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#### **Vetmed-chs partner to fight ebola, marburg**

The School of Veterinary Medicine is working with the school of Public health in the College of Health Sciences to implement the one health concept under the RESPOND project funded by USAID. The project aims at reducing epidemics and pandemics of animal origin that affect humans (zoonotic diseases) for example Ebola, Marburg fever, Anthrax, Yellow fever among others.

1. Repairs to the road to Nakyesasa farm have begun ahead of the planned upgrading of buildings and labs of this centre. The Nakyesasa farm will be used by the School of Veterinary Medicine for hands on training under the AFRISA training model. The AFRISA training model offers vocationalized training for school leavers who do not make it to the university under the traditional model. It will offer skills certificates and diplomas starting next academic year. The project is funded under the presidential initiative to give skills to youth churned out by UPE and USE.
2. The school of Veterinary Medicine has admitted students for the Masters degree on Animal Product Processing, Entrepreneurship and Safety. The initial batch of students is under the capacity building program for Afro –Caribbean higher education institutions funded by EDULINK. The students come from Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, St. George University, Grenada and Makerere University. The program is highly vocationalized and addresses a gap created by traditional training models.
3. The school of Veterinary Medicine has admitted diploma holders from Sheik Veterinary School (STVS) in Somaliland for the Bachelors degree in Veterinary Medicine. This follows the affiliation of to Makerere University. STVS now offers Makerere diplomas in the Somaliland ecosystem which has lacked training in this area for the last twenty years.

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