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Mount St Mary's College Namagunga has launched a major fundraising drive aimed at raising sh6b for the construction of a state-of-the-art classroom block.

The campaign was launched at a fundraising dinner held at Hotel Africana in Kampala on Thursday, December 4 (2025). The function attracted a large number of stakeholders, including parents, alumni, students, staff, well-wishers and development partners.

The school headteacher, Rev. Sr. Regina Nabawanuka, said the current student population of 1,250 had far exceeded the capacity of the existing infrastructure, hence the need for the proposed building. She said the new complex will include classrooms, a staff room, a library and computer laboratories.

She encouraged stakeholders to support the project, just as the school founder, Mother Mary Kevin Kearney of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, had done. She said although the founder arrived with almost nothing, her deep faith and commitment to educating the girl child enabled her to establish the

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Sr Nabawanuka (fourth-left), Fr Lule (sixth-left), Baine (third-right), Njuquuna (fifth-left) and other stakeholders cutting a cake during the fundraising dinner last Thursday at Hotel Africana in Kampala

school, which has since trained many prominent personalities.

The chief guest, Jemima Kariuki Njuguna, the chief product officer of MTN Uganda, who represented the company chief executive officer Sylvia Mulinge, commended the administrators and stakeholders for investing in the dreams, potential and future of the girl child. MTN donated sh50m and pledged continued support for the school.

The chairperson of the school board of governors, Fr John Lule and the newly elected president of the old girls association, Bridget Baine, also encouraged stakeholders to support the project.

The function, during which sh300m was raised through cash and pledges, was enlivened by music and dance performances by the students.

The donors included Justine and James Bwogi (sh20m), Robert Mbabazi (sh3m), Paul Muyanja (sh3m), Vincent Tumwijkjye (sh2m), Fr John Lule Foundation (sh1m), Paul Walakira (sh1m), Steel and Tube Industries Ltd (sh10m), Rogers Baguma (sh1m), Mary and Hillary Bisanga (sh5m), Dr Zam Nalule (sh3m), and Namilyango College (sh5m).