

Ford scholarship winners announced

By Joyce Mkinga

THE Ford Foundation has announced the 14 lucky winners of its International Fellowship Programme scholarships for further studies.

The Programme Co-ordinator, Margaret Kasembe, said in Dar es Salaam that about 320 women applied for the scholarship.

"Still only four of them got the scholarship," she said.

Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) Executive Director Prof Haidari Amani presented scholarship letters to winning candidates who would pursue PhD or Masters in universities of their choice anywhere in the world.

Those presented with letters yesterday were Rehema Kirefu, Atuswege Mwangomale and Mathoyo Ndomondo. ♦

Others who were not present were: Innocent Babili, Moke Magoma, Andrew Mushi, Athumani Lipindu, Bakari H. Bakari, Beatrice Kwai, Damas Masologo, Emmanuel Malisa, Stela Kilomba, Pius Makomelelo and Kaleb Gamaya.

Prof Amani said the programme, which aims at linking education, and development of the community was open to the general public.

He said ESRF, which is the host of the programme in the country, encourages women and marginalised groups to apply for the sponsorship.

Earlier, the Programme co-ordinator said the International scholarship programme in Tanzania started in September 2000.

It was set up with about USD 280m to be spent in ten years, she said, adding the programme operates in 22 countries to promote global social justice and citizenship.

The programme also aims at promoting democratic values, social justice, and economic growth which in turn promotes poverty eradication.

Kasembe said people working closely with community are encouraged to apply.

"We need to have leaders who know about their community and how to address problems that their societies face," she said.

The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Programme seeks to build a new generation of social justice leaders worldwide especially the communities that have traditionally lacked access to higher education and are selected on the strength of their academic achievement, leadership, skills and social commitment, she said.

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Ford sponsors 14 Tanzanian students

By Elias Malima and Daniel Semberya

FORD Foundation has awarded fourteen students the International Fellowships Program (IFP) scholarships for the academic years 2005 to 2007.

According to the Foundation's country program co-ordinator, Ms. Margaret Kasembe, the students were among 300 applicants from all over the country who applied for the all expenses paid scholarship.

Invoking the foundation's main objective of promoting social justice, she advised the selected students to bring back the skills gained from various institu-

tions of higher learning abroad to help break the vicious cycle of poverty in Tanzania.

"FORD Foundation aims at educating the marginalized and the disadvantaged groups such as women, disabled persons and those in the rural areas whose communication and connectivity are curtailed by poor infrastructure," she said.

Ford Foundation's International Fellowship Program

in Tanzania which was launched in 2000, falls under the auspices of the Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF).

The program enrolls Masters and doctoral degree candidates in any country in the world, in the many academic disciplines and fields related to the Foundation's areas of interests.

She, however, said that by the year 2010 the program would have selected more

than 3,000 fellows from 22 eligible countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, as well as Russia.

Ford Foundation Fellowships Program (IFP) seeks to build a new generation of social justice leaders worldwide by providing opportunities to individuals from diverse backgrounds.

The program also assists social groups and communities that have traditionally lacked systematic access to higher education.

Some of the disciplines emphasised by the Foundation are rural development, environment, community development, media, arts and culture.

IFP kusomesha wanafunzi nje

Na Said Mwishehe

TAASISI ya International Fellowship Program (IFP) ya jijini Dar es Salaam imetoa tuzo kudhamini wanafunzi 14 wa Tanzania kwenda kusoma katika vyuo vikuu mbalimbali duniani katika mwaka wa masomo wa 2006/2007.

Akizungumza Dar es Salaam juzi wakati wa kukabidhi tuzo kwa wanafunzi hao kwenye Ukumbi wa mikutano wa Taasisi ya Utafiti wa Masuala ya Uchumi na Jamii (ESRF) Dar es Salaam, Mkurugenzi wa taasisi hiyo Prof. Haidary Amani, alisema wanafunzi hao wamechaguliwa kutokana na uwezo wa kimasomo na wanastahili kupata tuzo hiyo.

"Tumepata ushahidi mzuri kwa wanafunzi waliochaguliwa mwaka huu kwa kuwa hakuna hata mtu mmoja ambaye mzazi wake ni kiongozi serikalini," alisema

Prof. Amani.

Prof. Amani aliwataka wanafunzi hao kutumia nafasi hiyo kusoma kwa bidii ili waweze kufaulu mitihani yao na kurudi nyumbani kusaidia kujenga taifa.

Wanafunzi 10 wanakwenda kusoma Shahada ya Uzamili na wengine wanne, watasoma Shahada ya juu ya Udaktari wa Falsafa.

Naye Mratibu wa mipango wa Taasisi hiyo, Bi. Magreth Kasembe alisema, mradi wa kuwadhamini wanafunzi wa Tanzania kwenda kusoma katika vyuo mbalimbali duniani, ulianza mwaka 2000.

Bi. Magreth alisema tangu kuanza kwa mradi huo hapa nchini tayari wanafunzi 47 wamepata nafasi ya kudhaminiwa na IFP.

Alisema kuwa nia ya mradi huo ni kuhakikisha wanafunzi wa kitanzania wanapata elimu bora ambayo itasaidia kuleta maendeleo ya taifa.

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