



**RE-EVALUATING THE RELEVANCE AND  
QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN KENYA:  
*The Role of Mount Kenya University***

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# What is Quality Education?

- The issue of Quality and relevance of Education is a topical area of concern. However, there is no general consensus on the concept of Quality because, like beauty, Quality is in the eyes of the beholder (i.e, Government, Employer, Students, Parents, Society, Academic World, etc), and thus, Quality is a multidimensional notion.

## Quality Education *Cont'd*

- However, we can use the definition given by the IUCEA (2010) which is;  
***“Quality is achieving our goals and aims in an efficient and effective way assuming that the goals and aims reflect the requirements of all the stakeholders in an adequate way”.***
- Does the Education system in Kenya do this? Has it responded to the needs of each stakeholder?



# Quality & Relevance of Education in Kenya

For all of us to re-evaluate the Quality and Relevance of Education in Kenya, we need to answer these questions:-

- Are we doing the right things in Education?
- Are we doing the right things in the right way? (Process, Implementation).
- Do we achieve our stated goals/Outcome?
- What are the standards against which Quality is assessed?



# Quality & Relevance of Education in Kenya

- In answering the questions raised above, we are assessing or evaluating the Quality and Relevance of Education. In Kenya, the government has formulated criteria and standards to evaluate Quality in the framework of accreditation. In other cases, employers or professional organizations have their specific standards.



# ***Role of Mount Kenya University***

- Mount Kenya University is committed to the provision of Quality and relevant education. Its academic programmes are developed and go through several phases/committees to ensure the content/curricula are relevant and of Quality. MKU applies Total Quality Management in its programmes. In order to produce quality and relevant graduates in fields such as, Nursing, and so on, MKU empowers her graduates to participate in decision making and service aiming at helping the country to achieve the objectives of Vision 2030 and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).



# ***Role of Mount Kenya University***

Mount Kenya University's Directorate of Quality Assurance and Division of Academic and Research Affairs are responsible for Quality Assurance and Curricula Development and Evaluation. This is because Education is a complex system whose aim is to prepare the much needed workforce with proficiency, knowledge and skill which is required to develop and transform the Kenyan economy. This is because education is supposed to evolve in tandem with dynamic needs and demands of the nation/society it serves - while the drivers (e.g. MKU) take into consideration the issues of access (campuses) equity, Quality (market driven academic programmes), affordability (MKU's fees is pocket friendly) and relevant (curricula in line with Vision 2030 and MDGs).



## ***Role of Mount Kenya University***

- The Directorate of Quality Assurance monitors the quality and relevance of academic programmes that MKU offers. This is because since independence, there has been an increasing/rising demand for quality and relevant higher education due to job market requirements and increasing population. For this reason, all stakeholders need to re-evaluate the quality and relevance of Education in Kenya.





# Schools in MKU

**Mount Kenya University has the following nine schools/faculties;**

- Business and Economics,
- Education,
- Law,
- Medical,
- Nursing,
- Pharmacy,
- Pure and Applied Sciences,
- Health Sciences
- Postgraduate Studies.



## **Schools in MKU *Cont'd***

- The programmes offered in Mount Kenya University schools are accredited by the Commission for University Education and relevant regulatory bodies.
- The schools have all the facilities to aid students in their course of training and learning while in Mount Kenya University.



# ***School of Education***

The School of Education, specifically, has undergraduate (Bachelor of Education), and postgraduate (M.Ed, Ph.D) programmes in the following areas:-

- B.Ed – Early Childhood Education and Development
- B.Ed – Special Needs
- B.Ed – Arts/Sciences
- B.Ed – Primary Option
- M.Ed – Education specialization
- Ph.D – Education Specialization



# School of Education Cont'd

- The graduates from the School of Education are trained in innovative ways which make them participate effectively in Education Research, Classroom teaching, curriculum development and Evaluation, guidance and counselling and so on which ensures quality and relevance of Education that is given to Kenyan Children.

# Conclusion

- Finally, I wish to invite all of you to visit Mount Kenya University stand to find out more on programmes of your interest for yourself or your child or friend.
- Also, the department of nutrition and dietetics is offering free health services such as BMI ( Body Mass Index), blood glucose & blood pressure to the principals. Their stand in behind the hall.



**THANK YOU**