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GOVERNMENT URGED TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF DISBURSING OPERATIONAL FUNDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD) is concerned that a number of Public Schools have not received operational support funds aimed at facilitating the implementation of free education in the country.

Government earlier this year announced that it had released K324million to cover 3 months operation costs for Public Schools.

A spot check conducted by CTPD in a number of Public Schools in Rufunsa District has revealed that the public schools have not received the purported funds as pronounced by Government.

CTPD Executive Director Mr. Isaac Mwaipopo has appealed to Government to explain to the nation what may be causing the delays for some schools to receive the funds.

“A number of Schools within Rufunsa have not received the purported funds, it will be imperative for Government to explain what could behind the delays in releasing funds in the schools we have observed”.

And Mr. Mwaipopo is also concerned with the limited infrastructure such as classrooms and desks in most of the Public Schools visited as this is likely to affect access to free education for all that Government is implementing.

“The recent pronouncement by Government to introduce Free Education in Public Schools has excited most rural and urban communities but the lack of school places and infrastructure to accommodate more pupils is discouraging most Parents and Guardians with Government’s policy decision to introduce free education”.

Mr. Mwaipopo however noted that the Constituency Development Fund therefore presents a great opportunity for improving infrastructure in most Public Schools.

He called on Government to speed up disbursing the Constituency Development Fund and identify ways of working with other cooperating partners in order to build the infrastructure needed to accommodate more pupils in Public Schools.

“ Government should expedite the process relating to the disbursement of Constituency Development Fund in order to build the much-needed infrastructure that can cover more pupils in Public Schools.”

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