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Norway to sponsor 60 students for masters degree



Ms Kabonesa (L) and Ms Dybdahi during the launch of the project on Friday. PHOTO BY STEPHEN WANDERA

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Makerere University has launched a five-year project where at least 60 students will be sponsored to study masters'

degrees in gender, peace, diversity and rights.

The project, under the Women and Gender Studies Department, which is funded by the Norwegian Research Agency for Development (NORAD), will also be implemented by Ahfad University in Sudan and Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia.

“Our Department of Gender and Women Studies has got \$1.2 million (Shs2.7b) financial support from NORAD to help students get degrees.

Every year we shall send four students to Ahfad University in Sudan for four years. Ten to 25 students will also benefit from the scheme here at Makerere in the same period,” the Makerere University head of Gender and Women studies, Ms Consolata Kabonesa, said during the launch of the regional institute of gender, peace diversity and rights project at Makerere on Friday.

The ceremony was presided over by the NORAD Research Department director, Ms Ragnhild Dybdahi. Faculty of Social Science dean Charles Bwana commended NORAD, saying the project will promote research that will be shared by the three universities.

Dybdahi urged Makerere University management to ensure that the sponsorship benefits the intended students. She said good utilisation of the funds will be a basis for future assistance.

Ms Kabonesa said the sponsorship begin next year and will be given to needy applicants.