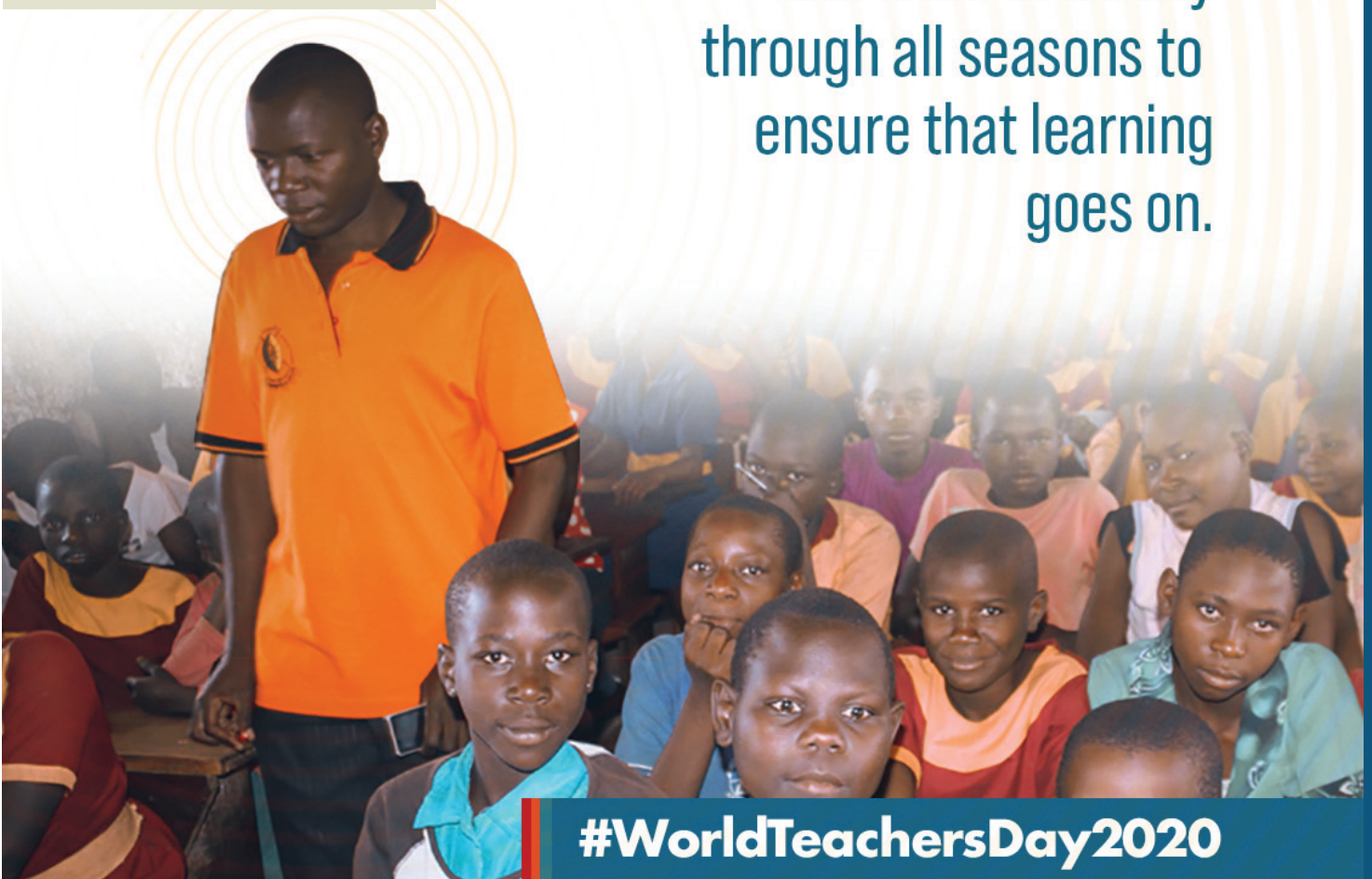
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Promoting Equitable Quality Education in Uganda

“ALL CHILDREN  
LEARNING AND  
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FULL POTENTIAL.”

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**#WorldTeachersDay2020**

## WELCOME TO THE 4TH ISSUE OF OUR NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the October/November issue of the Uwezo Uganda Newsletter. Last month was World Teachers' Day, and on that note we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all educators out there without whose tremendous work and sacrifice our sector of education would not be the same.

Also notable from last month, our Executive Director was elected new Chairperson of Kyambogo University Council. Please scroll to read details of this and more.

Huge thanks to you all who take time out of your schedules to catch up with our activities. As we all continue to make our respective contributions, we remind you to please wear a mask, keep a social distance and stay safe until we have defeated the pandemic.

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# UWEZO UGANDA NEWS UPDATES

## WEBSITE IS LIVE

The Uwezo Uganda website is up, running and buzzing with information on all our projects and assessments. Please follow [uwezouganda.org](http://uwezouganda.org) to check it out. Feel free to leave us feedback through our email, telephone or social media contacts, all of which are provided at the bottom of our landing page. We look forward to hearing from you!

## CONTINUED LEARNING SMS CAMPAIGN

Uwezo Uganda is running an SMS campaign on safeguarding against Covid-19 and supporting children's continued learning during school lockdown. We are sending specific call-to-action messages to partners and feedback prompts. With this, we aim to make a modest contribution to learning continuity and safeguarding of children during the pandemic.

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From **Uwezo UG** - Here is a paragraph which you can ask your child to read to you

Peter and Jane have a dog.  
They love their dog.  
They always give it bones.  
The dog loves playing with Peter and Jane.

*One of the messages sent out last week*

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE EDUCATION DEBATE THROUGH LOCAL MEDIA

Uwezo Uganda is regularly consulted by the local media to give an independent opinion on current education issues. To that end, we were sourced for the Independent Magazine article on [Mental Health Challenge for Re-opening Schools](#).

We were also interviewed on KFM radio for the Hot Seat talk show, as well as on the Sanyu FM news about the phased school reopening which began this month, and what that means for children's learning following a prolonged period of school closure.

# UWEZO UGANDA ACTIVITIES

## PARTNERING IN YEAR 0 EDUCATION OUT LOUD (EOL) PROJECT

During September-October 2020, Uwezo Uganda partnered with the People's Action for Learning (PAL) Network and ASER Pakistan in undertaking the Year Zero activities that fed into the development and submission of the full proposal to Education Out Loud (EoL) for Awaaz ("voice" in Urdu) Project.

In Year 0, we contributed to policy analysis on inclusion and we adapted the International Common Assessment of Numeracy (ICAN) tool and pretested it with children with hearing impairments and children in refugee settlements in Mukono and Yumbe districts.

Project Awaaz aims to promote inclusive education in the Global South through evidence-informed advocacy by transnational alliances and citizen agency in 10+ PAL Network countries.



*Uwezo volunteers trialing the ICAN tool with a child in a refugee settlement.*

## REGIONAL LEARNING SESSION AND RESEARCH

The Uwezo team participated in qualitative research training in preparation for the contextualization study of the Assessment of Life Skills and Values in East Africa (ALiVE) project in which Uwezo will be partnering.

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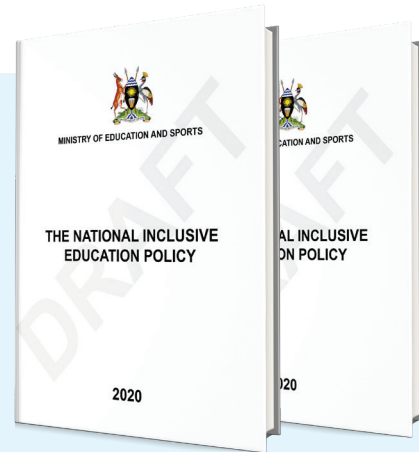
## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

We are consistently pursuing strong systems and a sound internal control environment to ensure that the organisation and stakeholder resources are safeguarded. During this period, we reached out to auditors, received bids, successfully evaluated and a report presented to the board for approval.

An audit firm was approved to conduct an internal audit of Uwezo Uganda for the period January to September 2020. The audit will happen during the last quarter of 2020. We are hopeful that at the end of the exercise, we shall come out better and stronger for current and future times.

## STAKEHOLDERS WORKSHOP ON INCLUSIVE LEARNING

We participated in an awareness-raising workshop for Civil Society Organisations by the Uganda Society for Disabled Children in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Sports-Special Needs and Inclusive Education Department. The Draft National Inclusive Education (NIE) policy was discussed then. This policy seeks to ensure that all learners can have access, realise progress and achieve results in Uganda's education system.



## UWEZO ED ELECTED CHAIRPERSON OF KYAMBOGO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

We congratulate our Executive Director, Dr Mary Goretti Nakabugo, who was recently elected Chairperson of Kyambogo University Council. [Kyambogo](#) is a leading public university in Uganda in the areas of teacher education, special needs education, vocational education and hands-on engineering with over 51,000 students at the campus and in its affiliated institutions. Goretti has become the first woman to Chair Kyambogo University

Council since the formation of the university in 2003 following a merger of the former Uganda Polytechnic Kyambogo (UPK), the Institute of Teacher Education, Kyambogo (ITEK), and the Uganda National Institute of Special Education (UNISE). Uwezo is thrilled to be associated with a university that is at the forefront of research and development of the much needed human resource for the education sector in Uganda.



*Dr Mary Goretti Nakabugo swears in as the new Chairperson of Kyambogo University Council for a four-year term, 2020-2024. The event, which took place on 30th October 2020, was presided over by His Worship Samuel Emokor, a Registrar of the High Court of Uganda.*







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