TALKING POINTS FOR THE VICE-CHANCELLOR DURING THE SCHOLARSHIPS DONATION TO STUDENTS FROM HONOURABLE JOE MUTAMBU, MP, MWINGI CENTRAL ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

- Funding of higher education has continued to be a challenge even with best intentions by government. Mostly because government kitty needs to spread to so many sectors.

- The establishment of the Universities Fund as set out in the Universities Act (Part VII) 2012 is just now taking off. The object and purpose of the fund as set out is to provide funds for financing universities. The Fund will have money provided by parliament and also from donations to the fund.

- For long, students especially from poor backgrounds have relied on scholarships and bursaries. There are many Kenyans who would never have received any significant education were it not for bursaries and scholarships.

- It is gratifying to note that since inception of CDF, many students have benefitted by having part of their Universities fees paid by their local CDF Committees, in varying portions.
• Mwingi Central is an example where significant CDF funds have been allocated to assist students studying in various local universities, public and private.

• There is need for others to emulate the example set by Mwingi Central. All universities will definitely support this kind of initiative.

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