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**Makerere Partners with worldwide reputable Universities for service responsiveness to global psychology needs.**

*The Partners in Indigo Project* is a collaborative effort between five (5) Universities in Africa (Cape Town, Ibadan, Malawi, Addis Ababa and Makerere University), and Trinity College Dublin as the Lead Partner and University of London and University of Columbia(USA) who have come together to promote higher education especially at Masters and PhD level.

This project, in which the School of Public Health, Makerere is also participating, is mainly to help develop the Makerere University Institute of Psychology PhD supervisory panel, as they train more Ugandan students to become PhD holders and supervisors.

“The Institute of Psychology is lacking more lecturers with PhD qualifications. There is a need therefore, to tackle this problem. This project is one of the ways we are harvesting a solution for this deeply rooted problem.” Prof. Ikoja Odongo, the Director of the Institute of Psychology highlighted.

In this partnership, doctoral-level graduates who have the ability to address health problems using a systems framework, utilizing interdisciplinary research will also be produced. These graduates will provide an evidence-based information that will indicate practiced and policy relevant action to improve the effectiveness of public health services in Africa

As it is a fairly new collaboration, one staff member at the institute is now pursuing his PhD in advanced research methods at Trinity College under the project. The University will in future send many more staff members and students to the partner universities.

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