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The Guest Of Honor, Dr. Hamis Kigwangalla representing the Vice President of United Republic of Tanzania (center) in a group photo with the chairperson of MUHAS Council Mariam Mwaffisi (3rd right), the Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa (3rd left), the Acting DVC- ARC Prof. Mainen Moshi (2nd left), the Acting DVC- HS, Prof. Aboud Said (1st left), and the Chairperson Steering Committee of the MUHAS scientific conference Dr. Doreen Mloka (3rd right) and the MUHAS management during the opening ceremony of the 5th MUHAS Scientific Conference at LAPF Millenium Tower, Dar es Salaam.

MUHAS CONDUCTS THE FIFTH SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND ADDRESSES TRANSLATION OF HEALTH RESEARCH FINDINGS INTO PRACTICE FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) it is imperative that more research efforts are geared towards improving the current health systems in Tanzania. Comprehensive knowledge on how best to strengthen health systems and what specific actions are appropriate in different settings should complement research findings of basic, clinical and applied research.

This was said by the Vice President of The United Republic of Tanzania, Guest of Honor, H. E. Samia Suluhu Hassan in her speech which was read by the Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children; Hon. Dr. Hamis Kigwangalla during the Opening Ceremony of the 5th Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) Scientific Conference.

The Vice President remarked that in order for Tanzania to achieve equitable and sustained access to care, support, and treatment and improve the well-being and life expectancy of our people, we need to enhance our research capacity and financing in health systems. As we grapple with health challenges of emerging and re-emerging diseases such as, Zika, Ebola, Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB), Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA),

A University excelling in quality training of health professionals, research and public services with a conducive learning and working environment



Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children Dr. Hamis Kigwangalla representing the guest of Honor. H.E Samia Suluhu Hassan, Vice President of United Republic of Tanzania giving his opening speech during the opening ceremony of the 5th MUHAS Scientific Conference.

cardiovascular diseases and mental health disorders, we must similarly shift our research focus and resources towards non-traditional areas and methodologies in order to come up with effective health care solutions.

The Vice President therefore urged MUHAS to form new partnerships and linkages with local and international partners including industries to improve relevant research for health systems strengthening. She added that collaborations with industry are a key force in advancing the development and commercialization of new medical technologies and health care innovations. Collaborations with management and financial institutions will provide insight on how best to strengthen health systems in terms of service provision, resource generation, financing and stewardship.

The Vice President further added, “the University should in future consider establishing more centers of excellence including those for infectious diseases and mental health; but it should also consider to start academic programs for other rare health professions such as intensive care, audiology, speech pathology and transplantation sciences. Having the right numbers and mix of quality trained health care profession cadres, increases capacity to provide quality health services for the well-being of all Tanzanians. This is also a definitive avenue for attainment of SDG number three: - Achieving good health and well-being”, She said.

The theme of this year’s conference was: “Translating Health Research findings into practice for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”. This is an appropriate

theme because research is a pertinent factor in ensuring a nation’s sustainable development and also in order to provide evidence-based quality health care services, there is a need to commit to a broad research agenda on health and health related issues.

During the conference, a total of 122 papers were presented orally. The conference had 10 sub- themes which were, (i) Reproductive Health, (ii) Non-Communicable Diseases, (iii) Infectious Diseases, (iv) Biomedical Sciences Research, (v) Health Policy, (vi) ICT and Health, (vii) Oral Health, (viii) Traditional and Alternative Medicine, (ix) Pharmaceutical Sciences, and (x) Gender and Health.

These sub-themes were in line with the theme of the conference. The fact, that today’s health challenges are

complex and require a multi-sectorial collaboration of stakeholders to find lasting and impactful solutions; is clearly recognized by MUHAS, by hosting a conference where stakeholders from different sectors meet to exchange ideas which will facilitate research that yields innovative solutions for sustainable development.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, the Chairperson of MUHAS Council Madam Mariam Mwaffisi said that research productivity in terms of publications is arguably the largest contributor to national and international visibility of an academic institution. As MUHAS’s ability to conduct and disseminate relevant, important, and impactful research through forum such as the 5th MUHAS scientific conference fulfills both its vision and enhanced visibility.

She further added that forum such as this one also helps to attract national and international attention to the University by bringing together both local and

international researchers.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Ephata Kaaya who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Planning, Finance and Administration Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa said that in research, the number of publications published in reputable peer reviewed journals, conference proceedings, theses and dissertations has remained consistently above 450 publications annually. For example, in the academic year 2014/2015, 544 publications were produced, whereas in the academic year 2015/2016 the university academic community produced 495 publications.

He added that this is a commendable effort considering that MUHAS has less than 381 academic members of staff and that research funding has declined as a result of the global economic crisis. He further congratulated young scientists who contributed over 45% of the presentations for the conference. The Vice Chancellor said that this is very commendable and encouraging. He further stated

that it was his sincere hope that through this experience young MUHAS scientists will be able to build a research culture that will enable them to continue providing quality scientific research output necessary for evidence-based decisions for the benefit of all Tanzanians”.

In addition he said that MUHAS is reputable in collaborating with scholars, researchers, research and academic institutions of higher learning, development partners, policy makers and other stakeholders in implementation of its research activities. This is necessary for both benchmarking and transfer of knowledge and technological advances. He also emphasized that MUHAS has maintained its Research and Capacity Building Links between 2014/2015 to 2015/2016 at the level of 121 and 123 with local and international institutions.

Furthermore, he added that research conducted at MUHAS addresses priority areas in line with the Tanzania’s National Strategy for Growth and



The chairperson of MUHAS Council Madam Mariam Mwaffisi addressing the participants during the opening ceremony of the 5th MUHAS Scientific Conference.



The Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa addressing participants during the opening ceremony of the 5th MUHAS Scientific Conference.

Reduction of Poverty (NSGRP) 2005, Tanzania Vision 2025 and global SDGs that oversee the countries' social-economic development.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Dr. Leonard Akwilapo who was represented by the Director of Higher Education Prof. Sylvia Temu officially closed the Fifth

MUHAS Scientific Conference. In his closing remarks, the Permanent Secretary congratulated MUHAS staff for their spirit of continuing education and professional development. He urged and encouraged other stakeholders, health workers and health care implementers to participate in future conferences so that they can be kept updated on current research, best practices and other

important research findings that are presented during these conferences. Through this, health care workers at large will benefit from these gatherings of reputable scholars and researchers.

The Conference was held on 29th and 30th of June 2017 at LAPF Millennium Tower in Dar es Salaam and was attended by government officials, scholars, young scientists, academicians, development partners, policy makers and other stakeholders from within and outside the country.



The Director of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology Prof. Sylvia Temu addressing the participants during the closing ceremony

MUHAS CONDUCTS A SEMINAR ON ROAD TRAFFIC INJURY PREVENTION AND CARE



Dr. Candinda together with other participants in a round table discussion during the seminar.

MUHAS supported by Sida organized a seminar concerning Injury Prevention and Care, Tanzania (INPACT) and Road Traffic Injuries from 17th to 18th May 2017.

The seminar aimed to increase research and education/training capacity for road traffic prevention and pre-hospital care, in order to reduce morbidity and mortality. These objectives are in alignment with the goal of increasing active transport such as walking and bicycling.

Also the seminar was organized in order to gather individuals and institutions addressing road traffic injury care and prevention in Tanzania, to learn and liaise around current data and interventions, in order to design efficient and effective modalities for decreasing road

traffic injuries and deaths as well as to increase active transport.

During the seminar, presenters from Muhimbili Orthopedic Institute (MOI) and Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) reported the situation in Dar es Salaam. They informed that more than half of all the injuries reporting at the hospitals are due to road accidents. Of more than 10,000 road traffic injuries reported from MOI and MNH, about 75% of the victims were males. More than half of the injured were motorcyclists, followed by pedestrians. Car occupants are third most at risk. Those riding in a Bajaj seem to be at a least risk.

The top diagnosis was head injury, which affected 16.4% of all Road Traffic Injury victims. These injuries are hard to treat and victims may end up with profound mental disabilities.

This situation is partially due to the minimal use of protective gears such as helmets and seat belts; only 4.9% of road traffic injury victims reported wearing helmets and only 2% of victims reported to have had been wearing seat belts at the time of injury.

The report continued that out of all received road traffic injuries victims, only 10.6% were able to return to their normal duties at discharge; 86% of patients did not return to their previous level of function until six months after discharge, 9.2% were still moderately disabled at six months and 3.3% died.

Also presenter from National Road Traffic Accidents of Tanzania Police Force, Inspector Yohana Mjema reported that the number of road traffic injuries appears to have been declining over the last few years. In 2015

a significant drop in all factors associated with Road Traffic Injury was observed.

Inspector Mjema added that there were 1,016 fewer road traffic collisions in January up to March 2017, compared to January up to March 2016. The number of people who died between January and March 2017 was 595, which was 22% fewer than reported in the same months of 2016.

Also discussed during the seminar was initiatives to reduce road traffic injuries, by focusing on primary schools. Experiences from Moshi and Dar es Salaam were reported. In Moshi, theatre performance was seen as a modality for pedestrian education among primary school students. It was informed that road traffic injury education can be significantly improved through drama delivered by amateur community players. Whereas, in Dar es Salaam has been focusing on safe school

zones. The Tanzania Police Force works in several schools through a WHO-supported project which features school patrols; police officers teach students how they can cross roads safely by themselves, using go and stop signs.

After the presentation participants were seated in groups discussion in order to define research priorities and ways to facilitate utilization of research results.

In the first roundtable it was agreed that the key research priority area should be motorcycles. Further evaluations between the relative safety of motorcycles and Bajaj are needed. Commercial motorcyclists operate in groups, and therefore ways of group registration should be investigated as a way for motorcycle drivers to get driving lessons and licenses. More education interventions should be developed and evaluated.

In the second roundtable, it was agreed that identification of key stakeholders is a cornerstone to ensuring that research findings are incorporated into various initiatives. Ways of successful research dissemination were identified as: presentations and policy briefs written simply, focusing on cost effective solutions, providing data that politicians can use for personal branding, as well as reaching more people through seminars and social media platforms.

The Seminar was conducted for two days from 17th to 18th May 2017 at Muhimbili Campus and Presenters came from MUHAS (Dr. F. Mashili, Dr. C. Moshiri, and Dr. A. Outwater), Muhimbili National Hospital (Dr. C. Reuben), Muhimbili Orthopedics Institute (Dr. C. Munthali), Tanzania Police Force (Inspector Y. Mjema), Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center (Dr. G. Kiwango), and Umea University in Sweden (Dr. S. Backtemann).



A group photo of participants during the seminar concerning the injury prevention care and road traffic injuries at Muhimbili Campus.

MUHAS, UNESCO and MoHCDGEC Partnership on Tele-medicine in support of Health Innovation in Tanzania



The Deputy Vice Chancellor-Academic, Research and Consultancy Prof. Eligius Lyamuya giving a welcoming remarks for two-day workshop participants to discuss and consider the concept of networking and the ongoing implementation of the course at the Muhimbili campus

The Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS), the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural (UNESCO) have entered into pact aimed to advance provision of quality health care for rural and remote populations which are often excluded from quality

health provision

The partnership envisaged the concept of tele-medicine, which makes use of modern and digital technology. Its operationalization will provide a model for improved use of the 21st technologies in the advancement of health provision in the country and continent.

During the event, MUHAS and UNESCO signed a Memorandum of Understanding



Representative of United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural (UNESCO), Zulmira Rodrigues (left) with DVC-ARC (MUHAS), Prof. Eligius Lyamuya signing a contract agreement on their co-operation in the implementation of the entire project of the Global Health Diagnostic Village. Those who witness the incident are the E-Medicine Coordinator from the Department of Medicine, the Ministry of Health, Social Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Liggy Vumilia (left) and Vice-General of the Free University of Tanzania (OUT), Prof. Elifas Bisanda (right)

to formalize the partnership around the Digital Village Health Innovation programme. It marked an important step in the operationalization of the Chair in Tele-Health granted to MUHAS recently by UNESCO.

Speaking after signing the Memorandum of Understanding, the Deputy Vice Chancellor-Academic, Research and Consultancy Prof. Eligius Lyamuya said that special focus would also be given to support the development of the outreach component of the medical specialist professional development.

He added that the telemedicine services would primarily focus on obstetric and dental care before venturing into other fields whereby a team of medical experts from the university will be serving the populations.

“With modern technology, distance and time do not have to continue being barriers to access health services anymore, because they can be easily overcome. We have taken the first to make this opportunity a reality and develop the services that can be applied in Tanzania”, He said.

The Country Resident Director of UNESCO Zulmira Rodriguez revealed that the pact starts as a pilot project in Ololosokwan Village, Loliondo.

According to her, among other things it intends to reduce maternal deaths. She said that the



Specialists from MUHAS, KCMC and stakeholders from The Africa Foundation, Aga Khan Foundation, Swiss Embassy, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as Regional Health Officers and Arusha and Ngorongoro districts who share a two-day workshop to discuss and consider the medical concept Network and how to implement it.

established digitalized village clinic in Loliondo is the first one in Tanzania and the fourth one across the African continent.

Rodriguez said that the intervention is the first tele health pilot connecting all levels of Tanzanian health care system providing a test case for integrating tele health services within the zonal health system in Tanzania.

Furthermore she added that the pilot follows an intervention developed by the UNESCO Dar es Salaam Office with the support of Samsung and

the district authorities of Ngorongoro which resulted in the establishment of a remote Digital Clinic, a live innovation platform for testing health services provision in maternal and infant care, dental and Ear Nose Throat services that utilize connectivity and smart technologies. The Digital Clinic was launched in Ololosokwan village in Ngorongoro, Arusha in November 2016.

E- Health coordinator from the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Elderly, Gender and Children, Dr. Lighgi Vumilia said that the government was

deeply committed to advance innovation in health care delivery.

“Ololosokwan will be connected with other zonal and even international health facilities to explore the possibilities for remote support, consultations and learning in practice. The Project will be a model for improving modern rural health care through collaboration and connectivity”, He said.

The UNESCO Representative, MUHAS Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor of the Open University of Tanzania, the Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister’s Office and the Director General COSTECH attended the Signing Ceremony officially held on 16th May 2017 at MUHAS. In addition, individuals representing the Africa Foundation, the Aga Khan Foundation, the Swiss Embassy and the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation, as well as Regional and District Health Officials from Arusha and Ngorongoro.

VISIT BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MoHCDGEC AND THE MUHAS VICE CHANCELLOR AT NGORONGORO DISTRICT.



Solar Powered Health Centre at the Ololosokwan Digital Village.

The Permanent Secretary (PS), MoHCDGEC, Dr. Mpoki Ulisubisya and the Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof. Ephata Kaaya visited the

RDC at the Ololosokwan village, Ngorongoro District from 22nd to 24th June, 2017. The PS and the VC were welcomed at the RDC by UNESCO Country Director Dr. Zulmira Rodriguez who showed them the digital facilities at the RDC and witnessed a live gynecological consultation between the remote health facility and Gynaecology specialists at MUHAS. Both the PS and VC were impressed by the achievement made, which enabled a patient in at the remote village to get live specialized diagnosis and management of her condition through Tele-health. The RDC is powered by solar energy. Plans are in progress to

identify funding to allow students to do part of their rotation in the RDC while in consultation with MUHAS faculty and other zonal Hospitals to be identified.



Dental Clinic at the Ololosokwan Digital Village.

MUHAS CONDUCTS A STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Strategic Planning Workshop for review of MUHAS five year Rolling Strategic Plan for the period of 2015/16-2019/2020 was conducted on the 22nd to 23th July 2017 and was attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellors, Deans and Directors, Heads of different departments and units, and administrators of Schools and Directorates. The Chairperson of MUHAS Council Ms Mariam Mwaffisi also attended the workshop.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor - Planning, Finance and Administration (DVC-PFA) Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa representing the Vice Chancellor Prof. Ephata Kaaya who welcomed the participants to the workshop officially opened the Workshop.

The Objectives of the workshop as explained by the DVC- PFA Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa were to review university-wide Five Years Rolling Strategic Plan (2016/2017- 2020/2021) and to receive and discuss the MUHAS Academic Medical Centre Strategic Plan for incorporation in the University-wide plan. Participants were also expected to



The Chairperson of MUHAS Council Madam Marim Mwaffisi together with other participants follow up a presentation during the Review of MUHAS Five Rolling Strategic Plans for 2015/16- 2019/2020 at Mloganzila Campus

learn how vision and mission are conceptualized and developed. At the end of the workshop, participants were expected discuss and agree on the revised MUHAS vision, mission and objectives for the Strategic Plan.

During the workshop the Director of Planning and Investment Dr. Elia Mmbaga presented the progress of implementation of the MUHAS Five year Rolling Strategic Plan for the period of 2015/2016- 2019/2020. He presented implementation progress for the 11 Strategic objectives. Under each objective, he elaborated on the targets, strategies, planned activities, achievements and remedial

action.

Also at the workshop Mr. Muga Cliff presented to the participants a guide review of MUHAS vision, mission, and an overview of institutional Strategic Plan structure relevant for MUHAS, and inclusion of MUHAS Academic Medical Centre (MAMC). Participants were divided into groups to discuss and present new MUHAS vision and mission. The agreed mission was *“To prepare the next generations of professionals for health, enhance research productivity and provide evidence based health care services in Tanzania and beyond”*. The Vision was *“A premier University excelling in education of professionals for health, innovative research, consultancy and health care services in Tanzania and beyond.”*

DVC-PFA Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa who thanked the participants for their commitment and active participation officially closed the Workshop. The workshop was conducted for two days and was facilitated by facilitators Muga Cliff and Consultant from Ministry of Finance.



Some of participants in a group discussion during the Review of MUHAS Five Rolling Strategic Plans for 2015/16- 2019/2020 at Mloganzila Campus

MUHAS PARTICIPATED AT THE 41st DAR ES SALAAM INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR



MUHAS Exhibitor from the department of Anatomy give explanation on anatomical model to fascinated group of people who visited MUHAS pavilion during the 41st Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

MUHAS participated at the 41st Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) commonly known as Saba Saba exhibition at Mwalimu J.K. Nyerere Grounds, Kilwa Road from 28th June to 13th July 2017. The aim was to market the products and services, which are offered by the institution to the public.

His Excellency Dr. John Pombe Magufuli, the President of The United Republic of Tanzania, officially opened the 41st Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. In his opening speech, President Magufuli emphasized that Tanzania's industrial sector must have a reliable electrical power supply, so he assured Tanzanians and investors that the government will build Stiegler's Gorge, a power supply plant in the Rufiji River as soon as possible.

The theme for this year's trade

fair was "Promotion of Trade for Industrial Development".

"More than 30 countries have come to participate at this exhibition. This will help us to continue our manufacturing plan and will enable companies and institutions to meet and exchange their experience", He said.

In this exhibitions MUHAS emerged a third winner in the Skills development, Training, Research & Consultancy Services category which comprises of all universities, vocational training institutions, colleges, schools, capacity building consultants, research institutions and all other consultancy services in different sectors.

In line with this year's theme, MUHAS pavilion displayed variety of educational materials, products and services from Schools, Institutes and

Directorates.

The School of Medicine was represented by the department of anatomy who displayed gross anatomical and embryological models and the department of physiology who offered education on physical health and services (cardiopulmonary test), health checkup services for Blood Pressure (BP), Body Mass Index (BMI) and life style counseling after BP or BMI results.

Also during this exhibition participants were able to get the information about the envisaged services that will be offered at the MUHAS Academic Medical Centre at Mloganzila campus.

In addition, the department of Psychiatry and mental Health offered counseling and psychosocial education on Intravenous Drug User (IDU). The department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion provided information on sickle cell disease, hemoglobin measurement and blood grouping.

The School of Dentistry displayed different training tools such as hand piece and other instruments, Dental restorative

materials, Phantom head and different research works done at the school including PhD thesis, Dissertations etc. They also offered services on screening for oral diseases and advertised the newly renovated and equipped dental laboratory.

The School of Pharmacy provided public education on rational use of medicines and visual inspection of medicines as part of quality assurance program, live mixing of formulation materials and the criticality of mixing in attaining homogeneous distribution of active pharmaceutical substance in unit dosage forms and the use of Near Infrared technologies in screening for counterfeited medicines. The School of Nursing offered the education on family planning and the programmes offered in the school.

The School of Public Health and Social Sciences through its department of Environmental and Occupational Health showcased environmental health related interventions including testing of water quality. The department of Parasitology and Medical Entomology showed a number of parasites of public interest using microscopy. The parasites included Plasmodium, Microfilaria, Ascaris and Hookworm. The department also offered testing for malaria using Rapid Diagnostic Test and examination of random blood glucose.

The Institute of Traditional Medicine displayed and sold herbal medicinal products which including Morizella juice, Aloe vera cream, Ravo cream, Prucan capsules, Pumu mixture, Tumbo mixture, Mangifera cream, Mangifera capsules, Rozella calyces, Artemisia

annua powder and Mlonge powder (Moringa oleifera). Also The Institute of Allied Health Sciences provided education on how to prepare extemporaneous products such as ultrasound jelly, and show case of the samp containing Carbapol 940 combined with glyceline and water for preparation using beaker and stirring rod.

The Directorate of Planning and Development for Muhimbili Campus promoted various potential areas of investment particularly lands and other infrastructure like buildings. On the other hand the Directorate

of Planning and Development for Mloganzila Campus advertised areas of investment at Mloganzila and displayed a design model of the Centre of Excellence for Cardiovascular Sciences.

Other Directorates that participated at the fair this year were the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, Directorate of Undergraduate Education, Directorate of Library Services and the Directorate of Continuing Education and Professional Development.



Dr. Isaac Lema from the department of Psychiatry and Mental Health explaining about mental health education to the person who visited the MUHAS pavilion during the 41st Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair



MUHAS Exhibitors poses for the group photo at the MUHAS pavilion during 41st Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair.

YEPI-SEE LAUNCHES BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTRE AT MUHAS



The DVC-PFA Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa has cut the launching ribbon to inaugurate the ice cream business incubation centre at MUHAS. The Dean, School of Public Health and Social Sciences Prof. David Urassa clapping as the ribbon drops while the Principal Investigator of YEPI-SEE project holds onto it.

Recently, the MUHAS Deputy Vice Chancellor, Planning, Finance and Administration (DVC-PFA), Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa officially launched the YEPI-SEE Ice Cream Business Incubation Centre at MUHAS. The Youth Economic Participation Initiative – Solve the Equation East Africa (YEPI-SEE) is an entrepreneurship project of three East African universities in Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. The project aims at promoting better livelihoods and economic development of graduating students as they face the world of unemployment, which is increasingly becoming more and more as time passes.

During the launching ceremony, the DVC PFA was happy to learn that the YEPI-SEE was all out to curb future unemployment among graduating students through its various formal and informal trainings within and outside the university.

He urged YEPI-SEE to work with the Directorate of Continuing Education and Professional Development to inculcate and mainstream entrepreneurship skills among all staff as required by the strategic plan of the university.

Speaking after the launching ceremony, Prof. Japhet Killewo who is the Principal Investigator of the YEPI-SEE project at MUHAS said that he was encouraged to see the university is in full support of the YEPI-SEE initiatives. He thanked the MasterCard Foundation for availing the funds to initiate the project.

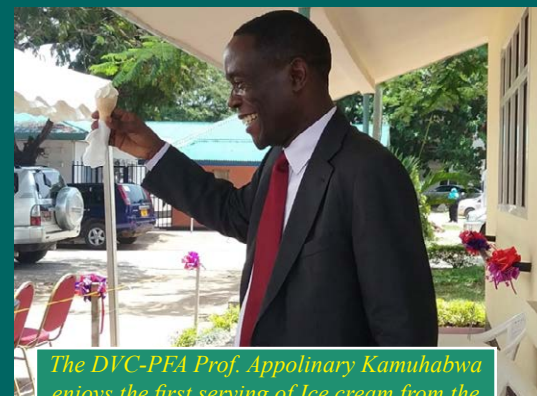
Furthermore Prof. Killewo said that YEPI-SEE is one of the projects of the Tailors Network. The network aims to address the global crisis in youth unemployment by supporting the efforts of universities in developing countries to develop and test innovative university-led models that enable upper-year university students and recent alumni to accelerate their transition to the work force.

Commenting on a question about entrepreneurship refresher courses raised by Mr. Dereck Chitama, a Co-Investigator of YEPI-SEE, the DVC-PFA said that the university would fully

support the idea of providing refresher courses to final year students to enable them to move into the employment market with entrepreneurship skills fresh in their minds. He therefore urged the Dean of the School of Public Health and Social Sciences to ensure that upper-year students get a refresher module in entrepreneurship to prepare them as they leave to become alumni of the university.

Also during the ceremony Mr. Joseph Mlay from the Development Studies department at MUHAS and Dr. Maryam Amour from the Department of Community Health at MUHAS informed participants about proposed business incubation projects that will include brewed coffee and sugar-free ice cream. Extension of the incubation centers to other neighboring universities was also included in the future plans.

During the launching ceremony all invited guests, faculty and students had a taste of the vanilla ice cream, which was offered freely by YEPI-SEE as part of a marketing strategy.



The DVC-PFA Prof. Appolinary Kamuhabwa enjoys the first serving of Ice cream from the business incubation centre.

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