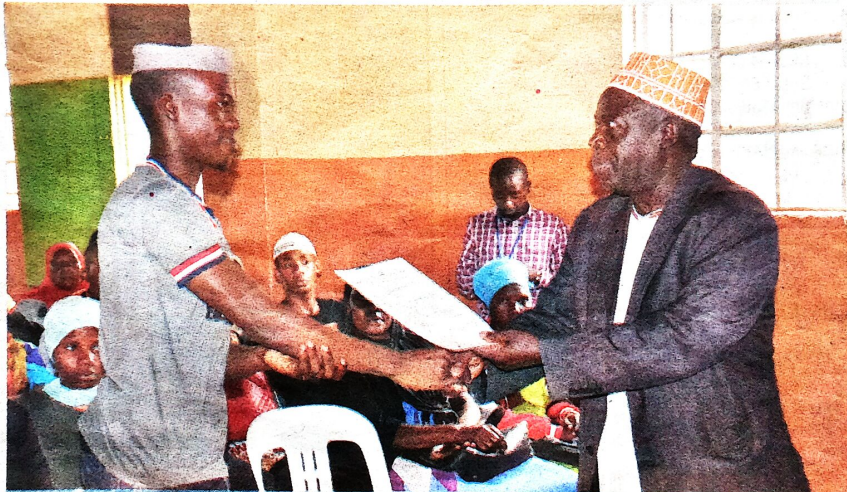# 200 Muslim students for free university education

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About 200 Muslim students have been given scholarships to study for degrees, diplomas and certificates at the Metropolitan International University, Kampala campus.

House of Zakah and Waqf in partnership with Metropolitan International University handed over admission letters to successful students at their offices in Kampala yesterday.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, the chairperson Education unit at House of Zakah and Waqf Ibrahim Matovu, said they were tasked to look for 100 vulnerable students but due to high numbers they registered 200 students and luckily all were admitted.

Asked about the requirements they considered, Matovu said, students had to have O and A-Level certificates and those without principle passes have been given a chance to pursue higher certificates after which they can join

Ambassador Ahmed Kisule from House of Zakah and Waqf hands over the admission form to one of the successful students expected to join Metropolitan International University soon. PHOTO BY SHABIBAH NAKIRIGYA

the university. "Our responsibility as House of Zakah and waqf is to look for scholarships and bursaries to help vulnerable students gain access to higher education," he said.

The Dean Faculty of Science and Technology at Metropolitan International University, Ismail Lukwago, said all students who were admitted will be studying from Kampala campus although the university main campus is in Kisoro.

"We introduced this scholarship scheme last year in collaboration with House of Zakah knowing that it has the capacity to reach all levels of needy Muslim students across the country," he added.

Lukwago added that in these scholarships, students are only required to pay Shs400,000 per semester.

"We want to make sure that majority of vulnerable Muslim students access university education through scholarships," he said.

The programme started in 2017 across the country at Metropolitan International University.