

Be thankful to Madhvani Foundation, Board members tell association alumni



Dr Luyombya, Mr Kyemba, Mr Ssendaula and Anthony Butere during the launch of the Madhvani Foundation Scholarships scheme for 2014-2015 in Kampala on Tuesday. PHOTO BY MICHAEL KAKUMIRIZI

Partnerships. A total of 150 needy but bright university students will this year benefit from the Madhvani Foundation after meeting the selection criteria.

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The Madhvani Foundation Board member, Dr Jack Luyombya, castigated early this week beneficiaries of the scholarship scheme who after being helped in time of need, vanish

and don't value the alumni association activities any more. The association brings together the beneficiaries and they are supposed to contribute Shs20,000 annually.

Speaking at the flagship of a Shs650m 2014 scholarship scheme in Kampala, Dr Luyombya said the Foundation has helped hundreds of people since its inception in 1962 but when they call for a get-together, where they are required to pay Shs20,000, a handful turn up yet when they were in need, many crawl to the Foundation.

"Every year, we graduate alumni but very few turn up when we call for the meeting yet we are the ones who sponsored them. We will not though be discouraged. We will continue helping," Dr Luyombya said.

The chairperson of the Madhvani Alumni Association, Ms Betty Achana, added her voice, saying she is 'fed up' with such members.

"We call them every time we have a meeting. Some confirm but at the end of the day, they don't turn up. I am fed up," Ms Achana said.

However, Mr Henry Kyemba, the acting board chairman, urged the alumni who were joining the association, to make a contribution to their communities as give-back to the Foundation.

"...the Foundation is not in vain and the diligent commitment is bearing precious fruits to make this country a better environment. I urge the current beneficiaries to aim higher," Mr Kyemba.

Mr Gerald Ssendaula, the incoming board chairman, urged the beneficiaries particularly those who are now doctors, to be different in their conduct towards patients since they have ever been under privileged and should be at the forefront of helping the needy.

The Foundation announced 150 slots for needy but bright students this year.