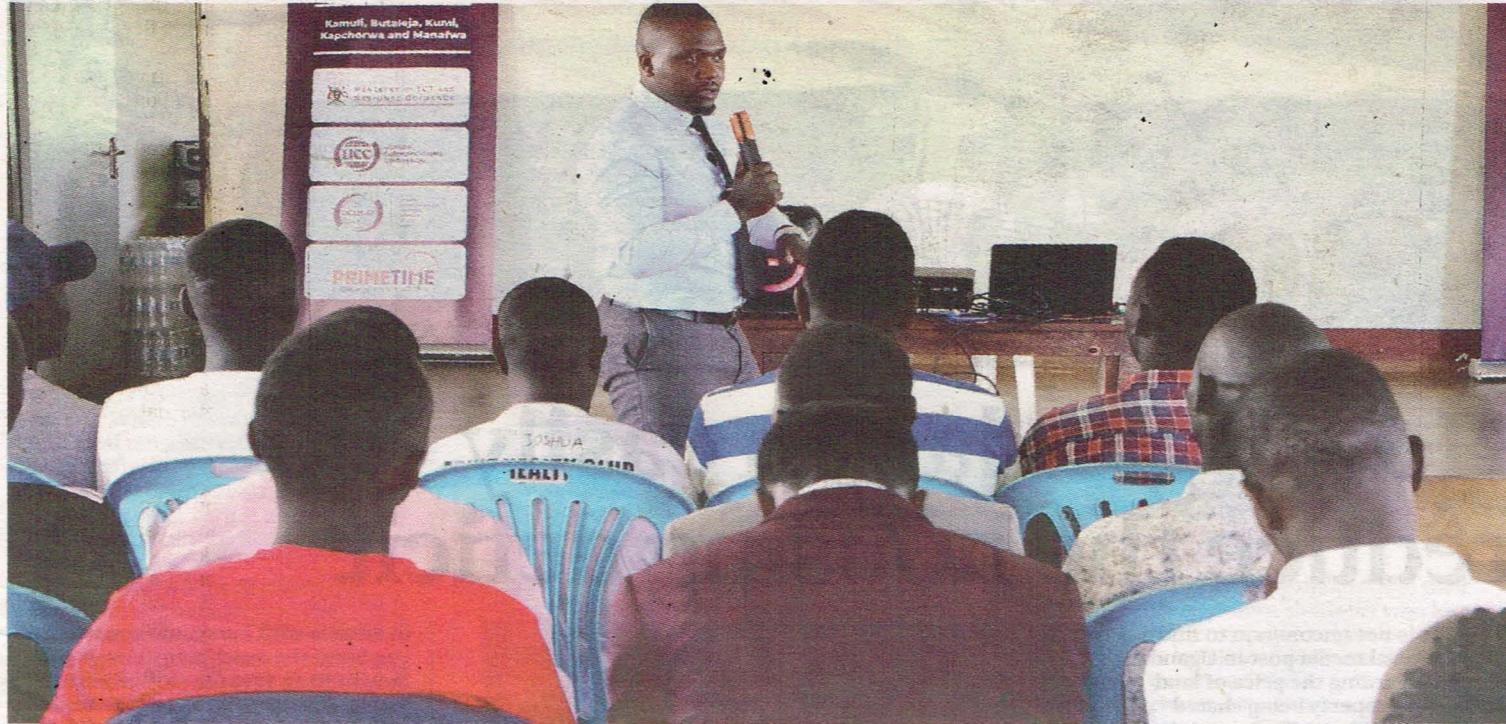


Dr Solomon Kimera inspires Kapchorwa youths to start now



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Digital skilling is opening new opportunities for young people who dream of building careers in content creation. In today's digital world, many youths aspire to make a living online, yet procrastination and self-doubt often hold them back. Many wait for the perfect equipment, ideal timing, or enough money before they begin delays that keep their dreams on pause.

It is under this background that Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) through the Uganda Communications Universal Service and Access Fund (UCUSAf), working with Prime Time Communications is implementing a program to skill youth groups in information and communication technologies (ICTs) and multimedia in five districts in eastern Uganda. The districts are Kumi, Kapchorwa, Manafwa, Butaleja and Kamuli. The training will see more than 500 youths acquire digital skills that are critical

in enabling them to find or create meaningful work.

Through the partnership between UCC and Prime Time Communications, more than 1,200 youths have so far been trained in central and eastern Uganda.

When the digital skills training program kicked off at the Kapachrowa Community Hall in Kisenyi sub-county within Kapchorwa municipality, Kapchorwa district, the atmosphere was filled with inspiration as a famous TikToker and content creator Dr Solomon Kimera took to

the stage.

Dr Kimera, widely recognized for his engaging and educational TikTok videos, has built a strong online community by blending entertainment with knowledge. His relatable delivery and ability to simplify complex topics have earned him admiration from thousands of young people across the country.

Addressing the youth, Dr Kimera shared the authentic story of his journey. Although he is a medical doctor with a professional background in clinical practice, his rise in the digital world did not begin with expensive tools or a perfect setup.

Instead, it began with confidence and creativity.

"I started with the most basic equipment; an inexpensive smartphone. I was my own camera operator," he revealed. "If I had waited to earn enough from my medical career to buy a better phone, I wouldn't have the following I have today. I might never have existed as a content creator. You must start now!"

His message resonated deeply with the young audience. Today, Dr Kimera has nearly 2.5 million followers on TikTok, with his videos attracting millions of views and likes.

His success is proof that passion and consistency can open doors, even when resources are limited.

Through the UCC digital skills training, the youths in Kapchorwa are being empowered with practical skills to create content, build online brands, and tap into the growing digital economy.

Dr Kimera's story served as a powerful reminder that success begins with the courage to start using whatever is available.

His final encouragement to the youth was simple but profound: "Don't wait for perfect conditions. Start with what you have. Your journey begins today."

One participant, Siya Deo, described the engagement and training as "eye-opening." Previously, he viewed his smartphone as a tool for basic tasks. "Now I know I can use my phone to do video content creation," he shared.