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INADEQUATE RESOURCES COMPOUNDED the problem of reviving and completing several stalled building projects on various campuses. The University management prioritized the projects and with injection of capital generated from internal sources was able to complete most of the stalled projects and construct new ones. We bring you highlights of projects completed in the last five years.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL STUDIES

For several years the infrastructure at the College of Education and External Studies (CEES) remained

a challenge. Efforts spread over 10 years to complete the building projects only created an eye sore, with the local population believing that all University projects are white elephants. There was quite some suffering for both students and staff as they grappled with teaching space, library facilities and accommodation. Indeed, students were inconvenienced as they shuttled to the JKLM every Tuesday and Friday to make reference. The old library which was housed near the kitchen used to operate late at night and over holidays to meet the demands of over 1,500 regular students and 11,000 distance learning and extra mural students.

This all changed in 2005 following the face lift un-

dertaken by the University administration. In 2005, the Library Hill complex was completed and handed over officially. The complex which consisted of a library and teaching facilities for the school of Education cost 115,745,800 million.

The School of Education space includes two large lecture theatres, tuition rooms, office space and communication and speech laboratories.

The Library complex consists of a two storey building with a capacity of 1,200 readers, and over 200,000 books and reference materials. The library is fully computerized matching only the JKLM in terms of reading space and books.

Kisumu

In 2007, the University purchased the former British Council library in Kisumu. The purpose of buying the building, estimated at Kshs 40 million, was to consolidate the activities of the University in the western region, it was clear that the presence of the University would lead to increased activities in Kisumu.

The University now has office space, class rooms, a modern computerised library, a computer lab and an amphitheatre specifically for theatre arts.

Warden's house

In 2006, management supported the rehabilitation of a warden's house at Kikuyu campus to the tune of Kshs 5 million. The one storey house which stands on the frontage of the Campus has brought in a new aesthetic on infrastructure within the University. The house is occupied by a senior member of staff who can oversee student accommodation and needs on the campus first hand.

The Ultra modern Examination Centre completed in 2008 at a cost of Kshs 110 million.

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Central Examination Centre

As part of its effort to improve the learning environment and to ensure that our stated objectives of becoming a leading institution of higher learning, producing quality and professional graduates, the University management undertook the construction of a modern Central Examination Centre. The Centre which was completed in 2008, at the cost of 110,900 million has two examination rooms with a capacity of 1,000 students each, office space, a computing unit, and wide reception rooms. The Centre is fully networked, and under 24-hour security surveillance.

CEBIB renovations

In 2007, the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) donated its former headquarters at Chiromo to the University of Nairobi. The centre, which is worth Kshs 40 million has been renovated further by the University to the tune of kshs 5 million, is the home of the Centre for Biotechnology and Informatics (CEBIB) of the University of Nairobi. This building is now part of the University's

revamped facilities, attracting international support worth 500,000 dollars from USAID.

The centre has been critical in facilitating and strengthening research and development in the areas of biotechnology and bioinformatics in the region and contributing immensely to Kenya's and African development.

The revamped facility has opened up space for a molecular biology laboratory, a transformation laboratory, a tissue culture laboratory, a bioinformatics unit, a genomics platform, office space, cabinets, and a microbiology and mycology laboratory.

Cabro works

As part of the goal to beautify the University, the management facilitated the paving of the trunk road from YMCA to Chiromo campus at the cost of 2,826,150 million. The cabro road works which commenced in July 2008 were completed by September of the same year. The management also supported the cabro works for car parks in the College to the tune of kshs 7,947,770 million. These works were hailed as a welcome move because for a number of years, staff and students

