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MEDIA STATEMENT

CLARIFICATION ON THE MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING TERM-END SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

The Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) observed with great concern misleading media reports pertaining to end of term school assessment in the Oshana region.


In order to reduce school operations delays, the MoEAC took a decision to centralise the payment of the universal education grants, transferring it directly into schools' account. To this end we prepared the disbursements of funds to schools well in advance. As it stands, 75% of all grants for the 2024/25 financial year are paid, representing 1322 schools countrywide while the remaining transfers of 438 schools are on course.

We further wish to clarify that what is currently circulating on social media is an internal memo diverting from the school policy that prescribe for first semester end of term tests and not a circuit based examination.

The Ministry has adopted a two-semester school calendar which was introduced for learner health and safety during the winter. As part of this system, the continuous assessment record sheets are also adjusted to two-semester reports; where Junior Primary (Grades 0 – 3) assessment is based on continuous assessment records. The Senior Primary (Grades 4 – 7) and Junior Secondary (Grades 8 – 9) writes a school based end of term test series and not examinations to allow continuation of teaching and learning. All the learner will receive their report on the last day of school for learners.

The Ministry wishes to reiterate that end of term assessments are done in accordance with established policies and will continue without interruption.

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