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Makerere adds value to employability of fresh graduates

For many, unemployment has crippled their livelihoods and caused a great debt to the country's growth and development. Makerere University, has therefore taken the lead to address this fundamental problem through establishing and implementing a course that will focus on real skill development rather than simple knowledge-transfer which has so far failed to provide skilled employees in Uganda.

The £43,000 project between Leeds Metropolitan University and Makerere University School of Distance and Lifelong Learning is mostly aimed at developing courses in employability and entrepreneurship for out of school youths and fresh graduates.

The sole focus of this project therefore is to enable out of school youths and fresh graduates to gain skills of accessing the available jobs on the market and/or starting out their own businesses.

The courses have already been developed and the training of the tutors was successfully conducted in August 2010.

Pilot trainings of out of school youths and fresh graduates have been conducted in three regional centers of Makerere University including Arua, Entebbe and Fort Portal. The feedback from the monitoring visits is now being used for further development of the learning materials.

As the School of Distance and Lifelong Learning develops the learning materials, the curriculum will align the learning needs to the demands of the learners in relation to their desire to immediately get or create jobs for themselves.

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