

REPORT OF MY TEACHING ACTIVITIES AT KYELA COLLEGE FOR SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY

FROM 1ST TO 29TH OF FEBRUARY 2012

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POSITION AT UNIVERSITY : ASSISTANT LECTURER
COURSE AT KCoST : GARMENT MANUFACTURE

The Garment manufacture course at KCoST has no permanent teacher staying at Kyela. I have been assisting to teach this course since the beginning of the College last year 2011. The same scenario has also been happening this year 2012. I travelled to Kyela and started my teaching duties on Wednesday 1st of February and finished my first assignment on Wednesday 29th of the same month February 2012. During that time I covered the following topics in Garment Manufacture.

- **Introduction to Sewing Machines;** Where students were able to learn parts of sewing machines, Preparation for stitching, Common machine troubles as well as Care and use of Sewing machines
- **Tools used in Garment Construction;** This includes Sewing and embroidery tools, Cutting tools, Measuring tools, Marking tools, Pressing tools and other miscellaneous tools.
- **Stitches, Seams and Seam Finishes;** which include different types of stitches, Hand Sewing Techniques, Different type of seams and their functions, Different type of Seam finishes and how do they play role in finishing of these seams.
- **Fullness;** Its definition, devices that are used to introduce fullness such as tucks, Pleats, Gathers, Shirring, Smocking and Godets.
- **Practicals;** This includes identification of different parts of Sewing machine, familiarization on different brands of sewing machines (in our case we had Butterfly and Juki brands); Starting making different types of seams and seam finish by hand as well as by using sewing machine and other simple machine applications.

During my stay in Kyela, I have also been acting as an in charge of all the duties at College so as to ensure smooth running of all academic and administrative activities at KCoST.