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**Re: Request for extension of PhD. thesis submission (1324122)**

I am a PhD student at WBS, and my thesis is due by April 31 according to your earlier communication. However, my research progress was significantly affected by the closure of the University last year which took away close to 6 months of productive research time.

When the University closed in March last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I was collecting data for some additional variables that I needed to include in my work following a preliminary data analysis and feedback from my supervisor. The data could only be accessed from the WBS computer labs and therefore the closure of the University resulted in the suspension of this activity leading to little progress in my research work for about five months.

When the lab was reopened in August (2020), it operated for fewer hours per day and access per student was not allowed for more than 2 consecutive days, which adds up to a maximum of four days a week. Due to the limited lab access, it took longer to obtain the data that I needed.

Attached are some related email conversations and requests to access the WBS computer lab last year.

Given the time I lost due to the unavoidable circumstances highlighted above, I am not able to submit my thesis by the due date stated above. Therefore, I request an extension of up to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Thank you.

Wycliffe Oluoch

Sincerely,