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Entrance Essay for Masters Program

I have been known for my helping, kind, and friendly nature since my childhood. During my studies at school, college, and university; my fellow students mostly seek my help for the solution of their troubles both related to studies and other activities. Moreover, I was very active in community development programs organized by my university and some local NGOs. By participating in these programs I came to know about many dilemmas of Africa that have been and will be a great hurdle in the development of continent. Due to my desire to work for the betterment of people of Africa, I choose Sociology as my major subject in my graduation program at the African University, Zimbabwe.

It was January 2011, when I visited the Sothern areas of Africa affected by the flood with a local NGO called Zimbabwe Voluntary Community Development Association. When we reached there the situation was extremely worst, due to heavy rain fall the infrastructure was demolished, thousands of people were homeless and hungry. The flood claimed almost 150 lives and due to mismanagement dead bodies were scattered around. Shortly after the rain fall stopped, these dead bodies along with stagnant rain water spread several diseases which killed many of the survivors. I worked their day and night and tried to help people as much as I can.

Later on, when I returned home I was very upset and I realized that the main enemy was not the heavy rain fall but the mismanagement of the disaster. Africa is getting sufficient grants

and aids from many countries therefore; availability of finance is not the problem of Africa. The main enemy of the continent is mismanagement of disaster and emergency. After realizing this fact I decided to pursue my masters in some management program that can help me learned better emergency and disaster management techniques.

In order to fulfill this dream I searched the programs offered by almost all the universities of Zimbabwe and I was very disappointed to know that not even a single university offers emergency and disaster management program at the Masters level. Then I came to know about the program offered by the York University of United States. I thoroughly went through the details of the program and was very happy to see that the program offers a very wide range of courses that can be very useful in improving the terrible situation of the continent of Africa. The Masters Program in Disaster and Emergency Management at the York University will not only help me to understand, and handle disaster of Africa, by studying in a developed country like United States of America I would also learn from the new and modern culture and practices of the country. As United States of America has very rich culture and people from almost all the countries of the world live there therefore, I would be able to meet people from all walks of life. This experience will help me understand people of different cultural and social backgrounds and it will also improve my communication skills. If given a chance at the York University, I can create difference in the traditional ineffective emergency and disaster management system of the Africa and can fulfill my dream.