

Education in Northern Uganda

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Summary of education sector

- The country operates a 7 – 6 – 3/5 Education system
 - Pre-school is not compulsory
- Schools are:
 - government aided
 - private
- Government plays regulatory role
- UPE, USE has led to increased school enrolment
 - 2.9 million in 1996, 6.8 million in 2000, 7.35 million in 2004

Challenges

- There is regional disparity
 - Northern region is lagging
- Lack of qualified and motivated teaching staff
 - Migration of teachers to richer regions
 - Migration affects other sectors – health, agric.
- Lack of essential didactic requirements
 - textbooks, laboratory equipment etc...
- Inadequate infrastructure

Education quality and performance indicators - Primary schools

District	Pupil-teacher ratio	Pupil classroom ratio	Pupils in division 1 PLE (%)
Gulu	67	94	1.1
Kitgum	85	98	2.2
Pader	91	137	1.2
National	50	74	5.0

Huggins, Overseas development institute 2009

Conclusion

- There is need of increased support to the education sector in northern Uganda
- Training of professionals should be conducted from within the region (Lehmann et.al., 2008; Brooks et.al., 2002)