



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

Laid at Table ^{20/07/11} by
Hon. Matia Kasaija
The Minister of State
Planning (MFPED)
[Signature]

CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(Made under Section 10 of the Budget Act)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the Bill entitled, the STAMPS (AMENDMENT) Bill 2011, has been examined as required under Section 10 of the Budget Act. I wish to report as follows:

a) That the Bill has the following objectives:

1. To exempt an acknowledgement of a loan not exceeding two million shillings from stamp duty.

b) That it is expected to achieve the following outputs:

1. To lessen the burden of borrowing to small income earners whose loans do not exceed two (2) million shillings

c) That the expenditure plan by major components for the next two years.

Since this is an amendment to the existing tax provisions, there is no expenditure plan specifically different from the overall allocation of Shs. 115.5 billion for 2011/12 Financial Year to Uganda Revenue Authority.

d) That the funding and budgetary implications are the following:

Funding is going to be through overall Government budgetary allocations to Uganda Revenue Authority.

e) Expected savings and/or revenue to Government:

The expected revenue loss from the measure is Shs. 500 million.

Submitted to Parliament under my hand.

Aston P. Kajara (MP)

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (PRIVATIZATION), ALSO HOLDING THE
PORTFOLIO OF MINISTER OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

25/07/11 Laid at Table by
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07th /07/2011

RE: PLIGHT OF UGANDAN STUDENTS IN TANZANIA

Your Honorables, we congratulate you upon your election into office and thank you for the job well done so far. However, certain urgent problems remain unaddressed for the Ugandan students in Tanzania that have compelled us to address this letter to this august house.

We would like to make known to you the details of the deplorable and critical situation that the Ugandan Students sponsored by the Ministry of Education and Sports (Uganda) studying here in Tanzania are facing. These are in the different universities: Sokoine University of Agriculture, Muhimbili University of Health and Applied Sciences, Ardhi University all of whom are sponsored under the Inter-University Council for East Africa Students Exchange Program (IUCEA). This situation is reflected in the various articles currently in circulation in the local media.

This issue of the Ugandan student's crisis is not new. It has been an ongoing problem for the previous years and students have always been patient and waited until their allowances were remitted to them in Tanzania. However, a number of reasons have led the usually highly tolerant students to get disgruntled to the point of sending letters to the local press in Uganda with others even proposing that the issue be raised in the press here in Dar es Salaam and other foreign media and proposing a demonstration at the Uganda High Commission in Tanzania.

Despite having sent a plethora of reminder letters and made numerous visits to the Ministry of Education and Sports in Uganda to air out our views after our letters were ignored, this has always been in vain as our student representatives who visit the ministry in Uganda are maltreated and sometimes denied access to the various officials responsible by condescending secretaries. Even the frequent phone calls that we make to the various people at the ministry responsible for assisting us do not always yield any positive responses the few times they are picked up and on at least one occasion one student was insulted by the 'civil servant' from whom he was seeking assistance who warned him that as the IUCEA exchange Program had been scrapped, we are no longer a priority.

* Till now, students have not yet received their upkeep (\$90), transport (\$60) and top up allowance (\$60) allowances since April. This is totaling to **\$270** for each student. As per the memorandum of understanding between Tanzania and Uganda on the exchange of students; first years students and finalists in that year are meant to get **\$558** from the Ministry of Education Uganda and the continuing students are meant to receive **\$358**. However this academic year finalists received only **\$458** less by **\$100** and the continuing students received **\$258** less by **\$100**. Second semester this academic year we all received **\$180** instead of **\$270**. Therefore, this brings the sum of amount of money in arrears to **\$270** basing on the fact that the academic year 2009/2010 we did not receive our transport allowances (**\$60**).

* Most of our financial problems especially the reduction of our allowances without formal explanation from the ministry begun in academic year 2009/2010 semester when Madam Gabona who was Commissioner Higher Education was shifted. From that time up to now we are not aware of the person in charge of our affairs.

Students are striving to get what to eat on a daily basis and life is basically pathetic. We are in a foreign country with hardly any kith and no kin to rely on. This is likely to have a lasting impact on the academic

performance of the students since exams are starting on **Monday 11th July 2011** for University of Dar es salaam and the other campuses are beginning theirs one week after.

It is against this background that students are dissatisfied as the academic year 2010/2011 is ending in **two weeks (22 /July/ 2011)** time for University of Dar es salaam and the rest one week after. Considering the fact students are still living under promises that the money is going to be sent, the questions which have arisen among students are, when will the money be sent as the universities are closing soon? How are the students going to travel back home to the different parts of the Country?

Given the fact that students have incurred debts, and will not be able to return home minus the above mentioned amount of money, we call upon the concerned authority to send the **\$270** so that we can repay our debts and return home. The University expects all students to vacate the University premises within two days after closure which will end on 23rd July 2011.

We are therefore kindly requesting for your direct intervention in the matter as these issues is of utmost urgency.

We are also requesting you to help us get clarification as to who exactly is meant to handle our issues at the Ministry of Education in Uganda. This will not only save us from costs of making constant phone calls to the Ministry staff, who most of the times do not provide any help to us, but also reduce on the number of phone calls and unnecessary visits we make to the Uganda High Commission in Dar es salaam.

We are helpless in this foreign country; we have no recourse but to request the assistance which the government pledged to us when we were coming here to study.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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