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Motto: Building a Civilization of Love

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PART 1

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

The University of Makeni (UNIMAK) is a private university in Sierra Leone that was fully accredited in 2009.

UNIMAK places 'social development' at the heart of everything it does. For this reason, UNIMAK has made great efforts to develop academic programmes that are rooted in the everyday reality of contemporary Africa. Currently, there are over 1000 students and 90 teaching staff who make up the UNIMAK family.

The dynamism and idealism that motivates the development of UNIMAK in the past decade can be summed up in the following statements:

VISION

For Sierra Leone to become a civilization of love where peace and social justice for all transcend tribal and political divides, where every citizen has equal access to education to enable them to fulfill their potential.

THE MISSION OF UNIMAK

The Mission of the University, informed by Catholic Social Teaching, is to respond to societal and educational needs by developing and delivering academic programmes that promote human, social, political and economic development in Sierra Leone and Africa as a whole.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The University seeks through the provision of quality higher education to:

- *Develop, promote and implement a common ethical vision and praxis for all dimensions of development in Africa in support of the Millennium Development Goals.*
- *Foster professionalism within civil society, politics, business and religion and build, through sensitization, a better society.*
- *Empower women in solidarity with women's global struggle for emancipation.*
- *Strengthen the role of the church, especially in her social mission to build equity, justice, peace and democracy.*

UNIMAK

At its Fatima Campus, in Makeni, UNIMAK offers undergraduate and postgraduate university programmes, as well as a number of certificate and diploma courses. The Law and Information Technology Departments are housed at Yoni Campus, with separate but equal student services, 4 miles from Makeni.

In addition to having some twenty-five tutorial rooms, four lecture halls, two IT labs, and a specialized law library, the University has a 100 seat main library with over 25,000 books and periodicals. There are also more than 40 computers for the students' free use with full internet services.

Students' Welfare

The Dean of students serves as a bridge between the administration of UNIMAK and the students. In addition to being able to call on the Dean of Students when issues arise, students have recourse to their elected Student Representative Council members.

Religious Worship

UNIMAK, while conscious of its Catholic heritage, welcomes students from different faiths and religious backgrounds. The major Christian and Muslim festivals are respected. In addition, there are chaplaincy services available to staff and students.



Figure 1: The St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Fatima Campus, Makeni

Residence

UNIMAK now has accommodation for both male and female students. There is a female hostel on the Fatima Campus in Makeni and hostels for both males and females at the Yoni Campus. UNIMAK hostels have running water and electricity for student's convenience. All hostel students are rusticated over the summer holiday so repairs may be made. The University has a bus service which shuttles between the two campuses daily.



Figure 2: The Female Hostel, Fatima Campus, Makeni



Figure 3: Male Hostel, Yoni Campus



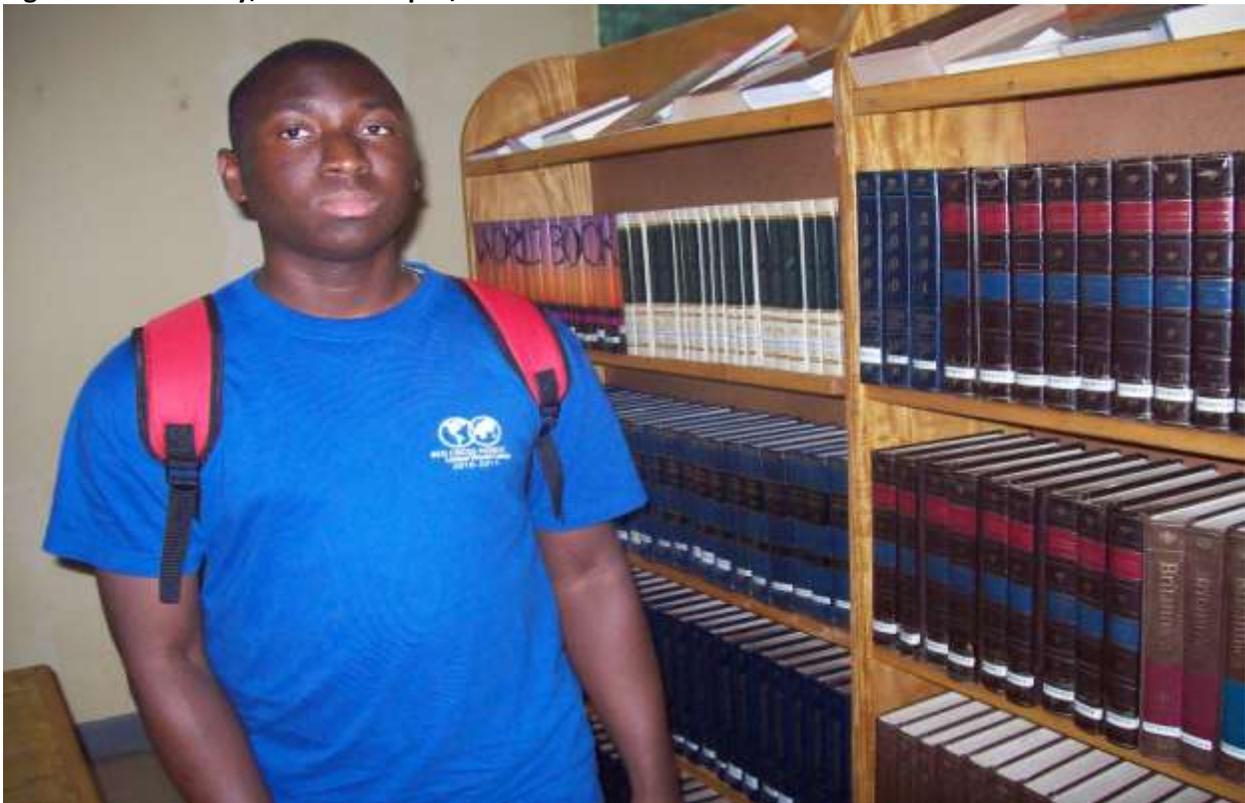
Figure 4: Male Hostel on Yoni Campus

Language Skill Development

In order to facilitate the development of the student's language skills, especially in their use of written and spoken English all courses are taught in English. UNIMAK also has courses in the use of English, French and Chinese. This is enhanced by the provision of a well outfitted library services.



Figure 5: The Library, Fatima Campus, Makeni



Catering Services

A team of professional staff provide catering services at a reasonable price. The service is rendered on

campus and can seat over 80 people at a time. In addition, there are a number of smaller dining facilities available near the campus which staff and students have access to.



Figure 7: Dining Hall, Fatima Campus, Makeni

Internet Services

In addition to fixed line connections in the Computer Science building, there is also an internet café on campus which students are free to access.

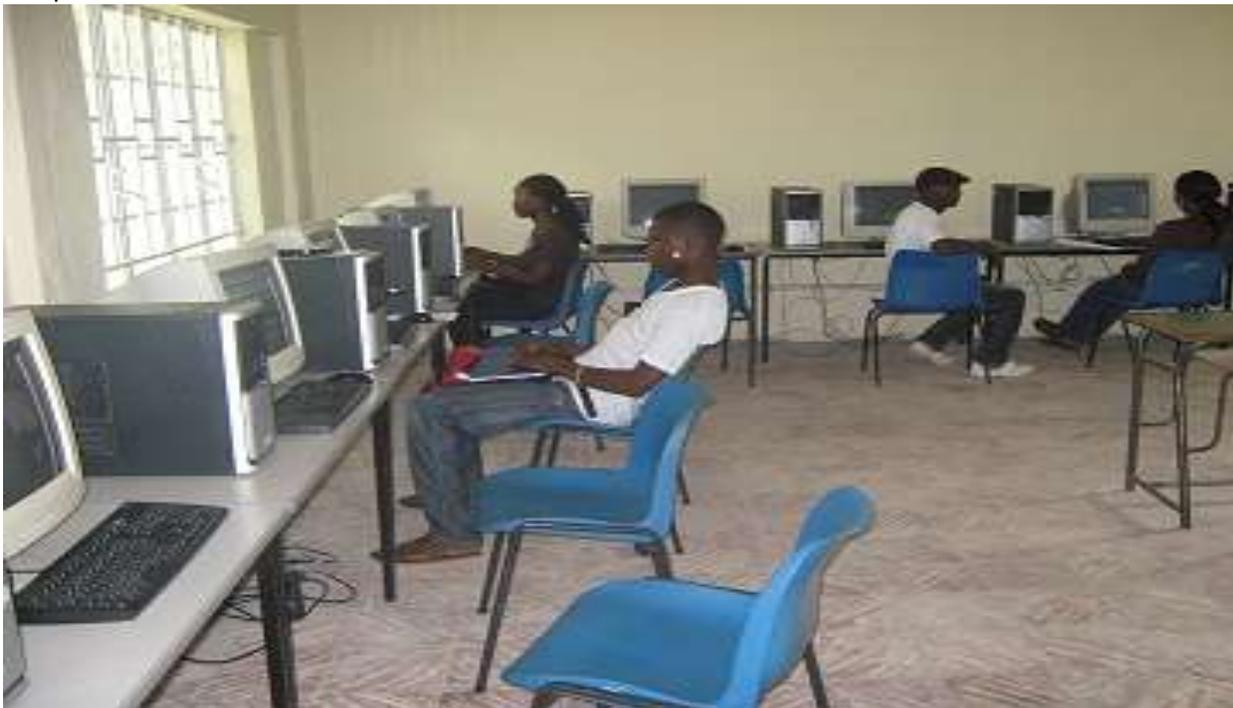


Figure8: Internet services, Fatima Campus, Makeni

Games & Sports

We offer opportunities for outdoor games and sports such as football, basketball and track and field. Both Fatima and Yoni Campus field formal male football teams.

Student Regulations

UNIMAK's reason for being established was to provide a conducive environment for learning and research. This can only be achieved if its members can work peacefully in conditions which permit freedom of thought and expression within a framework of respect for the rights of other persons.

In safeguarding the above, there are student regulations which address general student welfare, conduct and disciplinary proceedings, and penalties aimed at protecting the University from actions which would damage its academic reputation. Acceptance of admission to any of the courses and programmes offered is conditional upon agreement by the would-be student to abide by these regulations as contained in the student handbook.

The operation and application of these regulations are without prejudice of the Constitution and the General Laws of the United Republic of Sierra Leone. In addition, UNIMAK reserves the right to alter any of these regulations, including the descriptions of courses, without prior notice.