Telephone: 256 41 4707 000 : 256 41 4232 095

: 256 41 4230 163 : 256 41 4343 023

: 256 41 4341 286 Email : finance@finance.go.ug

Website : www.finance.go.ug

In any correspondence on this subject please quote No. ISS. 48/256/01

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development Plot 2-12, Apollo Kaggwa Road P.O. Box 8147 Kampala **Uganda**

7th December, 2020

All Accounting Officers, Local Governments.

The Executive Director. Kampala Capital City Authority, KAMPALA.

MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS RELEASED TO UPE AND USE SCHOOLS IN QUARTER FOUR OF FY 2019/20

Following our circular of even reference dated 22nd July, 2020 related to the above subject, this Ministry has received several correspondences regarding the return of UPE and USE capitation grants to the Uganda Consolidated Fund (UCF) and in some cases relating the matter to the operations of schools in FY 2020/21.

Further reference is made to the letter Ref: MES/MIN/12 dated 2nd September, 2020 in which the First Lady and Hon. Minister of Education and Sports requested this Ministry to allow schools retain the funds released in the Fourth Quarter of FY 2019/20 given that most of them had ongoing commitments such as payment of utilities, security, maintenance works, among others.

My Ministry has noted that some Local Governments have gone ahead to attach part of the funds released for Candidate classes in FY 2020/21 to recover the funds not remitted by the concerned schools to the UCF which is an erroneous action.

Therefore, all Local Government Accounting Officers are advised as follows:

- The funds released to facilitate the ongoing Candidate classes whose funding i. is part of the budget for FY 2020/21, should not be used to offset the unremitted Fourth Quarter release;
- The issue of return of funds to the Consolidated Fund, following the circular ii. referred to above or accountability of funds by those schools which spent the money, should be handled as part of the Final Accounts for FY 2019/20. This has no effect on the operations for FY 2020/21; and
- It is your responsibility as an Accounting Officer to ensure all the schools iii. access the funds released this financial year for effective running of the Candidate classes including compliance with the COVID-19 SOPs

By copy of this letter, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Sports is according informed.

Patrick Ocailap

FOR: PERMANENT SECRETARY/SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

CC: The First Lady and Hon. Minister of Education and Sports.

CC: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

CC: The Auditor General.

CC : The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Sports.
CC : The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government.
CC : The Accountant General, Office of the Accountant General.

CC: All Resident District Commissioners of Local Governments.

CC: All District Chairpersons of Local Governments.