Choosing a proper school is an important decision in a child’s education. This decision can determine their future, performance, faith, culture, among others. In most cases, it is the parents or guardians that make the final decision. The reasons for this decision can vary.

**POLL QUESTION ONE:**
What is the most important factor for choosing the school for a child?

**RESULTS PER RADIO STATION**

**OVERALL RESULTS**

1. **The Cost**
   - 21%
   - 10% The school should be nearby
   - 11% The ownership of the school (government or private, faith-based or secular)
   - 59% School ranking based on O and A level exam results

**POLL DURATION**
May 7th to May 21st 2017

**TOTAL RESPONSES**
5115

**RESPONSES PER GENDER**
77% 23%

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POLL QUESTION TWO: How informed are you as a parent about the financial accountability at your child’s USE school?

BACKGROUND

The government introduced the Universal Secondary Education program in 2007. All schools, whether they are public schools or private schools with government-aided students, receive funding from the government. Parents pay additional fees to cover the costs of education. The schools are obliged to display all received and spent funds on school’s notice boards and to appoint a Board of Governors that has to approve the budget of the school. These structures aim to improve the financial accountability of schools towards parents to show how funds are spent.

OVERALL RESULTS

- Poor, parents are never informed: 54%
- Some accountability information is available, but it is not clear what funds are spent on: 33%
- Good, money is accounted for and communicated to parents: 13%

RESULTS PER RADIO STATION

HUNTER FM: 14% (Poor), 50% (Some), 36% (Good)
HITS FM: 12% (Poor), 52% (Some), 33% (Good)
RADIO WA: 09% (Poor), 33% (Some), 57% (Good)
SIMBA FM: 14% (Poor), 34% (Some), 52% (Good)
DELTA FM: 12% (Poor), 54% (Some), 33% (Good)
MEGA FM: 10% (Poor), 30% (Some), 54% (Good)
PACIS FM: 15% (Poor), 47% (Some), 38% (Good)

TOTAL RESPONSES: 4235

POLL DURATION: May 21st to June 1st 2017

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POLL QUESTION THREE:
What is your impression of government-aided private schools that are implementing USE?

BACKGROUND
When the government introduced the Universal Secondary Education, or USE, program, private secondary school owners were invited to join implementation of this program. These partnerships are called Public Private Partnerships. These schools receive public funds, in the form of capitation grants. These grants are 47,000 Ugandan Shillings per student per term. To provide secondary education to all, each school is supposed to enroll as many students as the school can accommodate, but is at the same time tasked to provide good quality education.

OVERALL RESULTS

They are mainly concerned with the quality of education 44%
They are mainly concerned with making money 42%
I am not familiar with PPP schools 14%

RESULTS PER RADIO STATION

HUNTER FM
- They are mainly concerned with the quality of education: 50%
- They are mainly concerned with making money: 20%
- I am not familiar with PPP schools: 30%

HITS FM
- They are mainly concerned with the quality of education: 42%
- They are mainly concerned with making money: 20%
- I am not familiar with PPP schools: 38%

RADIO WA
- They are mainly concerned with the quality of education: 32%
- They are mainly concerned with making money: 57%
- I am not familiar with PPP schools: 11%

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