



APPRECIATION AND APPEAL

INAUGURATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE MAKERERE UNIVERSITY
FEMALE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AND THE LAUNCH OF THE MATCHING GRANT
FROM THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY MAIN
HALL, SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2011, 6.00-9.00PM.

**PRESENTED BY CATHERINE KANABAHITA,
Director, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate, Makerere University**

- The Rt. Hon. Speaker of Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga
- Hon. Prof. Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Member of Parliament and Minister of Medical Services, Republic of Kenya,
- Prof. Mondo Kagonyera, Chancellor, Makerere University
- Your Excellencies, the Ambassadors present
- Honorable Ministers Present
- Honorable Members of Uganda's Parliament and East Africa's Legislative Assembly
- Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem, Chairperson Makerere University Council and Host tonight
- Vice Chancellor, Makerere University
- Chairperson and Members of the Makerere University Female Scholarship Foundation
- Managing Director, DFCU, Sponsors of the Dinner Tonight
- Members of Makerere University Council , Management,
- Distinguished Alumni
- Ladies and Gentlemen

On 20th November, 2010 the Makerere University Female Scholarship was born, out of the ten-year old Makerere University Female Initiative,

thanks to the mid-wife that night, **Rt. Hon. Prof. Apolo Nsibambi**, the Prime Minister at that time.

I would like to appreciate **Hon. Mathew Rukikaire** who was the Chairperson of the Makerere University Council at that time and he hosted the event at Kampala Serena Hotel.

In the same breath, allow me to thank the host of the dinner tonight, **Dr. Charles Wana-Etyem**, the current Chairperson of the Makerere University Council and **Makerere University Council** for offering 20 scholarships to FSF.

During the launch of FSF, Makerere University made an appeal to government of Uganda to avail 1.5 bn Uganda Shillings from the Peace, Recovery and Development Plan (PRDP) to support 150 girls from the Greater Northern Uganda (Acholi, Lango, Karamoja, Teso and West Nile Sub-regions) to study at Makerere University in the Academic year 2011/12.

Four days later, **Prof. Nsibambi** wrote to the Makerere University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Venansius Baryamureba and requested him to write to 38 districts of Greater Northern Uganda and request them to budget for

the FSF scholarships. Thank you **Prof. Nsibambi** for your support, commitment and prompt response.

On 21st December, **Prof. Baryamureeba** had finished signing the 38 letters and they were immediately dispatched to the respective districts and he followed up the letters at the Local Governments General Assembly meeting in January 2011. Thank you **Prof. Baryamureeba** for the support and commitment to nurture baby FSF.

Five out of 38 districts that were approached to support FSF, **five** responded positively, although no funds have been received yet. Thank you the **districts of Abeltong, Nebbi, Zombo and Nakapiripit** for responding positively to our call and partnering with us to help FSF grow. (Representative from the districts asked to stand up for recognition)

Thanks to the Carnegie Corporation team: The President, The Vice President (Deana Arsenian), Prof. Tade Aine, Ms. Andrea Johnson, Ms. Claudia. At the launch of FSF, **Deana Arsenian, the Vice President of CCYN** was deeply touched by the Testimonies of the FSI beneficiaries, the Success story of FSI and Makerere University's commitment to sustain FSI through FSF and she was very instrumental in convincing the CCNY Board to offer Makerere University the matching grant of US

1m, in addition to US 4 m that had been offered in 2000-2010 to support 691 needy girls access university education.

Thanks to MS J.D, through Dr. Sylvia Tamale who connected GMD to this NGO based in California that support two law students per year.

Ms. Phoebe Tuchungwire, whose story you have just heard is an alumna of FSI. Without fail, every month, for the last two years, she has given back to FSF. I am confident that her example will encourage the FSI Alumni and current FSF beneficiaries to give back. God bless you Phoebe!

Mrs. **Olive Kigongo**, who made a substantive contribution to FSF.

H.R.H Sylvia Naginda, the Patron of FSF for the visit to Makerere University, financial contribution to FSF, and donation of 15 computers to the girls.

Thank you **Dr. William Kalema** for accepting to be the Chairperson of Board of Trustees for the FSF. It took him to accept but when he did, he meant it. One quality that stands out when you work with Dr. Kalema is his high sense of Integrity: He says what he will do and does what he

says. Makerere University and FSF in particular are blessed to have you as Chair of the Board.

And for the rest of the member of the **FSF Board of Trustees**, thank you for accepting to serve and volunteer your services to be ‘Goodwill Ambassadors’ of Makerere University. I look forward to working with you in the next three years.

On 24th June, thanks to **The Most Rev. Henry Luke Orumbi** who hosted a dinner at his Palace in Namirembe to thank Carnegie Corporation of New York for the support that was given to FSI and to Promote FSF. **He endorsed the appeal** Makerere University had made to Government of Uganda to contribute UGX 1.5 bn to FSI to support needy girls from Greater Northern Uganda.

On 5th July, the passionate and practical man of God went ahead and wrote to The Rt. Hon. Amama Mbabazi, the Prime Minister of the republic of Uganda, and requested him to for an appointment on a convenient date to meet with a delegation from Makerere, led by him to follow up on the appeal.

Our dear guest of honour, Makerere University and I am sure His Grace the Archbishop are looking forward to receiving a response to that letter, from government.

Professor Emanuel Mutebile, the Governor of Bank of Uganda regrets that he was not able to be with us tonight. However, he has offered 10m Uganda shillings towards FSF. With 30 million matched by CCNY, that multiplies it to 40 million on the FSF account.

- That means **two** female doctors guaranteed an education for their entire period of study; girls who would never had that opportunity.
- That could also mean **four** female teachers guaranteed an education for their whole period of study.

It is amazing that **most of the nurturers of FSF stated above are actually men!** The key question is: Wherever you and I are positioned in life, are we giving life and enabling growth; regardless of sex, race or creed?

The second last page of the booklet has a section where you could make a commitment to support FSF. You are welcome to partner with us to transform lives. Together, we can make a difference with scholarships for bright but disadvantaged girls!