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PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ANNIVERSARY STUDENTS HOSTEL

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 College of Medicine.

College of Medicine (COM) was established in 1991 as a constituent college within the University of Malawi (UNIMA). Being the only medical school in Malawi, CoM has experienced a tremendous growth over the period till now resulting in introduction of new faculties hence an increased intake. In view of this, there has been an increase in demand for accommodation on campus yet few accommodation structures have been constructed so far. CoM lacks accommodation facilities for its students.

1.2 Anniversary Student Hostel.

CoM Students thought of an initiative to spearhead sourcing of funds for construction of Anniversary Students Hostel to solve the acute accommodation problem which CoM is facing at its main campus as well as celebrating that CoM has spent 25 years since its establishment.

2 SITUATION ANALYSIS

2.1 Off campus accommodation policy.

In an endeavor to maintain the increased number of intake, UNIMA introduced nonresidential system whereby only few students are accommodated on campus. For instance, College of Medicine has a total of 1500 students of which 838 are accommodated on campus hence over 600 students reside off campus.

UNIMA made partnership with the private sector with the intent of involving the community in housing of the students. However, the partnership has failed because the private sector is profit-oriented rather than focusing on mutual benefit of the parties. This has left a number of students being destitute.

2.2 Education standards.

The nonresidential system to a great extent has affected performance of off campus students since they face the following challenges:

2.2.1 Poor quality of accommodation.

- Most of the off-campus accommodations do not meet the acceptable standards that a student requires. They consist of poor building structures, furniture and building services (electrical and plumbing fixings and fittings);

2.2.2 Security.

- There is low security especially for female students who run a higher risk of being robbed or raped when traveling from school to hostels at night;

2.2.3 Absenteeism.

- It is difficult to arrange for make-up classes since transport for off campus students is problematic. Where the make-up classes are inevitable, majority of off campus students do not attend;

2.2.4 Poor food quality.

- Most of the students who reside off-campus have limited access to quality and safe food. Students buy food based on the availability and convenience and disregard the quality and safety hence putting their health at stake;

2.2.5 Poor sanitation.

- Generally, there is poor sanitation in most of the places that off-campus students reside.

2.2.6 Inconvenient studying places.

- The College Library normally operates from 08:00am to 10:00pm; however, off campus students have a limited opportunity to fully utilize the same due to unavailability of transport to their respective hostels. The problem extends to the use of College Internet on campus as well as clinical-training experience conducted in hospital wards.

3 PROJECT GOAL

The goal is to create the best learning and training environment for students by improving their accommodation that has proved to be a contributing factor to quality education.

4 PROJECT RATIONALE

Construction of the proposed Anniversary Students Hostel will address lack of accommodation on campus and also bring about other facilities as follows:

- Accommodate about 178 students on campus;
- Provide 18 number Water Closets and bathrooms for students;
- Provide on campus Student's Clinic; and
- Provide a Student's Common Room for their relaxation.

The 178 students will be relieved from the problems stipulated in item 2.2 above.

5 PROJECT OUTPUTS

The project outputs are as follows:

89 number double bed rooms, 18 number Water Closets, 18 number Showers, 3 number Cleaners Rooms, 2 number Drying Yards, Student Union Offices, Students Clinic, and a Common Room.

6 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

6.1 Students.

178 off-campus students will be accommodated on campus and get relieved from the aforesaid problems. All students (both on and off campus) will have access to the Clinic as well as Common Room.

6.2 Impact on other Government projects and activities.

College of Medicine will be producing well trained medical personnel who will be deployed in various Government Hospitals hence reducing patient-doctor ratio.

6.3 Impact on Business Sector.

The project will create revenue to other stakeholders involved such as Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Engineers and Contractors.

6.4 Impact on community (poverty and social impact).

The project will create employment to locals who will be hired as laborers.

7 IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

The project will be implemented as follows:

7.1 **Consultants:** MOD Chartered Architects, P.O. Box 889, Blantyre. Phone: +2651822300/101, Email: modarchitects@broadbandmw.com;

7.2 **Controlling Officer:** The Anniversary Hostel Project Committee Chairman, College of Medicine, Private Bag 360, Blantyre, Phone: +2651875142, Email: achafunya@stud.medcol.mw;

7.3 **Monitoring and Evaluation:** The Estates Development Officer, College of Medicine, Private Bag 360, Blantyre, Phone: +2651875142, Email: jmdwazika@medcol.mw;

7.4 **Responsible Officer (Budgeting):** The Finance Officer, College of Medicine, Private Bag 360, Blantyre, Phone: +2651875142, Email: skalulu@medcol.mw;

8 SUSTAINABILITY AFTER HAND OVER

8.1 Technical, Management and Institutional Sustainability.

The structure will be managed by the College of Medicine Estates Development Office which will incorporate the premises in the College Maintenance Plan.

8.2 Financial sustainability.

The hostel has a clinic within its design which will be running at an affordable fee whose funds will be used for maintenance of the building.

9 FINANCING

9.1 Project breakdown.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (MK)
1	Hostel Construction	1,407,301,769.45
2	10% Contingency	140,730,176.95
3	Professional Fees	201,244,153.53
5	1% Disbursements	2,012,441.53
6	Subtotal	1,751,288,540.96
7	VAT & NCIC Levy	306,475,494.67
8	Total	2,057,764,035.63
9	Say	2,060,000,000.00

10	Total in US\$ (1US\$=MK514.83)	4,001,320.82
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9.2 Project breakdown in phases

Item	Description	Amount (US\$)
Phase 1	Cut, fill and all works including ground slab and surface water drainage	\$1,141,000
Phase 2	Concrete beams, columns, upper concrete floors, the roof and gutters	\$1,373,000
Phase 3	External and internal walls, windows and doors, wall finishes, ceiling finishes, floor finishes, fittings and furnishings, sanitary appliances, cold and hot water installations, electrical installations, firefighting installations	\$1,486,000

10 PROJECT DURATION

The project is expected to take 18 months, and will commence once Phase 1 funds are available.

11 PROJECT MONITORING

College of Medicine shall prepare Service Level Agreement with the Technical Team as well as successful contractor with well-defined indicators, targets and means of verification to guide the project. Site Meeting Minutes, Valuation Certificates as well as Financial Reports shall periodically be circulated to all funders for transparency and accountability.

12 RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that you take part in creating the best learning and training environment for medical students in Malawi by improving on campus accommodation through your contribution to this project.

For organizations, the contribution has been further distributed per room at US\$ 37,000 and half a room at US\$18,500. To honour your contribution, the room shall bear the name of the funder on the door.

For the individuals, they are afforded the opportunity to donate towards floor space, pricing is US\$ 650 per/m² and names of these well-wishers will be engraved and hung up on a board in the lounge.

13 PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Contributions can be made to the following bank account:

Account Name: COMSU 25TH ANNIVERSARY
HOSTEL PROJECT

Account Number – Local: 1002103137

Branch: Chichiri

Bank Name: National Bank of Malawi

Swift Code: NBMAMWMW003

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: ANNIVERSARY STUDENTS HOSTEL PROJECT

This letter is to confirm that Senior Management of the College of Medicine strongly supports the student initiative to secure funds to create an Anniversary Hostel to mark the 25th Jubilee of their College. This bold initiative demonstrates the initiative of our students.

The College of Medicine will assist the students in integrating their efforts in the context of the Colleges strategic plan. It will also assist in monitoring the financial management so that there is accountability and transparency in the management of its affairs.

I hope that you will join with us in supporting this bold and imaginative initiative.

Yours faithfully

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