

KCB Supports University in Equipping Farmers with Skills.

The KCB Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Nairobi Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi in his office today, July, 28, 2015 to finance the University in equipping farmers with agricultural skills that will help them improve their output.

Speaking during the event, the Vice-Chancellor appreciated the efforts by the banking giant, KCB in going out of their way to finance the research activities that will go a long way in helping farmers improve their yields. "When an industry giant and an academic giant meet together in helping farmers improve their productivity, our nation is bound to benefit a lot and more so students who will get mentored as well", said Prof. Mbithi.

The University's mandate is reaching out to the community and in this regard also dismantling the ivory tower and empowering the community with the knowledge that will transform lives. The Vice-Chancellor took the opportunity to invite KCB Foundation to the Nairobi Innovation week that will be held from August 4-7, 2015 at the Chancellor's Court.

On his part, the Managing Director, KCB Foundation, Mr. Sam Makome noted that the partnership will change lives as they touch the food supply value chain. The program "Mifugo na Mali" was launched in 2014 and has had great impact in Kwale, Garrisa, Mandera among other towns in the country. "As a bank, we believe that the University has the ability to develop solutions that will improve livestock milk and meat production", he said.

Prof. Agnes Mwan'gombe, the Principal, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences noted that as a research college, the financing will go a long way in bringing veterinary services to the farmers. Farmers will be equipped to improve their productivity. "All these efforts will go a long way in improving food and nutrition", she said.

Also present during event include Prof. Charles Mulei, Dean , Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Prof. D. Gakuya, Chairman, Department of Clinical Studies, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences.