

Concerned Newly Posted Staff of GES (CNPS of GES)

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PRESS STATEMENT BY CONCERNED NEWLY RECRUITED TEACHERS

We, the Concerned Newly Recruited Teachers under the Ghana Education Service (GES), wish to express our deep disappointment and frustration over the government's failure to honor its own publicly communicated payment plan regarding our outstanding salary arrears.

Following our nationwide demonstration and subsequent engagements with relevant authorities, an official letter dated 20th April, 2026 with reference number GES/DD-G(MS)/1/26/212 was issued by GES announcing that approval had been granted by the Ministry of Finance for the payment of salary arrears owed to eligible GES staff from August 2024 to November 2025.

The same letter clearly stated that the arrears would be paid in installments beginning in May, with four months' arrears expected to be paid alongside salaries for the month.

However, May has ended, salaries have been paid, yet not a single pesewa of the promised arrears has reflected in the accounts of affected teachers.

This situation has left thousands of teachers emotionally drained and financially stranded. Many teachers accumulated huge debts during the period these arrears accrued and were relying on the approved payment structure to stabilize their lives. Some are struggling with loans, rent, transportation, and family responsibilities.

What makes this even more painful is the comparison with our colleagues in the health sector. Nurses who demonstrated alongside us over the same issue received official communication and subsequently received their payments according to the outlined structure. Why is the same commitment not being shown toward teachers?

What country treats its educators this way?

We therefore call on the government, the Ministry of Finance, Controller and Accountant-General's Department, and the leadership of GES to ensure that all outstanding arrears are paid before the end of this month as promised in the official payment schedule.

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Failure to do so will leave us with no option than to resume our picketing and other lawful democratic actions to demand what is rightfully ours.

We also call on teacher unions, civil society organizations, the media, and all well-meaning Ghanaians to stand with teachers in demanding fairness, accountability, and respect for the teaching profession.

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