

# A REPORT ON THE THIEFT OF COMPUTERS IN CoCIS AT MAKERERE UNIVERSITY.

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## **1 INTRODUCTION:**

### **1.1 Population and size**

Makerere university is the biggest and most populated university in Uganda comprised of many colleges including CoSIS. This college where almost every student must have a computer since it deals with the field of computing and information technology .

### **1.2 Neighbourhoods and standards of living**

Makerere has many neighbourhoods where these are slums starting with alphabet k for instance Kikoni, Katanga to mention but a few . These areas harbour most of the students since most of the hostels are located there , even people of low standards with disguised minds such as petty thieves also found in these areas .

### **1.3 survival means**

By survival means, these people take advantages of students being ignorant about the area by disguising as good people they get chance of accessing the college pretending to be classmates ,friends and other categories yet have hidden intentions of stealing computers .

### **1.4 Targeted areas**

Most of the theft happens at block B since most of lectures theatres and labs are located on this Block. This increases a lot of insecurity due to its population .

## **2 MAJOR FINDINGS/BODY.**

Here many scenarios have been cited out where this habit of theft has occurred and some of the victims are cited . The analysis made based on the time interval almost 11/2 yrs i have spent at this college. The estimated number of students, that is to say classmates around 25

### **2.1 Category of thieves.**

It has been discovered that these thieves are not only men but women/ girls too .this has been deduced from one scenario where a certain girl lost her PC and a bag from girls lavatory at Block B as she had locked herself inside, this implies that a fellow girl picked the bag since boys are prohibited from accessing anything in girls lavatories.

### **2.2 Security cameras**

. Security cameras have not done their work may be it could be the weakness of the IT Admins if not these cameras might be faulty since many cases of theft have been happening but there is no standing report have ever been cited showing how the administration managed to trace a thief yet theft is rampant at this college.

#### **2.2.1 Sensitisation of students**

. Less sensitisation of fresher also increases theft since they are un aware of places ,lectures , college leader to mention but a few. If thorough awareness is done during orientations, these kind of reckless theft could be avoided..

## **3 DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

1. Admin :- administrators
2. PC :- personal Computer
3. IT :- Information Technology
4. CoSIS :- College of Computing and Information Science.

## **4 CONCLUSION:**

Conclusively, more security should be deployed at the college to increase verification of members accessing facilities at this college and security cameras should be put in a good working condition as there are expected to be .Sensitization of new students about the norms and practices of the college should be heavily done so as students to become very assertive and curious about the people there are living, studying and associate with at college.