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Press statement on release of 2023 Certificate of Secondary Education examination results

Members of the press, Ladies and Gentleman

I am delighted to inform the nation that the South Sudan National Examinations Council has finally finished processing of the 2023 Certificate of Secondary Education examination results. The Examination was written between 4th December and 16th December 2023.

I therefore take this opportunity to applaud the tireless efforts made by all the stakeholders that relentlessly worked to ensure a leakage-free examination amidst all odds. I congratulate all members of staff in the Ministry of General Education at all levels and the Secretariat of the National Examinations Council for the hard work that has resulted into the release of these results.

Ladies and Gentlemen

In alignment with the demand of the new curriculum objectives, the Council has effectively introduced the letter grading system. This comes

after a careful consideration and feedback from various stakeholders. The National Examinations council effectively decided to transition from using numerical percentage grades to letter grades. This is in line with the implementation of competence- based curriculum goals and objectives. This change is aimed at providing clearer and more intuitive feedback to candidates and stakeholders alike, aligning with curriculum standards and enhancing transparency in our evaluation process

In term of registration, ladies and gentlemen,

A total of 45,666 (28,038 male and 16,628 female) candidates registered in 500 schools across the country.

Out of the 45,666 candidates, 45,433 (28,878 male and 16,555 female) registered for academic section in 498 Academic schools, while 107 (49 male and 58 female) candidates registered for the Commercial Section in Juba Commercial Secondary School and 126 (111 male and 15 female) candidates registered for the Technical Section in Juba Technical Secondary School. Out of the registered number (45,666), 969 candidates failed to turn up for the examinations, 967 from the academic section while 2 from the commercial section.

In the academic section, the 2023 CSE candidature indicates increment from 36,105 of year (2022) to 45,433 by 9,328 students. However, out of the 45, 433 candidates who registered for the academic section, 967 candidates failed to turn up for the examinations, representing 2.1% of the candidature.

In addition, out of the 44, 466 candidates who managed to sit for the examinations in the academic section, 291 didn't complete the examinations and hence have incomplete results, while 28 cases of cheating were registered hence their results have been canceled, and 8 other students failed to follow the registration criteria hence their results have not been graded. Therefore, only 44, 131 candidates were successfully graded in the academic section.

Out of the 44, 131 candidates who were graded, 27, 897 were male and 16, 234 were female representing 63.2% and 36.8% respectively and this indicates that gender disparity still exists in secondary schools in the country.

Secondly, out of the 44,131 candidates, 26,440 (16,633 males, 9,807 females) managed to obtain the minimum university entry qualification (Mean Grade of C and above) and hence, do qualify for progression to universities while 17,691 (11, 264 males, 6,427 females) could not make it, unfortunately. This represents a pass rate of 59.9% (At least C plain), which indicates a decline compared to the pass rate of 95.3% in 2022. This decline can be attributed to controlled exams malpractices in the 2023 CSE Examinations. Female candidates have performed slightly better than male candidates in the academic section with 60.4% obtaining at least a mean grade of C plain compared to 59.9% of male candidates who obtained at least the same mean grade.

The three general compulsory subjects (Citizenship, CRE and Mathematics) are among the poorly performed with 52.8%, 46.8% and

43.2% (respectively) of the students failing to obtain at least a mean Grade of C plain.

Students in Technical Section performed the best of the three sections with 82.5% obtaining at least a mean grade of C plain, while Commercial section performed almost the same with the academic section, with 59.0% obtaining at least a mean grade of C plain.

Female candidates outperformed the male candidates in all the sections, with 73.7% and 93.3% of female candidates obtaining at least a mean grade of C plain in commercial and technical section respectively, compared to 41.7 and 81.1% of the male candidates who obtained the same mean grade.

Overall, 26,606 candidates (60.0%) obtained at least a mean grade of C plain hence qualify for progression to universities. Out of the 26,606 who passed, 9,863 (60.5%) are female students while 16,743 (59.7%) are male students. Table 1 & 2 below show the summary of overall performance and by gender respectively.

Generally, the candidature trends analysis showed that there has been a steady increase in the number of female candidates entering as well as sitting the examination. This increase is attributed to the interventions the Ministry of General Education and other stakeholders have put in place to bring and retain the girl child in school by providing cash support and take-home food ration.

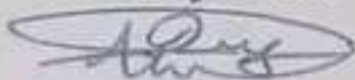
I wish to assure the South Sudanese people that the Government, through the Ministry of General education, will remain committed to

infrastructural development Programs to ensure the attainment of education for all.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hereby officially release the 2023 certificate of Secondary education examination results. Members of the public are advised to obtain the official results from the schools where learners wrote their examinations. States/Areas Coordinators can pick copies of the results for their States/Areas at the Secretariat of Examinations' premises right after this press conference.

Thank you all



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