



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**SPEECH DURING THE HANDOVER EVENT OF THE
“CAN’T WAIT TO LEARN” DIGITAL LEARNING APPROACH
TO
ISINGIRO DISTRICT
ON 17TH AUGUST 2023.
BY HON. KABBYANGA B.K. GODFREY**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR ICT AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE
(NATIONAL GUIDANCE)**

Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture, also Area Member of Parliament,
Isingiro Constituency.

The Permanent Secretary –Ministry of Education and Sports

Directors present,

Commissioners present,

RDC – Isingiro,

LC V Chairperson –Isingiro,

CAO – Isingiro,

DEO – Isingiro,

The Press,

All invited dignitaries

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon every one.

I bring you greetings from the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance most specifically from my Senior Minister Dr. Chris Baryomunsi and all staff.

I am so grateful for honoring and inviting me this afternoon to the handover event of “the Can’t Wait to Learn” Digital Learning approach in government.

As you are all aware, the Government of Uganda headed by His Excellency the President; Retired General Museveni Kaguta, prioritized ICT as an enabler in the development of this Country in all sectors. This is also to prepare for any emergencies like Covid not to disrupt the steady growth of the economy. COVID-19 exposed the potential of technology in improving learning. The challenge was the supporting infrastructure like internet coverage and cost. I am happy to inform you that recently, the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance and NITA-U announced a 50 percent cut-down on the cost of internet from 70 US Dollars to 35 US Dollars. Government is committed to cutting it further and ensure 100% coverage.

Those of you who have read the Education Digital Agenda Strategy 2021 – 2025, know that it provides a Rationale and Action Plan for integrating ICT into teaching, learning, assessment, sports and administration to begin with five (5)

years. This Strategy builds on other existing Strategies and plans developed by other complementary Sectors aiming at reforms that are underway in the education and sports system at all levels.

I am calling upon all Ugandans to embrace sustainable digital transformation as key for the development, deployment, uptake and utilization of sustainable, ethically sound and harmonized ICT initiatives for teaching, learning and management of the education and sports sector.

I want to loudly thank War Child Holland for providing evidence in Ed-Tech particularly on effectiveness and value for money on Can't wait to Learn with funding from The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) -Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Thank you so much for all the support.

Today, as we handover the implementation of Can't Wait to Learn to the District of Isingiro, I implore everyone to re-ignite the discussion on policy issues for ICT in education. We are leveraging on innovations that provide blended learning and have evidence, in this case, "Can't Wait to Learn" stands out to fit in our contexts of low resourced settings.

On behalf of Ministry of ICT and National guidance, we remain committed to ensuring that these digital innovations in education are scaled up and sustained by the Ministry.

I once again thank you for the invite to be part of this handover event and pledge to support the institutionalization of CWTL throughout the Country.

Thank you,

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY