Grant Awards for 2018/2019 to South Sudanese postgraduate students by the Gordon Memorial College Trust Fund(GMCTF), London

At the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the GMCTF on 19th April 2018, a number of South Sudanese applicants for grants to support postgraduate studies in various universities were awarded. The Grants were varied in nature and included support with living expenses or full support with tuition fees and living expenses. Some applicants had already received grants in previous years and, on the basis of their satisfactory progress, the grants were extended to ensure completion of the respective courses pursued by the applicants.

Evidently there were very few females applicants for the grants which was disappointing. The next round of grants will be awarded in March/April 2019 and applications will open on 1st December 2018 and close on 28th February 2019. I encourage any applicants seeking grants to pursue postgraduate studies to log on to the GMCTF website www.gmctf.org in December 2018 and apply online. It is important that at the time of application, applicants must ensure that they have the following information to submit with their applications:

- Admission letter to a recognised University.
- Two letters of reference, one of which must be from a person the applicant has worked with or had been supervised by.
- Clear statement of other sources of funding.
- A letter from the Bursar or Chief Finance officer of the University stating clearly in writing the fees for the course and recommended subsistence expenses per year on the headed paper of the University.

2018-2019 Grant recipients

1. Dr Olang Amon,

Male

St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College,

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Speciality in general surgery

2015 - Sept. 2019

Continuation of living expenses

2. Dr Cecelia Joseph Khor Chan

Female

Makerere University, Kampala

Master of Veterinary Medicine

2013 - 2018

Continuation of tuition support

3. Dr Denis Monday Tabia Zachariah

Male

Aga Khan University, Nairobi Campus, Kenya Masters Degree of Medicine in Paediatrics and

Child Health

2016 - January, 2020

Continuation of tuition support

4. Dr Malik Edward Swaka Morbe

Male

The Higher Committee of Medical Specialties,

Egyptian Fellowship Board of Otolaryngology

Clinical MD

2015 - February 2020

Continuation of tuition & living expenses

5. Dr Anthony Manyang Deng Kuany

Male

Mbarara University of Science and Technology,

Uganda

Masters of Medicine in Obstetrics and

Gynaecology

2015 - May 2018

Continuation of tuition fees & support with

living expenses

6. Dr Thomas Donguande Palet

Male

St. Paul's Millennium Hospital Medical College,

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Obstetrician and Gynaecology

2016 - Sept. 2020

Support with living expenses

6. Dr Fardous Charles Waya Abeya

Female

Mbarara University of Science and Technology

Masters in Public Health

2017 - August 2019

Tuition and support with living expenses

7. Dr Martin Adelino Lyya

Male

Makerere University, Uganda

Masters degree in Paediatrics and Child Health

2015 - January 2019

Tuition and support with living expenses

8. Dr Amos Jada Jeremiah Swaka

Male

Makerere University College of Health Science

Master of Medicine in Orthopaedic Surgery

2017 - January 2022

Tuition and support with living expenses

9. Dr Martin Othwon Dak Ajang

Male

Alexandra University, Faculty of Medicine,

Egypt

Masters degree in Internal Medicine

2016 - 2021

Support with living expenses

10. Dr William Marcello Nazario Loyoro

Male

Makerere University

Master of Medicine in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

2016 - 2019

Tuition and support with living expenses

11. Dr Marline Malie Anthony Lagu

Female

Makerere University College of Health Science

Master of Public Health

2017 - August 2019

Tuition and support with living expenses

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