



UGANDA CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE - KIGUMBA

P.O.Box 10, Kigumba, Uganda



CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY

The Governing Council, Management, Staff and the entire Student Community of Uganda Co-operative College-KIGUMBA joins the rest of the world to celebrate **THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY** We re-affirm our commitment and support for the development of the cooperative movement through excellence in co-operative education, training and research.

BACKGROUND:

The Institution is the only one offering Co-operative development and management related studies in the country. It started at Nzamizi in 1954, transferred to Bukalasa in 1963 and moved to the present campus – Kigumba in 1974.

LOCATION:

The college's main campus is at Kigumba in Kigumba sub-county, Kiryandongo District, Western Uganda, 200km on Kampala – Gulu highway. The college has regional centers in Gulu (Gulu Public PS), Mbale (Manafwa HS), Mbarara (Mbarara Municipal PS), and at Kampala (Batvalley Primary School)

STATUS AND SET-UP:

Uganda Co-operative College is a Tertiary Institution owned and funded by the Government of Uganda. It has a Governing Council appointed by the Minister of Education and Sports. The head of the Institution is the Principal.

VISION: "To be a center of excellence in co-operative education, training and research."

MISSION: To contribute to the efficient management, sustainable development of the co-operative movement and the private sector by providing skilled manpower, enlightened membership through research, education and training."

HOW THE COLLEGE IS INVOLVED IN STRENGTHENING THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

Basing on its mandate the college has developed training programmes geared towards solving the co-operatives' business development, leadership and management/governance challenges. The programmes directly empower the co-operatives' human resource with capacity to manage, develop and grow the co-operative forward.

Some training programmes are "offsite" (conducted at the college main campus) and some are "onsite" (administered in the field at the co-operatives' premises). The offsite training programmes include the following

1. Diploma Courses: Duration: 2 years
Diploma in co-operative and Business Administration (DCBA), Diploma in SACCO and Microfinance Management (DMF), Diploma in Project Planning and Entrepreneurship (DPPED)

Admission Requirements: "A" level Certificate with at least 1 principal pass and two subsidiaries one of which must be in Either Economics, Entrepreneurship, Mathematics. Obtained from the same sitting or Certificate in any Business-related course.

2. Certificate Courses: Duration: 2 years
Certificate in co-operative and Business Administration (CCBA), Certificate in SACCO and Microfinance Management (CMF), Certificate in Project Planning and Entrepreneurship (CPPED)

Admission Requirements: "O" level Certificate with at least 5 (five) passes which must include English and or Mathematics. Obtained from the same sitting.

WHAT THE COLLEGE GRADUATES CAN DO:

The training at the Co-operative College embraces a wider range of Cooperatives; Entrepreneurship; Business and Development related fields and imparts vocational and practical skills to the graduates such that they can;

- Work as middle cadre managers, in cooperative, business and other development organizations like NGOs. They can work as assistant accountants, audit Assistants; Co-operative extension workers, Inspectors and Supervisors; Change agents in development organizations; Inventory assistants (Stores); Loans Officers; Sales and Marketing assistants; etc or Create jobs for themselves.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDIES.

After successfully completing and meeting the academic requirements, one can also proceed for A DIPLOMA or DEGREE COURSE Either IN; Cooperatives and Business Administration, Accounting and Finance, SACCO & Microfinance Mgt, Procurement and Logistics, Marketing, Economics, Business Management, Development Studies or any other Business/Development related Course.

3. Customized trainings (depending on the customer needs)

Leadership for change in co-operatives management, Co-operative auditing, Capacity building, Financial literacy, Training of trainers in different fields. With the current generation of "new wave" of Investor-Oriented-Firms (IOFs) and those from co-operatives with less than optimal results, the college has embraced partnership with other organizations which promote member based institutions to conduct training and build their capacity through training at the college.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The notable partner organizations include;

A) WE EFFECT (Former Swedish Co-operative Center)

This institution is supporting the training programme "Leadership for change in co-operative management" which targets management and leadership in co-operative unions, co-operative societies and other member based organizations to build and improve their capacity in leadership, governance and management skills. Some of the member organizations that have benefited and are continuing to benefit from this programme include; Okoro coffee growers co-operative union Ltd, Mt. Rwenzori coffee growers co-operative union Ltd, Semulikico-operative union Ltd, West Acholi co-operative union Ltd, National Association of Women in Uganda (NAWOU), Uganda Housing co-operative union Ltd, Uganda Central Credit Financial Services (UCCFS), Vi Agro forestry, Teso Tropical Fruit Coop Union, WATESO, Etc. This programme has provided skills to the leadership and management of the above institutions in the following areas



LFC Participants in group Discussions and presentation sessions on Visioning and Strategic Planning at UCCK.

B) MINISTRY OF FINANCE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The ministry of FPED through the Project for Financial Inclusion in Rural Areas (PROFIRA) has partnered with the college to provide On-Site Training in Financial Literacy to SACCOs. UCCK trainers in financial literacy in conjunction with the district commercial officers DCO's have conducted several financial literacy trainings targeting the leaders and members of the co-operatives.

The financial literacy training has helped the SACCOs in achieving: Increased membership and savings deposit. Increased awareness and levels of financial literacy among the leaders and members. Increased access to financial services. Increased levels of managing business and credit by members. Expose the members to the governance structures of the SACCOs

Training Content Specifically, is focused on; Basics of Financial literacy, Personal Financial management "Use money wisely", Record keeping "Keep it or else you lose it", Savings "you can do it", Investment management "Let your money grow", Loan management "Handle With Care" Financial service providers "Know Your Options", Mobile Money "Digital Finance", Insurance "Protect Your Family's Future", Planning for old age "Invest For Your Old Age", Governance in Cooperatives



Participants attending Financial Literacy Trainings in different parts of the country



Min. of State for Microfinance Opening the Financial Literacy Training in Kyotera. The UCCK Outreach Programme Coordinator, Mr. Omulu James aka Wogunene passionate about Training.

RESEARCH and CONSULTANCY SERVICES:

The college offers the following services to the Cooperative Movement, International Organizations, NGOs, Local Government, Business Community, Educational Institutions, the private sector

- Auditing and Accounting services
- Designing and Conducting Training Programmes.
- Business Plans Formulation.
- Project Design and Feasibility Studies.
- Baseline Surveys
- Development Plans Formulation
- Project Evaluation
- Action Research

HOW TO APPLY TO JOIN THE COLLEGE

1. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED STUDENTS

The Government sponsors some students for the diploma course in Cooperative and Business Administration (DCBA). These apply to the coordinator, Joint Admissions Board (JAB) Ministry of Education and Sports and are selected and admitted by the same board.

2. SELF SPONSORED STUDENTS.

These apply to the Principal Uganda Co-operative College and the selection is done by the College Academic Board.

INTAKE; The College has two intakes in a year for both Certificate and Diploma Courses

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS.

Applications for Self-Sponsored Students for August 2019 intake can be obtained from the office of the Academic Registrar Uganda Cooperative College- Kigumba, or the District Commercial Officer (DCO) of your district, at a none refundable fee of shs. 30,000= (Thirty thousand shillings only). Completed application forms MUST be returned to the same place for processing admission letters.

Fees for both diploma and certificate are affordable. Please hurry only few vacancies left.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT

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