

An investigation into the standards and quality of students' accommodation in and around Makerere University

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Abstract

This research project seeks to assess the living conditions and environment of students residing outside the official halls of residence of the university and in privately owned hostels around the campus.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

The Ministry of Education and Sports outlines a few of the minimum standards that education facilities must meet before being approved for operation. While frequently overlooked, places of accommodation play a vital role in students' happiness and general performance while in school. In tertiary institutions such as Makerere University, a majority of the students reside outside the halls of residence provided by the University. This poses a challenge in monitoring and keeping living conditions and environments in these areas up to par. The research seeks to assess these living conditions and ensure compliance with rules from both MOES and NHCE.

Chapter 2

Rationale

Every year, Makerere University admits over 10,000 privately sponsored students majority of who reside in privately owned hostels outside the campus. There is literally no monitoring and rating mechanism for any of these hostels, leaving them to set their own rules and minimum living standards. This research seeks to provide tangible data, based on both resident ratings and other key metrics.

Chapter 3

Project Description

The first phase of the data collection project will be locating and curating all areas of residence, in and around Makerere University. This phase will focus on the following areas;

- Name
- Location of the area of residence
- Security at the area of residence
- Noise levels at the area of residence
- Is the area spacious
- Sports facilities in and around the area
- Hostel price point

The second phase will be more qualitatively focused and will largely focus on a particular hostel's residents. The following will be the focus areas;

- Hostel satisfaction rating from 0-5
- Biggest challenge faced

Chapter 4

Sample Responses

Form 1:

Name:	Nana Hostel
Location	0.3249535,32.5664386
Security Guard at Entrance?:	Yes
Noise levels at area of residence:	4db
Spacious?(1-5)	3
Sports facilities in and around the area	None
Hostel Price point	850,000/=

Form 2:

Satisfaction rating:	4
Biggest challenge faced :	Long visitor sign in process