



Agribusiness refugee graduands at Nakivale refugee settlement in Isingiro district on Tuesday

## Online courses opened for refugees

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Authorities and refugees at Nakivale settlement in Isingiro district have welcomed the initiative announced by Windle International Uganda (WIU) to start online university degree courses for refugees living in Uganda's refugee settlements.

WIU, in partnership with Arizona State University

(ASU) and universities in Uganda, such as Bugema and Ndejje started the initiative to increase access to university education and safe learning for refugees.

Methuselah Kasukaali, the WIU institutional development and quality assurance director, said, "Arizona State University will pay 100% of the tuition for all beneficiaries."

He said the initiative will benefit both nationals and

refugees, 30% host community and 70% refugees. "A joint award will be given by the two universities."

David Mugenyi, the Nakivale Refugee settlement commandant, said the initiative has come at a time when refugees, needed university education.

He said refugees will begin with four learning areas: information computer technology, education, business

and social work courses, which he said are marketable.

This initiative was unveiled during the graduation ceremony for 26 agribusiness students at Nakivale refugee settlement.

Carrie Bauer, the Instructional Designer Associate at ASU, who officiated the ceremony, said Arizona State University is committed to continue supporting refugee programmes in Uganda.