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PRESS RELEASE – EXTENSION OF SWEDISH SUPPORT TO UGANDAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES FOR RESEARCH

The Swedish bilateral Research Cooperation with Uganda was initiated in the year 2000. The main objective of the Research Cooperation has been to enhance capacity of public higher education institutions to conduct and sustain strategic and high quality research that will contribute to the development needs of Uganda and beyond through building a critical mass of independent researchers.

During the research collaboration agreement from 2010-2015, four other public universities entered the cooperation: Kyambogo, Busitema, Gulu and Mbarara University of Science and Technology. The support to those universities is channelled through Makerere University.

In May 2020, the Embassy approved a request for a two-year extension and phase-out of the current agreement with focus on consolidating and ensuring the institutional preparedness of the 5 Ugandan Public Universities to continue to support research activities in Uganda after June 2022. The aim is to consolidate the research capacity to generate knowledge and promote research uptake for national and regional development by 2022.

The amendment of the existing agreement includes an addition of USD 4.5 million and extension of the activity period by an additional 24 months until June 30th 2022.

Support will be targeted to following areas and all the 5 Ugandan Public Universities will benefit from these activities:

1. PhD completion grants
2. Quality Assurance for local PhD programs: continued support to university-wide course activities for PhD training and Supervision and Mentorship training.
3. Review/Development of relevant policies and implementation guidelines that have an impact on postgraduate training and environment for research. Such as: Capacity building in Innovation ecosystem and review/ development of Intellectual Property (IP) Policy; Quality Assurance & Academic Integrity Policy, as well as Research Supervision and Mentorship policies.

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