



Kenyatta University

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CABINET APPROVES KENYATTA UNIVERSITY HOSTELS PROJECT

The Cabinet on 21st May 2015 approved the implementation of the Kenyatta University students' hostels project whose approximate investment value is US\$52.5million, on a Public Private Partnership ("PPP") basis in line with the PPP Act, 2013. This is the first PPP of its kind in Kenya. Africa Integras (an American Company) is the private party that won the bid to design, build, finance, and operate student hostels within Kenyatta University and transfer the hostels to the University at the end of the concession period.

Students who are unable to secure accommodation within the University campus seek hostels around the University while others are forced to travel long distances from their homes. With the Cabinet approval of the project, Kenyatta University will not only provide more accommodation for the undergraduate students but for the first time accommodate post-graduate students and married students who are increasing in number every year.

Kenyatta University, like other public universities, has had challenges with students residing outside the University due to security issues and the students not being able to fully access services offered at the University such as libraries, computer labs and recreation facilities that add to the quality of campus life. In addition, the quality of hostels outside the University is often poor since some are not intended to be hostels in the first place.

The KU hostels project will be located at University's main campus and are designed to provide student hostels to accommodate 10,000 students (9,350 undergraduates and 650 postgraduates). The project is quite timely as it will not only ease the accommodation pressure in Kenyatta University, but also provide a model that can be replicated by the other public institutions.

The model is a welcome relief for public universities since they do not have access to the kind of funds needed for provision of hostels given other competing financial needs for expansion including the development of facilities for new faculties.

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About Kenyatta University

Kenyatta University is the one of the largest universities in Eastern Africa whose vision is to be a dynamic, inclusive and a competitive centre for excellence in teaching, learning, research and service to humanity.

Founded in 1965, K.U has taken significant steps towards becoming a world-class university.

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