

## GOVT URGES TEACHERS TO UPGRADE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

Mwansabombwe Town Council Chairperson Terrioh Chungu has urged teachers in the district to upgrade their qualifications in order to remain competitive in the education system.

Mr Chungu was speaking during the commemoration of Teachers Day at Kabumbu ground in Mwansabombwe district under the theme “Teachers we need, for the Education we want: The Global Imperative to Reverse the Teacher shortage”.

The Council Chairperson further assured the gathering that government through the local authority remains committed to implementing government policies and facilitate development in the communities.

Mr. Chungu said government has continued to improve the quality of education through recruitment of more teachers, providing teaching and learning materials, actualization of free education policy and the introduction of bursaries for secondary boarding schools.

Speaking at the same occasion, Mwansabombwe District Commissioner Rosemary Mwiche said it is government's desire of enhancing quality and affordable education by reversing teacher shortage which has been a thorn in the flesh.

She said this is demonstrated through the recruitment of 30,496 teachers in 2022 and the recruitment of about 4,500 more which will shortly take place before the end of the year.

Meanwhile Union Representative Chungu Chama requested government to give treasury authority to all newly upgraded schools and expand the establishments of the old existing schools to their current staffing levels.