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THE WORK REPORT OF MINISTRY OF ACCOMMODATION 2009/2010

INTRODUCTION

Ministry of Accommodation is one among other working units of the executive component of MUHASSO cabinet. It is run by the minister of accommodation under assistance of the deputy minister and the principle secretary. Among other many functions, this ministry primarily deals with safeguarding, promoting, coordinating, monitoring and ensuring accessibility of student's services and welfare pertaining to accommodation. Co-ordination of all issues related to students services involves channeling of appropriate information to the prime minister of MUHASSO who is the overall in charge of all day to day activities of MUHASSO being pushed forward for implementation. Implementation of challenges related to student's accommodation is done by informing appropriate department of the University that should solve that problem immediately.

This ministry has been delivering students concerns to the directorate of planning and development of the University but currently the SSB department has been put under the office of Dean of Students. The SSB department is the link of the students affairs to the directorate of planning and development but still any ministry office bearer can deliver students concerns to the director of planning and development directly. However some emergence issues that need immediate solutions can be communicated directly to the DVC-PFA.

THE 2009/2010 STUDENTS ORGANISATION POLICY AGENDA RELATED TO ACCOMMODATION

The students leadership policy agenda concerning accommodation were as follows.

- To make strong follow ups to ensure that the major renovation of students halls is done successfully within the 2009/2010 leadership regime.
- To foster the process of maintenance including installation of chairs and tables in students residence.
- To foster the process of Chole hostel investments to cater for shop, male salon, female saloon and stationery services.
- To make sure that the accommodation fee for Chole students goes down to ensure affordability of student's residence.
- To ensure the living environment is improved so that students would live comfortably in their residence and outside. This cuts across all issues related to environmental hygiene and entertainments in students halls
- To make sure that installation of water tanks is done to reduce the problem of unreliable supply of water in students hostels.
- To improve students security in their residences.

THE WORK PLAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF ACCOMMODATION 2009/2010

Soon after the beginning of our leadership the ministry drafted a work plan, this came after situation analysis of what was the prevailing situation by then. This plan had short and long term targets, implementation followed soon after prioritizing the challenges. The vision was to achieve targeted goals as displayed on the table below.

S/No.	SHORT TERM TARGETS	TIME FRAME
1.	To have a temporary solution of water shortage at Chole road hostel and Muhimbili campus by installation of extra water tanks and convincing the Management to find alternative solution preferably by buying.	May-June
2.	Re assessment of residential rooms condition i.e. mattresses, bed condition, ceiling board, tables and chairs availability.	June 6-30.
3.	Sparking the university Management to reduce accommodation fee for Chole hostel residents from 500/= to 300/= through table discussion.	SSB meetings
4.	To make temporal solution on sewerage system blockage while seeking for a permanent solution.	May-September.
	LONG TERM TARGETS	
5.	Major renovation at Muhimbili main campus hostels during long vacation together with fumigation.	August-September
6.	Raising MUHASSO funds by making sure that accommodated students pay student union fee as one of accommodation condition.	September during commencement of new academic year.
7.	Major maintenance including installation of chairs and tables during long vacation.	August-September.
8.	Installation of water tanks at Ruvu, Lukuledi and Pangani blocks.	SSB and SAC meetings
9.	Room allocation during long vacation together with modification of application forms and provision of accommodation policy.	August-September.
10.	To foster the process of Chole hostel investments to cater for shop, male salon, female saloon and stationery services.	Collaborative meetings with the ministry of finance.
11.	To improve students security in their residences.	May to the end of our leadership
12.	To ensure the living environment is improved so that students would live comfortably in their residence and outside. This cuts across all issues related to environmental hygiene and entertainments in students halls	Collaborative meetings with ministry of environment.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE?

Success

MAJOR RENOVATION

This has been accomplished as expected because up to the end of our leadership all blocks were renovated. The renovation involved replacement and installation of all incentives needed for student life. All blocks were renovated including Ruvu, Lukuledi and Pangani. This goal was therefore achieved as expected with 100%.

INSTALLATION OF CHAIRS AND TABLES IN RESIDENTIAL ROOMS

Up to 19th October 2009, when the new academic year started, tables were already fixed in all blocks in which the problem used to be a day dream to accomplish. Up to 1st November 2009 all rooms had received chairs. Enough chairs for Pangani, Lukuledi, Kagera and Ruvu were brought, they were 384 chairs. Also this was a remarkable achievement.

CHOLE ROAD HOSTEL RENTAL REVIEW

As one among other objectives which were prioritized in ministry work plan, Chole rental fee had no option rather than investing tireless efforts to make sure that it goes down. This was accomplished during long vacation after a cascade of numerous meetings and appeals up to Council level. With this regard, I here by inform that the fee was reduced from 500/= per day to 400/=. This amount was reached after comprehensive debate between Management members and students representatives of SAC, to reach the consensus the management had to drop from 500/= to 400/= and students representative to rise from 300/= to 400/= to reach the so called win-win situation. This was successful by 50% because we managed to reduce the amount by 100/= and not 200/= as expected.

TEMPORARY CHOLE INVESTMENTS

Being another objective of special focus, the ministry liaised with Management and finally a small scale investor won the contract of establishing shop and other small scale

grocery services. This had been done fruitfully though there still some pending tasks of ensuring male and female salons are established.

INSTALLATION OF WATER TANKS AT MUHAS HOSTEL

The discussion between the ministry and MUHAS Management reached consensus of installing extra tanks and up to the end of our leadership the tanks were already bought and are on site waiting for installation, however we managed to convince the Management to give us some funds in case of scarcity of water for buying water the issue which never existed before. Therefore this was achieved.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM BLOCKAGE- MEASURES TAKEN

The temporary solution was achieved by collaboration with estate department where by the sewerage system has been rectified. So far the problem has not been occurring as it used to be before. It is also a remarkable success.

HALLS AND SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT CLEANLINESS

The problem of dirty halls and surroundings has been solved because after numerous discussions with university Management, it realized the problem and decided to out resource the cleanliness activities by signing a contract with Kishengwene Company which takes care of cleanliness issues in residential blocks and surrounding environment. Also the whole University environment was landscaped again; generally the surroundings are clean opposite to what it used to be. This came after establishment of Environmental committee in which MUHASSO was represented by ministers of accommodation and environment.

SECURITY

Security has been improved because the University Management accomplished the building of MPL-MTC wall therefore any one who enters the university has to be checked, however there has been several cases of theft.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other day to day activities where accomplished successfully, they include

- Re assessment of residential rooms condition i.e. mattresses, bed condition, ceiling board, tables and chairs availability.
- Raising MUHASSO funds by making sure that accommodated students pay student union fee as one of accommodation condition.
- Room allocation during long vacation together with modification of application forms and provision of accommodation policy.

CHALLENGES

The following were challenges that we encountered;

- Prior agreements between the previous students leadership in some problems that we wanted to intervene example the issue of Chole rental fee.
- Compliance of the University Management was not good because of negative attitude towards student's leadership. They are conflict biased instead of problem solving approach and in solving conflict they are biased to win- lose situation.
- The ministry realized enormous scarcity of accommodation facilities of which 75% only get rooms\.
- Students' involvement and awareness on students' matters is still poor hence causing misunderstandings between students and their government.

SUGGESTIONS

- The University accommodation policy has to be reviewed so that it can be updated.
- There still a need of University searching for extra accommodation facilities.
- There is a need of MUHASSO to develop a long term Strategic plan that should be adhered by all future students' leaderships in order to have a rolling plan.

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TO GOD BE GLORY

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