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PARTNERSHIPS FOR REFUGEES AND FORCED MIGRANTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE UK

Since 2002, the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK has partnered with Windle Trust International to offer postgraduate scholarship opportunities in the UK to refugees and forced migrants from East Africa

AT A GLANCE

- The UK Department for International Development funds awards for those who could not otherwise study in the UK and that seek to develop their home or host country
- Windle Trust International have nominated refugees, internally displaced, or conflict affected individuals for scholarships every year since 2002
- The Commission has fully-funded forty, and part-funded an additional fifty master's degrees in the UK for refugees and forced migrants under this partnership

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. To support the Commission's objective to ensure its programmes promote equity and inclusion, reward merit, and are accessible, especially to those from disadvantaged backgrounds
2. To support communities through investment in individuals, the programme supports innovators and leaders of the future to attend UK universities and to return to East Africa to aid development
3. To support the Sustainable Development Goals by providing educational opportunities to promote technically sound political and business leadership needed within a knowledge-based global economy

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- Ninety individuals have been successful in the Commission's competitive scholarship application process
- Commonwealth Windle Trust Scholars have studied at nineteen of the UK's top universities
- The programme is open to applicants from South Sudan who have refugee status in Uganda or Kenya; Ugandan candidates from West Nile, Karamoja, Acholi, Lango and Teso; and Kenyan candidates from Garissa, Turkana, Baringo, Isiolo Mandera, Marsabit, Samuru, Tana River and Wajir
- Subjects studied include: agroforestry, conservation, land management, energy, environmental management, international business, law, public health, gender and development, construction management, wireless communication technologies and project management

LESSONS LEARNT

1. Proof of qualifications and identity documentation remains problematic for applications
2. Three-quarters of Scholars funded have been male, despite targeted recruitment to female applicants
3. Good communication between partners ensures the best outcomes and support for our scholars

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