

Prof. Ndetei defends his DSc



Prof. David Musyimi Ndetei makes his presentation

“There is hope for mental health for all,” this is the message delivered by Prof. David Musyimi Ndetei, during his Doctor of Science defense at the University of Nairobi (UoN).

Titled ‘Studies and Works in Mental Health to Inform Practice and Policy in the African Social Cultural Context,’ Prof. Ndetei presented his research journey that commenced in 1979. He has authored six books, 21 monographs, over 250 publications in professional journals and book chapters. He has also been published in over 700 articles in the Nation Newspaper and has appeared in numerous radio and TV shows.

An evaluation panel led by Prof. George Magoha, Vice Chancellor, UoN, took Prof. Ndetei through a rigorous exercise that culminated in an oral public defense of his works to-date. In his public presentation, Prof. Ndetei took the audience through the various thematic areas he researched on. Having grouped his papers into 14 sections, he was able to take the audience through highlights of his findings in mental health. His areas of studies were hospitals, schools, refugee camps and villages from different parts of the country. Through his initiatives, Prof. Ndetei with the help of his students, research assistants and community leaders, was able to demystify and educate the public on mental issues.

This is the third Doctor of Science degree candidate that the University of Nairobi has evaluated since its inception in 1956. In August this year, Prof. Geoffrey M. Ole Maloiy of Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology defended his Doctor of Science thesis titled ‘Studies in Integrative Animal Energetics and Metabolism: Structural and Environmental Correlates.’

The evaluation panel will make the final recommendations on whether he qualifies for the award of DSc.