

Partnerships for “Heights for Progress”

“Companies forge partnerships for many reasons, and partnerships are becoming a cornerstone of many business models. Companies create alliances to optimize their business models, reduce risk, or acquire resources”

(Osterwalder/Pigneur, 2010, Business Model Generation – A handbook for visionaries, game changers and challengers, New Jersey (USA), Loc667)



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Without partnerships, no organization can come to be, nor can it continue to perform for long. At the same time, the ability to attract partners is a strong quality measure of vision and mission, strategy and leadership of an organization.

Mountains of the Moon University has attracted many partners - academic institutions, development agencies, enterprises and others – to support it and to engage with it. This chapter displays their invaluable contributions.

Partnerships for growth and development

MMU, through the reputation and perseverance of its leadership, has been able to attract many international partners. These have contributed several billion Ugandan Shillings to infrastructure development, equipment, and professional and academic training. Without these partners, MMU would not have arrived where it is today.

Country	Organization	Period	Support through...
Austria	GEZA (NGO)	2011	Financial support for internet and library
Belgium	Belgium Technical Cooperation	2009-2012	3 PhD and 3 masters-scholarships
	Flemish Inter-University Council (VLIR-IUS)	Since 2013	Institutional and Academic Capacity building
Germany	German international Cooperation	Since 2009	Technical/personnel and financial assistance
	Deutsche Bank	2012-2014	Technical assistance (seconding experts)
India / Uganda	McLeod Russel	2014	Financial support for soil science laboratory
Ireland	Development Cooperation Ireland	2006	Training of 300 teachers
	Martin Hawkes (private philanthropist)	Since 2008	Financial support for construction
	Misean Cara (MC) [channels financial support through VMM]	On-going	Finance for (i) construction, e. g of SHS building, multidis-ciplinary building, fence (ii) activities
	One51 Foundation	2008	Financial support for construction
	Voluntary Missionary Movement (VMM)	On-going	Personnel assistance
Uganda	Mpanga Tea Growers	2010-2012	- Research in fertilizer use - Training farmers in financial literacy, in particular savings

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UK	British Council	2011-2012	Training 500 out-of-school youth in livelihood skills
	One Brick at a Time	2011-2012	Construction of the SHS building and fence
	Close the Gap	2009, 2012	250 Computers
USA	Christ Aid	2011/12	Equipment for nursing practice room, X-Ray Machine

International exposure at MMU

MMU has constantly strived to expose its students and staff as well as the surrounding communities to wider sources of knowledge. Experts from Europe, Asia and Northern America, as well as from Uganda itself have visited MMU to share experiences, knowledge and skills. Topics have included development, microfinance, history and research methods.

Furthermore, MMU has been fortunate to partner with organizations that have provided staff on secondment, sometimes for several years. Volunteers Missionaries Movement (VMM) from Ireland has seconded the first two Vice-Chancellors, Professor Davey and Dr Nisbet, as well as eight other staff members to support the finance department, library and the planning and development unit respectively. Another VMM-volunteer supported teaching of accounting in the School of Business and Management Studies, and was instrumental in our graduates winning waivers from the Ugandan Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Similarly, the Volunteer Service Organization (VSO, Great Britain) seconded another staff member to the Planning and Development Unit.

German International Cooperation (GIZ) has seconded four members of staff, including the current dean of SBMS. These international colleagues have contributed to building robust systems at MMU as well as offering invaluable international exposure to their Ugandan colleagues.

Spotlight: Supporters of MMU between 2000 and 2008

'Ms. Sabine Hahn, Austria, donation of a satellite internet connection and library control systems, Prof. Bernard Longden, Liverpool Hope University, donated 100 computers, Mr. Michael Norton who has arranged for a significant funding from Dublin, Mr. Martin Haweks, the MMU benefactor, has arranged financial support from Ireland. [...] Mr. Alfred Chyba, Honorary Council for Uganda in Austria, raised funds to buy the first Vice Chancellor's car [...] the draft master plan for MMU was written by Ms. Linda Chesnek [...] The family of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Davey, the Volunteer Missionary Movement [...] UNEP (Nairobi) which donated and transported 80 steel bookshelves and our first library books. The Irish Embassy, EU for its support for the Horticulture Department, and the Netherlands Government for the Floriculture Project, the Camara computer project [...] Kabarole District Local Government for a donation of 75 acres of Saaka land, The government of Uganda through the Ministry of Education and Sports for its generous UGX 500m grant [...] our landlord, Mr. Erisa Kakyomya, Tororo Cement, Roofings Ltd, Madhvani Ltd, Kinyara Sugar Works, TAMTECO, Chinese Textile Company, Mr. Yusuf Karmali, Mr. Andrew Kaliba, Mr. Patrick Lucky of Kalita Transporters, Mr. Paul Kadoma, Mr. Japheth Katto, Mr. Reuben Karugaba, the family of Justice Seth T. Manyindo, and the family of Prof. Edward and Foibe Rugumayo.'

(Source: Rugumayo, Edward (2008): Speech at the 1st Graduation Ceremony of MMU, 26th Sept. 2008, Fort Portal)



As Mountains of the Moon University (MMU) marks its 10th Anniversary, KRC- Uganda and KRC 102 FM the farmers voice are proud to be associated with this important and formidable institution of higher learning –with whom we have had excellent working relationship since inception.



KRC is an indigenous not-profit making organization. It currently operates in the 7 Districts of the Rwenzori Sub Region , 4 Districts in Bunyoro and Mubende in Buganda Region. The core business of the 19 year old organization includes inter alia, capacity building of small holder farmers in agronomy, food security and post harvest handling, agri-business, promoting peace building and harmonious co-existence, promoting climate change mitigation mechanisms, research, governance and policy advocacy.

These initiatives are informed by the proactive research studies the institution undertakes in the quest to coalesce development efforts in Uganda. KRC has since added a the farmers radio station-KRC 102 FM that broadcasts information on weather, markets, prices of agricultural commodities, genuine farm inputs. In future, KRC aspires to create Uganda's first farmers' Television!

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Guest Lectures and external trainers at MMU

Year	Theme	Format	Presenter	Institution / Country
2007	Development Cooperation	lecture	John Lamb	Great Britain
2009	Education and Development	film	Niall Martin	Great Britain
2011	Research	Workshop	Prof. Jan-Luiten van Zanden	University of Utrecht, Netherlands
2011	Economic Development	lecture	Prof. Jan-Luiten van Zanden	University of Utrecht, Netherlands
2011	MMU story	film		Great Britain
2012	Microfinance	lecture	Dr. Birgit Galeman	Consultant, Germany
2012	Participatory Methods	lecture	Ms. Jackie Mpaka	Consultant, Uganda
2012	African Economic History	lecture	Prof. Ewout Frankema	University of Wageningen, Netherlands
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2012	African Economic History	course	Dr. Ellen Hillborn	Lund University, Sweden
2013	Entrepreneurship	Workshop	Dr. Martin Carey	Liverpool Hope University, GB
2013	Finance	department day	Christian Hausherr	Deutsche Bank, Germany
2013	Career guidance	department day	Kato Kachope	Centenary Bank, Uganda
2013	Career guidance	department day	Michael Karuhuuga	Centenary Bank, Uganda
2014	Mobile Payments	lecture	Michael Rothe	GIZ, Uganda
2014	Development	lecture	Gen. Elly Tumwine	Uganda
2014	Mathematics	visiting faculty	Prof. Soonki Kim	Chonbuk National University, South Korea

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2015	Environment	lecture	Prof. Sung Kyu Kang	Chonbuk National University, South Korea
2015	Research	lecture	Dr. Hans de Steur	Ghent University, Belgium
2015	Mobile Payments	lecture	Michael Spencer	SmartMoney, Uganda/USA
2015	Participatory	lecture	Ms. Jackie Mpaka	Consultant, Uganda
	Methods			

Research and staff development with partners around the world

MMU is proud and privileged to have been working with fifteen universities and research institutes from Europe, Northern America, Asia and Africa. These have built the research capacity of MMU staff and offered many of them international Master's Degree and Ph.D opportunities. Fields of study have ranged from education to entrepreneurship, and from agriculture to history.

University	Thematic field	Supported/ Supports MMU through			Research or project collaboration	Other partners involved
		Financial assistance	Technical / Personnel assistance	Capacity building for MMU staff		
Danube Krems University (Austria)	Library, ICT, internet		X			
Vrije Universiteit Brussels (Belgium)	Education and distance learning	VLIR		X		
University of Ghent (Belgium)	Agricultural Value Chains (dairy, aquaculture), community education	VLIR	X	X	X	Flemish Inter-university Council (VLIR)
K. U. Leuven (Belgium)	Water and soil sciences	VLIR		X		
African School of Economics (Benin)	Economics, Econometrics Integrated natural			X		MMU
Montpellier University (France)	resource management				X	AfroMaison (see box)

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Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Germany)	Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy				X	University of Kiel, GIZ
University of Utrecht (NL)	Economic History & Development		X		X	
University of Gothenburg (Sweden)	Development studies				X	
Makerere University (Uganda)	Entrepreneurship training	BC			X	British Council (BC)
Liverpool Hope University (UK)	Entrepreneurship	BC	X		X	
Salford University (UK)	Community Development	Commonwealth Fellowships	X		X	
University of Warwick (UK)	Microenterprise development	BC	X		X	BC, Kichwamba Technical College
Jackson State University (USA)	Public Health			X	X	
University of Michigan (USA)	African history / archives		X	X		
Chonbuk National University (SK)	Mathematics & Environmental Sciences		X	X		