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Govt to fund research in universities - Museveni

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TORORO. President Museveni has said the government will provide funding to universities to facilitate research and innovation geared towards transforming the economy.

Speaking during the 8th graduation ceremony of Busitema University on Tuesday, the President said research and innovation are key aspects that his government is trying to invest in to enable scientists guide government to respond to specific development challenges.

"As government, we are going to streamline resources to support such initiatives however little it may be, and it's our appeal that it's put to its rightful use," Mr Museveni said.

The President said the support will only be channelled to institutions that conduct useful academic programmes, especially science-related, to ensure that there is practical knowledge exhibited by learners.

He also appealed to universities to start offering programmes, which empower students with practical skills.

"It's a big challenge that in this century, we still import braids, second hand clothes and shoe polish; items that we can make locally if we



Innovation. President Museveni (with hat) together with government and university officials inspect an irrigation pump made by students at Busitema University in Tororo District on Tuesday. PHOTO BY JOSEPH OMOLLO

empower our own people. Therefore, you scientists help us to move away from depending on imported items," he said.

The university vice chancellor, Prof

Mary Okwakol, appealed to government to consider lifting their wage bill to help the institution recruit more staff to handle the growing population of students.

"We have the potential to do all it takes to come up with relevant innovations that will guide the development of this country but we are limited by resources," she said.