

THE GARISSA MASTER SCHOLARSHIP INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT

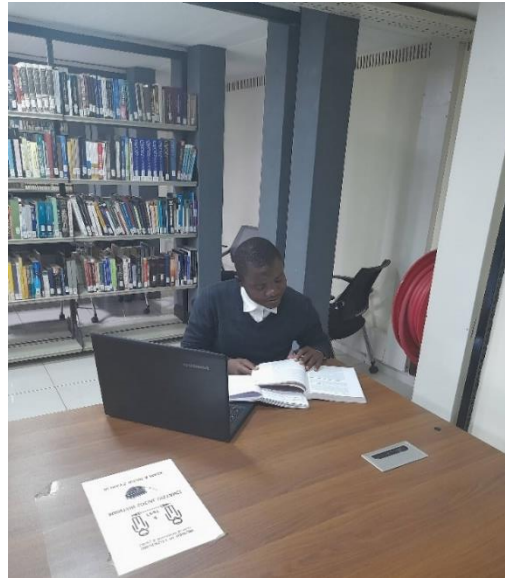
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My name is Rashid Mgute Mwanguni; I am a scholar of the Garissa Master Scholarship of the DAAD-Stiftung. I am pursuing a Master of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies with a specialization in Climatology at the university of Nairobi in Kenya, East Africa. I am originally from Kilifi County, one of Kenya's marginalized counties which is currently affected by a very severe drought.

First of all, I would like to express my heart felt gratitude to the entire DAAD-Stiftung, the very kind doners and everybody whose contribution in any way made the award of the scholarship a success. I wish it could be possible for people to see what is going on in other people's minds and hearts so they can get an impression of how grateful I am to be one of the beneficiaries. The on-time support in financing tuition fees and the upkeep is making my study smooth without many challenges.

The Garissa Master Scholarship by the DAAD Stiftung has made me to see a bright future at the end of the tunnel. I am very delighted to report that I am doing so well in my studies, and I see myself being on the right track building a firm foundation to master my specialization field of Climatology. I dream of becoming a university Professor as well as an expert in the Field of Climatology to solve the real problems my society is facing by educating them and proposing better adaptation and mitigation measures in relation to the problems of drought and Climate Change through research.

Being a student at a world class University (University of Nairobi) has exposed me to the best geography lecturers in the region who are playing a major role in molding me to become a proficient climatologist. Here, I have access to well-equipped libraries of global standard resources that have increased my thirst for knowledge and made me a rationale with an increased passion for geography.



Mahatma Gandhi Graduate Library

I have met people from different backgrounds at the university and this has made me a social person. Through my interaction with them, I am now wiser and enlightened in appreciating and dealing with people from different cultures.

So far, I have completed my first year. I did the following course units:

- i) CGP501 Statistical Techniques and Analysis
- ii) CGP511 Research Methods and Data Analysis
- iii) CGP503 Physical Climatology and Microclimatology
- iv) CGP507: Agroclimatology
- v) CGP504: Urban Climatology
- vi) CGP: Dynamic Climatology
- vii) CGP515: Remote Sensing and Geographic Information System
- viii) CGP508: Palaeoclimatology and Climate Change

The above courses have equipped me with more skills on research methods, data analysis and GIS data analysis, which are crucial to apply in my research project which I will be doing in my second year of my study.

Going for walks and especially visiting aesthetic places is one of my hobbies. When I am in the city, I enjoy walks when I am free. Because I enjoy teaching so much, I have also spent my free time as a geography volunteer teacher in one of the secondary schools in the city to promote campaigns on climate change and its impacts.



At Uhuru Park Nairobi



Aerial oblique of Nairobi City

Thank you **DAAD-Stiftung** for your **dedicated** support. I will not let you down.