



Remarks by

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Commissioning of Solar Installations in West Nile at
Lukutua Primary School, Yumbe District
Massio Hill Vocational School, Terego District
St. Jude Taddeo Pacego Primary School, Pakwach District

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Hon. Secretary for Social Services, District Local Gov't,
District Education Officer,
Chairman and members of the School Management Committee,
Headteacher, Staff and Pupils,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen in your various capacities,

Good morning.

It gives me great joy to be with you here today as we officially commission the solar power installation at your School – one of the sites under the Deposit Protection Fund's West Nile Solar Installation Intervention.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management, and Staff of DPF, I bring you warm greetings and sincere appreciation for your support and partnership throughout this journey.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Some of you may be hearing about the DPF for the first time. Allow me to briefly explain who we are and what we do. The Deposit Protection Fund of Uganda is a government institution established to protect depositors in regulated financial institutions such as commercial banks, credit institutions, and microfinance deposit-taking institutions. In the unlikely event that one of these institutions is closed, DPF

compensates each eligible depositor up to UGX 10 million Uganda shillings.

While this figure may appear modest, it is important to note that this coverage fully protects 98% of all deposit accounts in Uganda. Our core mandate is to foster public confidence in the financial system and to contribute to overall financial stability.

However, our role goes beyond protecting deposits. We believe in investing in the future of our country, especially in areas where our contribution can make a lasting difference. That is why we are here today in the scenic beauty of West Nile—where a new light is shining, powered by the sun and fuelled by hope.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Today, we proudly commission the installation of solar energy systems at this School. This intervention is more than just infrastructure; it is a deliberate investment in empowering education, improving lives, and lighting the path for Uganda's future.

The Deposit Protection Fund of Uganda is proud to be part of this transformational journey—bringing clean, sustainable power to these vibrant communities. For far too long, some of our rural schools have operated without access to reliable electricity.

Many classrooms remained dark on cloudy days or during evening hours, and learners were deprived of opportunities to revise, explore technology, or learn in safe and engaging environments. That reality changes today.

Thanks to these installations, pupils now have the opportunity to compete favourably with their peers across the country, study after sunset, use digital learning tools and to experience improved safety and comfort within their school environment. This is about more than lights; it is about igniting dreams and nurturing potential.

To the teachers and administrators, we commend your unwavering dedication to nurturing young minds, often under incredibly challenging circumstances. We hope this solar intervention eases some of that burden and enhances the learning environment for both you and your pupils.

To the learners, this is your moment. Use this light to chase your dreams. Whether you aspire to become doctors, teachers, engineers, or leaders of tomorrow, let this light be your guide and motivation. The Deposit Protection Fund is committed not only to protecting deposits but also to powering dreams.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the motivation of the DPF to follow through with this intervention is premised on three major outcomes;

- i). Improvement in academic performance over time;
- ii). Improved efficiency by the school management with regard to information management and documentation and;
- iii). Enhanced security especially at night.

It is our desire that in a few years when we return to assess the impact of this intervention, we shall all be proud to have achieved all the above. Indeed, it will be a badge of honour for the DPF for this project to achieve the outcomes stated.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I take exception to extend our appreciation to *New Sun Solar Systems*, our technical service provider, for the excellent work done in installing the solar systems. Your professionalism and attention to detail have made this project a success. Thank you for delivering not only power, but peace of mind and quality workmanship.

As we celebrate this milestone, I wish to remind us all that sustainability is a shared responsibility. The success and longevity of this solar project depends on all of us—school administrators,

community members, local leaders, and learners. Let us work together to ensure these systems are protected, maintained, and used responsibly so that they stand the test of time and benefit many generations to come.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the district leadership, education officers, headteachers, school management committees, PTA and the surrounding communities for your cooperation and commitment. Your partnership is the reason this effort is a success.

To our media partners, thank you for helping us share these impactful stories and moments with a wider audience and for being part of the journey to strengthen community engagement.

As we conclude, let us continue to work together – not just to bring power to our communities, but to bring purpose, progress, and partnership. Together, we are lighting the way to a brighter, more sustainable future.

Thank You.

For God and My Country.