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RESEARCH AGENDA FOR THE COUNTRY POPULATION PROGRAMME

Makerere University, College of Business and Management Sciences' Center for Population and Applied Statistics in collaboration with UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) and POPSEC (Population Secretariat Uganda) recommend a research agenda so as to generate appropriate research evidence to create awareness, close knowledge gaps and inform decision making on population issues. It is aimed at carrying out a multidisciplinary programme of work which will investigate population issues and their effects on national development.

The Center has a mission to assist Uganda and other developing countries to address successfully the population and applied statistics knowledge to the development challenges. This will be done through collaboration and knowledge sharing by raising a common voice and sharing sustainable, effective, efficient, accessible and acceptable solutions to these challenges.

The Research Agenda is expected among other things to explore the diverse population dynamics i.e. the population structure, age distribution, the movements, births within the country and settlement patterns and their broader impacts; the relationship between poverty and economic growth; the relationship between population growth, gender and domestic violence and the relationship between reproductive health and population dynamics.

'The key output of this research agenda will be a report outlining the type of population research that would be useful for guiding development policy and programme implementation, ' said Dr. Gideon Rutaremwa, the Ag. Director, Center for Population and Applied Statistics. 'Relevant data will be sought and sufficient resources of personnel and time will be provided in order to critically explore the broader population issues and relationships with development', he added.

The Center in partnership with UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund), the Population Secretariat of the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development and other stakeholders is also carrying out research on; Understanding stalled fertility in Uganda, Socio-cultural context of birth experiences for women in Uganda and Assessing the capacity of districts to integrate population factors in development plans at local government level.

These studies are also intended to build research capacity especially among the junior staff members not only for the School of Statistics and Applied Statistics but for the entire College as well. The Center values the quality of research output from this programme as it is on this basis that more funding will be attracted.

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