

**PRESS STATEMENT FOR RELEASE OF THE 2020 KCSE
EXAMINATION RESULTS BY THE CABINET
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, PROF.
GEORGE A. O. MAGOHA, EGH, AT THE KNEC MITIHANI
HOUSE, DENNIS PRITT ROAD, NAIROBI, ON MAY 10,
2021**

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 - **Teachers Service Commission CEO, Dr Nancy Macharia**
 - **Chairperson, KNEC, Dr. John Onsati;**
 - **Acting CEO, KNEC, Ms. Mercy Karogo;**
 - **KNEC Council members;**
 - **Members of the Press;**
 - **Ladies and Gentlemen,**
- Good morning,**

I am excited to welcome all of you to this event of celebrating the results of our 747,161 candidates who sat the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), just three weeks since we gathered here to release those of the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) Examination, on April 15, 2021.

After looking at the impressive results that have been posted by our KCSE 2020 candidates, and taking into account the most trying environment in which they prepared for this examination, I am compelled to describe their show in one apt sentence: They fought

their battle with resilience and ended it with grace. Indeed the candidates navigated one challenge after the other in a manner that has now left all of us with mirthful faces.

We have our God to thank for all these blessings of success and wonderful children who have defied the COVID-19 pandemic to shine in their examinations. We have God to thank for giving us a wonderful and wise H. E. President, Uhuru Kenyatta, who has invested a lot in the education sector of our country and is always making our children the first priority of

his leadership. The President's guidance over the past one year as we sought to reorganise the academic calendar to ensure that candidates sat the national examinations on time was not only first-class but also most appreciated.

I cannot forget my Cabinet colleagues Dr Fred Matiang'i and Joe Mucheru who lead the Ministries of Interior and National Coordination of Government and ICT, Innovation and Youth Affairs respectively. The three of us have efficiently coordinated the Multi-

Agency Examination Monitoring Team that has over the last five years run a credible examinations system.

I also wish to thank all school teachers led by Teachers Service Commission CEO, Dr Nancy Macharia for working tirelessly to ensure that we prepared candidates for the 2020 KCSE Examination so well that they have done even better than the 2019 cohort.

PROGRESSION IN CAREER TRAININGS AND HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to the well-coordinated education sector. The 2020 KCSE candidates whose results we are releasing today can now join TVET institutions, TTCs, medical training institutions and universities at exactly the same time as they have always done, the effects of COVID-19 notwithstanding. This way, we have managed to release the candidates to higher institutions of learning on time and with great precision.

I assure all our KCSE candidates who will receive their results today that they have a bright future – one full of hope and shorn of despair.

All the candidates have a place in our education story. Our Government has ensured that every child in our country has a place to pursue a career, and everyone deserves a chance. We believe no insignificant child has been born in our country and we must not leave any learner behind. The Government has a duty to nurture each of the learners to pursue their dreams

regardless of how low they start to the very top of the academic ladder. We believe in this dream, which is indeed what our Competency Based Curriculum is all about.

I am therefore proud to announce that we have created opportunities for academic progression for all the 747,161 who sat the 2020 KCSE examinations. Already, the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), whose CEO Dr. Agnes Wahome is here today, has identified that our

universities, colleges and TVET institutions have places for all candidates.

All these institutions have disclosed their capacities of enrolment ahead of the selection exercise of the 2020 KCSE examination candidates, which I have instructed that it starts immediately.

The Placement Service is engaging with higher education regulatory bodies – Commission for University Education (CUE) and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TVETA)

– to ensure that all learning institutions are prepared to enrol these candidates. This is in line with the Ministry of Education’s goal of providing fair and balanced access to quality and relevant higher education and training and H. E. the President’s policy of 100% transition.

I have directed KUCCPS to ensure proper public mobilisation and communication campaigns are put in place to ensure all interested candidates apply to colleges and TVET institutions of their choice.

I therefore wish to declare that all the candidates who sat the examinations in 2020 have the ability to progress to other levels under the Government's plan of zero wastage and 100 per cent transition. This explains why the Government of His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta has spent enormous resources to expand the TVET sector.

For instance, the number of TTI's in each constituency has grown from 52 in 2013 to 233 in 2021. Out of the 233 TTI's: 52 are fully operational; 140 have been built, equipped, staffed and operationalised (four of

them catering for TVET SNE candidates) and 41 are under construction.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2021 KCPE AND KCSE

In a bid to make up for the time that was lost during the prolonged closure last year, we deliberately created a tighter academic calendar that enables us to accelerate the completion of school terms. Schools that have opened for the 2020 Third Term today are expected to close on July 10, 2021 and proceed on a one week holiday break. All the classes, including the

new Grade 5 learners and Form One Class, will start the First Term of the 2021 academic year on July 26, 2021.

The upshot of this accelerated calendar will be that we will have FIVE examinations next year. The 2021 KCPE and KCSE will be held in March 2022. In December 2022, we will administer the 2022 KCPE and KCSE, and also the Grade Six Summative Examination for the pioneer CBC Cohort.

We are therefore about to come face-to-face with a historic examinations season next year, which means that we must start preparing for the five examinations immediately. I therefore wish to urge all our stakeholders and the Multi-Agency Team on examinations to tighten their belts and prepare to confront the five impending examinations. Yet I know rising up to such challenges is the Team's stock-in-trade.

ELIMU SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME APPLICATIONS

The Ministry of Education opened the door to applications for the Government's 9,000 scholarships under the *Elimu Scholarship Programme* until 31st May, 2021.

I am informed that the number of candidates applying for the scholarships has been increasing on a daily basis. I encourage all the needy and vulnerable 2020 KCPE candidates to apply for the scholarships whose

selection is conducted by the Equity Group Foundation.

We have ensured that 30 per cent of all the slots will go to urban slums and informal settlements. I encourage all candidates who attained 280 marks and above in the 2020 KCPE Examinations to apply. For affirmative action, candidates who are Orphans and/or from Vulnerable Communities and those with special needs and disabilities who attained below 280 marks may be considered.

THE 2020 KCSE EXAMINATION CANDIDATURE

During the 2020 KCSE Examination, 747,161 candidates sat the examination compared to 697,222 candidates in 2019. This represented an increase of 49,939 candidates (6.68%).

Of the 747,161 candidates who sat the 2020 KCSE Examination, 380,327 were male while 366,834 were female, representing 50.90% and 49.10% of the total candidature respectively.

Fifteen counties had more female than male candidates in the 2020 KCSE examination compared to 17 counties in 2019. The 15 counties were: Taita Taveta, Kwale, Nyandarua, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Kiambu, Machakos, Kitui, Meru, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kakamega, Vihiga and Kisumu.

The counties with high gender disparity in favour of male candidates during the 2020 KCSE examination included Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Turkana and Homa Bay. I have asked the Directorate for Quality Assurance and Standards to investigate the cause of

the low female candidates representation in these counties.

Turkana county had the highest percentage of over-age candidates (1,603; 0.213%) while Bungoma county had the highest percentage of under-age candidates (1,344; 0.179%).

SUBJECT PERFORMANCE IN 2020 KCSE EXAMINATION

In the 2020 KCSE Examination, 19 subjects recorded a significant improvement in performance, compared

to 16 subjects that recorded a significant improvement in performance in 2019.

There was no significant change in performance in two of the subjects offered during the 2020 KCSE examination.

OVERALL GRADE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 2020 KCSE

There were 893 (0.12%) candidates who obtained an overall Grade A in the 2020 KCSE Examination compared to 627 (0.09%) candidates in 2019. This is

one of the clearest indicators that candidates have performed better in 2020 compared with 2019, the negative effects of COVID-19 notwithstanding.

The number of candidates with minimum university entry qualification of Grade C+ and above rose to 143,140 (19.03%) in the year 2020 KCSE Examination compared to 125,746 (18.02%) in 2019.

All the remaining candidates are legible to join TVET institutions, Teacher Training Colleges, Medical

Training Colleges and other tertiary learning institutions for various courses.

OVERALL NATIONAL GRADE SUMMARY FOR 2020

| G | A | A- | B+ | B | B- | C+ | C |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>TOT</i> | 893 | 6420 | 14427 | 25207 | 38194 | 57999 | 85458 |
| <i>%</i> | 0.12 | 0.85 | 1.92 | 3.35 | 5.08 | 7.71 | 11.36 |
| <i>CUM</i> | 893 | 7313 | 21740 | 46947 | 85141 | 143140 | 228598 |
| <i>CUM</i> <i>%</i> | 0.12 | 0.97 | 2.89 | 6.24 | 11.32 | 19.03 | 30.39 |

| G | C- | D+ | D | D- | E |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>TOT</i> | 109454 | 117898 | 121942 | 137361 | 28046 |
| <i>%</i> | 14.55 | 15.67 | 16.21 | 18.26 | 3.73 |
| <i>CUM</i> | 338052 | 455950 | 577892 | 715253 | 743299 |
| <i>%</i> | | | | | |
| <i>CUM</i> | 44.93 | 60.60 | 76.81 | 95.07 | 98.80 |
| <i>%</i> | | | | | |

CANDIDATES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

There were 223 (11.93%) candidates who obtained an overall grade C+ and above in 2020 KCSE examination compared to 127 (7.65%) candidates in 2019.

MOST IMPROVED KCSE CANDIDATES WITH KCPE SCORES AS THE BASELINE

When I released the 2019 KCSE Examinations results, I disclosed a list of candidates who had made the greatest improvement in their academic abilities

based on their KCPE scores. Our decision then, as it is now, was to try and explain the fact that candidates who score low marks in the KCPE can still do well in the KCSE given the right environment, teaching and learning.

This move now appears to have motivated even more candidates who scored lowly at the KCPE four years ago to even do better in the 2020 KCSE.

I am, therefore, even more emboldened this year to name a few candidates who have turned out from

what many label KCPE “flops” to KCSE stars. We must celebrate them and remind all Kenyans that no child is a failure. Some of these stars include:

| | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|---|----|-----|---|
| 1 | 47817101107 | HASSAN ABDULLAHI OSMAN | M | B- | 168 | WAYAM SECO. (Extra County) |
| 2 | 25508118002 | CHERUIYOT BETT DENNIS | M | B- | 190 | KIMARGIS SEC (Sub County) |
| 3 | 23574109119 | MALUTI TOM MITI | M | B- | 199 | ST.TERESA'S SEC. BIKEKE (Sub County) |
| 4 | 32581303010 | KIPEES SIOMIT CHARITY | F | C+ | 151 | OLDERKESI SEC. (Sub County) |
| 5 | 32581303016 | SADERA SEMPEYO SHALVIN | F | B- | 168 | OLDERKESI SEC. (Sub County) |
| 6 | 46820103017 | KAMAR ABDULLAHI JIMALE | F | B- | 163 | HABASWEIN MIXED DAY (Sub County) |
| 7 | 47800005248 | MUSHARAF KEROW ADAN | M | C+ | 140 | MANDERA SEC. (National) |
| 8 | 46808104071 | ABDULLAHI DAUD MAALIM | M | C+ | 137 | ADEMASAJIDA MIXED DAY (Sub County) |
| 9 | 46808102050 | RUWEITHA ABDIKADIR HASSAN | F | B- | 193 | HON KHALIF GIRLS SEC (Extra County) |

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|----|-------------|------------------------|---|----|-----|-----------------------------|
| 10 | 32581303026 | SILOLO PARMAARI JOSEPH | M | B- | 186 | OLDERKESI SEC. (Sub County) |
|----|-------------|------------------------|---|----|-----|-----------------------------|

The lesson from this radical positive KCPE improvement recorded by candidates with low academic achievement at the KCPE level is that the Government's 100 per cent transition that allows all candidates to progress to secondary school is indeed a game changer. If we can sustain the policy over the years, then we stand a chance of saving many academic lives of our children who would otherwise have fallen by the wayside on account of failing a

KCPE examination that is administered early in their lives.

MOST IMPROVED SCHOOLS BASED ON MEAN KCPE OVERALL CANDIDATES' SCORES

In the same spirit of illustrating that schools can add value to student cohorts, I now name some of the schools that admitted candidates with lower KCPE mean scores but did a commendable job at improving their overall mean performance to inspiring levels.

These are:

| SN | Code | School Name | Category | Entry | KCPE Perf. Index | KCSE Perf. Index |
|----|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 15304102 | KAAGA GIRLS' HIGH | Extra County | 37 | 22.38 | 73.98 |
| 2 | 23503111 | ST JOSEPH'S GIRLS' - KITALE | Extra County | 71 | 21.22 | 71.57 |
| 3 | 13354101 | KISASI SECONDARY SCH. | Extra County | 27 | 20.43 | 68.25 |
| 4 | 41731303 | ORIWO BOYS HIGH SCH. | Extra County | 24 | 31.07 | 78.72 |
| 5 | 40727101 | RIOKINDO HIGH SCH. | Extra County | 68 | 18.13 | 65.23 |
| 6 | 44736101 | ST JOSEPH'S RAPOGI | Extra County | 42 | 31.12 | 77.78 |
| 7 | 20404006 | LIGHT ACADEMY | Private | 50 | 30.15 | 76.74 |

| SN | Code | School Name | Category | Entry | KCPE Perf. Index | KCSE Perf. Index |
|----|----------|--------------------|--------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 8 | 40735101 | MOI GESUSU HIGH | Extra County | 23 | 27.16 | 70.89 |
| 9 | 41710305 | SAYE MIXED SEC. | Sub County | 25 | 26.92 | 70.09 |
| 10 | 40727132 | ST.EDWARD NYABIOTO | County | 36 | 24.45 | 66.73 |
| 11 | 41704006 | WIOBIERO SECONDARY | Sub County | 15 | 28.08 | 70.04 |
| 12 | 19308301 | CHUKA BOYS HIGH | Extra County | 23 | 27.34 | 69.24 |
| 13 | 20406020 | STRATHMORE SCHOOL | Private | 25 | 28.37 | 69.57 |
| 14 | 45806201 | BUSHRA HIGH | Private | 31 | 22.56 | 63.51 |
| 15 | 08237012 | MAHIGA GIRLS SEC. | Extra County | 44 | 24.18 | 63.95 |

The top 15 OVERALL candidates in the 2020 KCSE are as follows:

| PSN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 10200008105 | SIMIYU ROBIN WANJALA | M | 87.334 | MURANG'A HIGH |
| 2 | 41710301001 | WASONGA ALLAN UDOMA | M | 87.173 | AGORO SARE HIGH |
| 2 | 20400003006 | SHARON CHEPNGENO TERER | F | 87.173 | THE KENYA HIGH |
| 4 | 11200001085 | MORIASI BOB B. ONGARE | M | 87.139 | ALLIANCE HIGH |
| 5 | 20400003182 | MBUGUA ESTHER WACHUCHU | F | 87.113 | THE KENYA HIGH |

| PSN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------|-------------------------|-----|-------------|--------------------|
| 6 | 11200001015 | KIPKOECH MARK KOGO | M | 87.106 | ALLIANCE HIGH |
| 7 | 29500006101 | KENNETH ORANGA | M | 87.049 | KAPSABET BOYS |
| 8 | 42700005266 | HENRY MADAGA | M | 87.046 | MARANDA HIGH |
| 8 | 20400003236 | CHEPKORIR PATIENCE | F | 87.046 | THE KENYA HIGH |
| 10 | 12301702006 | MUSOMBA EDITH KITHEI | F | 87.013 | MACHAKOS GIRLS' |
| 11 | 20400003157 | LESLEY LOISE WANJIKU | F | 86.999 | THE KENYA HIGH |
| 12 | 29500006161 | PILE RON GEORGE | M | 86.970 | KAPSABET BOYS |
| 13 | 42700005008 | KIPRONO HOWARD | M | 86.949 | MARANDA HIGH |

| PSN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------|---------------------|-----|-------------|----------------|
| 14 | 20400003073 | JELIMO DEBRAH | F | 86.947 | THE KENYA HIGH |
| 15 | 20400003138 | BULUMA DAIZY NERIMA | F | 86.939 | THE KENYA HIGH |

The top 15 OVERALL SIXTEEN-year-old candidates in the 2020 KCSE are as follows:

| PSN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | MG | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------|------------------------------|-----|-------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 12301702006 | MUSOMBA EDITH KITHEI | F | 87.013 | A | MACHAKOS GIRLS' |
| 2 | 11200001036 | MAKADA NICOL PEARLSON | M | 86.476 | A | ALLIANCE HIGH |
| 3 | 29500006151 | MUTABARI FRANK MUGAMBI | M | 85.83 | A | KAPSABET BOYS |
| 4 | 29500025021 | KIPTOO GETRUDE JERUTO | F | 85.789 | A | ST. JOSEPH'S GIRLS - CHEPTERIT |
| 5 | 11200001054 | KIPLANGAT GERALD | M | 85.71 | A | ALLIANCE HIGH |
| 6 | 11200003164 | CRAIG ONYANCHA MOTURI | M | 85.673 | A | MANGU HIGH |

| PSN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | MG | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------|------------------------|-----|-------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 7 | 11200001035 | KIMUNYE DENNIS WACHIRA | M | 85.614 | A | ALLIANCE HIGH |
| 8 | 42700005080 | BILL CLINTON JEFFERSON | M | 84.979 | A | MARANDA HIGH |
| 9 | 41700004087 | ISABOKE JANET KEMUNTO | F | 84.916 | A | ASUMBI GIRLS |
| 10 | 08200007213 | MOTURI ZETH ONGUBO | M | 84.906 | A | KAGUMO HIGH |
| 11 | 14300011015 | GATERU SOPHIA WAMBUI | F | 84.804 | A | SIKAGO GIRLS HIGH |
| 12 | 31545101044 | KITIMBO KEFA KATOO | M | 84.75 | A | OLOITOKITOK SEC. |
| 13 | 26500001307 | RONO SHARON JEPKOGEI | F | 84.641 | A | MOI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL-ELDORET |

| PSN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | MG | SCHOOL |
|-----|-------------|------------------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------|
| 14 | 11200002273 | JADEN ANGELLA | F | 84.631 | A | ALLIANCE GIRLS' |
| 15 | 11200003078 | MONDA DANIEL | M | 84.604 | A | MANGU HIGH |

The top 15 OVERALL SPECIAL NEEDS candidates in the 2020 KCSE are as follows:

| SN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | MG | SCHOOL |
|----|-------------|-----------------------------|-----|-------------|----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 26500001225 | KIPKEMBOI MIRIAM CHEPLETING | F | 84.886 | A | MOI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL-ELDORET |
| 2 | 40700002069 | GETUGI EDGAR OMOKE | M | 83.566 | A | KISII HIGH |
| 3 | 43700008162 | NEBERT NYARIKI ONGUBO | M | 81.414 | A- | NYAMBARIA HIGH |

| SN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | MG | SCHOOL |
|----|-------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------------|----|--|
| 4 | 11207112168 | VICTOR KIPLANGAT | M | 80.386 | A- | M-PESA FOUNDATION |
| 5 | 11205201138 | WARUNGE PRUDENCE NYAMBURA | F | 80.373 | A- | ST. ANNE'S SEC. SCHOOL- LIOKI |
| 6 | 42700005336 | ONYANGO DAVID OMONDI | M | 80.341 | A- | MARANDA HIGH |
| 7 | 18300003155 | KYALO FRANCIS MUTUNE | M | 80.3 | A- | MAKUENI BOYS |
| 8 | 42721101045 | OWINO VERON | M | 80.267 | A- | CHIANDA HIGH |
| 9 | 10200008036 | MWANGI JABEZ MWANJA | M | 80.266 | A- | MURANGA HIGH |

| SN | INDEX NO | CANDIDATE'S NAME | GEN | PERF. INDEX | MG | SCHOOL |
|----|-------------|---------------------------------|-----|-------------|----|--------------------------------------|
| 10 | 20401001086 | NGANGA WYCLIFF NDIKI | M | 80.163 | A- | AQUINAS HIGH |
| 11 | 42700005101 | OMINDE MOSES JOHN | M | 80.151 | A- | MARANDA HIGH |
| 12 | 20410001241 | NZOMO M. GLORIA | F | 79.333 | A- | MOI GIRLS' SCHOOL NAIROBI |
| 13 | 08237012216 | MWANGI CAROLINE WANJUGU | F | 78.18 | A- | MAHIGA GIRLS |
| 14 | 36600004148 | KEBIRA NYAKOE ZACHAGRAHAM | M | 78.019 | A- | FRIENDS KAMUSINGA |
| 15 | 11207106088 | MUSETI STANLEY | M | 77.294 | A- | S.A. HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND |

REDUCTION IN CASES OF EXAMINATION IRREGULARITIES

After four years of a sustained and relentless campaign to fight the shameful and inexcusable practice of leaking national examinations, I can now declare that we have completely eradicated the menace. Since 2016, we have not recorded a single case of a leaked examination paper. Our decision to employ a robust security-led system of delivering examinations directly to the (examination) containers before dispatching them to various centres has been fool proof.

However, as I have indicated before, we recorded isolated cases where some people entrusted to safeguard the examination papers went ahead to open them in the morning of the actual date of examinations once they have been dispatched from the containers. Thanks to our strong security system, most of these cases, some of which resulted in some suspect social media posts, were pre-empted and culprits arrested. Some of these criminals were unaware that our security systems had the ability to detect the exact location of opening the examination papers and even the identity of the mobile phones that

were used to relay the questions. Thanks to this elaborate security system, we ensured that the stolen examination questions did not reach the intended recipients.

We have also recorded a few cases of impersonation and collusion in some of the centres, which were confirmed and punished in line with the KNEC Act. We are therefore not cancelling examinations for any centre, other than individual candidates of certain centres, where we established beyond doubt that they were involved in examination irregularities.

We are therefore cancelling individual results of 287 candidates who were involved in the various forms of cheating as follows:

| No | Nature of irregularity | No of Candidates | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| 1 | Unauthorised materials | 211 | 101 |
| 2 | Mobile phones | 45 | 47 |
| 3 | Impersonation | 01 | 02 |
| 4 | Collusion | 29 | 1,158 |
| 5 | Double script | 1 | 01 |
| Total | | 287 | 1,309 |

FEMALE CANDIDATES WHO SAT THE KCPE EXAMINATIONS IN HOSPITALS

In 2020, a total of 652 female candidates sat the KCSE Examination in hospitals after delivery. Counties that had the highest number of candidates who sat their examination in hospitals after delivery included Bungoma (43), Meru (38), Nakuru (36), Kisii (36) and Nandi (31).

In 2019, a total of 282 female candidates sat the KCSE Examination in hospitals after delivery. The counties with the highest prevalence in 2019 included

Bungoma (17), Kakamega (16), Meru (16) and Makueni (16).

We have noted that the number of cases of candidates sitting the examinations upon delivery went up in 2020 showing that the long school closure due to COVID-19 may have driven our learners into many temptations at a time most households were facing enormous challenges.

As a Ministry, we will work with all the relevant Government departments to ensure that we focus on

the worst hit counties to address the root cause of this perennial problem of teenage pregnancies. We will do this knowing only too well that addressing this menace requires a multi-sectoral approach.

More importantly, I wish to urge all parents and guardians to, more than ever before, offer the greatest support to our girl child. I particularly wish to call for greater support and protection for our learners who sat the 2020 KCPE Examination and are expected to remain at home until July 26, 2021 when they will join Form One. These learners require close supervision

and guidance to protect them from the many temptations that come from evil men who sexually prey on them.

ACCESSING OF THE 2020 KCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Candidates should therefore collect their results from their respective examination centres. Individual candidates results can also be accessed by sending a candidate's index number followed by the initials "KCSE" through a Short Message Service (SMS) to 20076. This service will be available immediately after

this event.

It is now my humble duty and privilege to declare the 2020 KCSE examination results officially released. I wish all candidates success in their future endeavours.

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MONDAY, 10th MAY 2021