

Go slow on varsity fees

EDITOR: It has been reported in the media that the Ministry of Finance through its collection agency Uganda Revenue Authority will start collecting tuition fees of public universities.

Whereas it sounds a good idea, the reasons given for the decision are weak. The Government says it wants to know the number of students they have.

This is not a robust reason to take over the collection of revenues with all this advanced technology around us. The ministry should instead strengthen collection mechanisms at universities to improve collection efficiency, recovery and autonomy. We should not compromise the quality of education and promote inefficiency by being theoretical.

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