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## WB gives Makerere Shs1.7 billion to boost sciences

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### Kampala

The Makerere University  
Department of Physics has been  
boosted by a Shs1.7 billion World  
Bank grant to help support the  
department's recently restructured  
courses and programmes.

Dr Florence Mutonyi, the head of  
the department, told journalists on  
Monday while commissioning five

laboratories in Kampala that the grant, a Millennium Science Initiative, is aimed at upgrading the department's curriculum and modernising laboratories to boost the performance of sciences. She said with the department acquiring modern equipment, it will impart up to date skills, which are more relevant to the labour market.

The Millennium Science Initiative (MSI), a project of the World Bank and the Science Initiative Group, is an international campaign that aims at strengthening sciences and technology in the developing world. Inaugurated in Chile in 1998, the MSI has a major presence in Chile, Brazil and Uganda but is also active in most countries in sub-Saharan Africa.