

An Empirical Study of University Education and Graduate Employability in Tanzania

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Abstract

Few would challenge the proposition that employability skills are fundamental for success in the workplace. Yet much evidence suggests the skills mismatch and hiring talent is of great concern to employers around the globe. When it comes to ‘hard’ data with reference to employability skills in the Tanzanian context, there is a dearth of empirically verifiable statistics from an academic standpoint. The study takes up this challenge to investigate perceptions of 314 graduates on the role of university education in preparing them for the world of employment. Findings have shown a different perspective regarding the quality and employability of Tanzanian graduates. Graduates were appreciative of their university education and were confident that they can meet the requirements of the labour market. However, they acknowledged their theoretical knowledge has little value until they can apply it for practical purposes thus implying their participation in society and ability to cope with changes and recover from problems and challenges brought about by the world of work will be limited. The study urges Tanzania to cautiously devise and execute a plan for developing skills for employability within the education system and ultimately build world class-education systems which will enhance employment prospects for graduates.

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Introduction

The demands on universities to play a central role through their teaching and research activities in supporting businesses and communities, promoting local and national economic growth and innovation, and supplying highly skilled and employable graduates has been acknowledged by both academicians and practitioners (International Labour Office 2012a; International Labour Office, 2012b; Mkude et al., 2003; Mironde, 2017; World Bank, 2014). In Tanzania, skills development is one of the most important point of discussion in the Tanzanian National Five Year Development Plan 2016/17-2020/21 (URT, 2016) as the government is seeking to achieve several ambitions by 2025 (URT, 2002). The underlying objective is keeping Tanzania on the path to raising productivity, meeting rapidly changing workforce needs and ensuring everyone can fulfil their potential.

The education landscape in Tanzania is currently guided by 2016/2017- 2020/21 Education Sector Development Strategy (URT, 2018). Higher education system is divided into non-university level (technical, vocational and professional schools) and university level studies. A student enrolls for university after successfully completing A-Level secondary school education (higher secondary), or its technical equivalent. Programmes that range from short-term certificates to doctoral degrees are offered in 43 universities (TCU, 2020). Most bachelor degree courses have a duration of three years except for science degrees specifically pharmacy, nursing, veterinary science and engineering, medicine and law have a duration of 4 years. The Tanzania Commission of Universities (TCU) which regulates the country's university system states that the number of students admitted into bachelor's degree programmes increased progressively from 44,715 in 2012/13, 52,538 in 2013/14, to 59,887 in 2014/15, then 65,105 in 2015/16 and 69,539 in 2016/17 (TCU, 2018).

A total of 286,577 students have graduated from higher learning institutions from 2009/10 to 2016/17 academic years (TCU, 2018). According to the Tanzanian government (URT, 2018: 29) "the number of individuals entering the workforce with a university certification has steadily increased from 1% in 2007 to 3% in 2016. Another 214,000 higher education graduates will join the labour market over the coming years, of which 78% have followed degree courses, 69% at Bachelor's level and 9% at postgraduate level or above and 21% follow non-degree courses. Although the profile of the labour force has a stock of highly qualified graduates, it does not appear to be matched by formal employment opportunities. Highly skilled workforce continues to be low at 3.3% compared to the required proportion of at least 12%".

Scanning through the rich literature on gender, it is apparent that given the strong commitment to promote gender equality, girls still continue to trail behind boys regarding school enrolment, retention, and completion especially in higher learning institutions. The total enrolment in the higher education subsector has remained fairly stable at around 200,000 with only about a third of these being women (URTa, 2018: 13) and just over 2 percent had a completed a tertiary education and only 0.8 percent had a university degree (National Bureau of Statistics, 2017). Gender imbalances in the country are attributed to cultural, social, economic, psychological, historical and political factors (Mori, 2014; URT, 2000; URT, 2016).

It is widely observed that the current education and training system does not produce graduates who meet the private sector needs and create their own jobs. The private sector is dominated by (informal) small and medium enterprises and is the leading employer as well as the main engine for future job creation, next only to agriculture. Large enterprises account for only 12 percent of 2.7 million registered enterprises (World Bank, 2014). It is estimated that less than 6 percent of graduates hold public sector wage jobs (Wakkee et al., 2017). In the decades of independence, the state was a default employer of highly educated workers (Simson 2019). Tanzanian, Ugandan and Kenyan graduates' strong preferences for finding future work in the public sector are mainly due to job security and pension benefits. The large share of youth in Tanzanian private sector is explained by the greater employment opportunities in the sector and fewer average years of experience required compared to the public sector (World Bank, 2014).

As part of the government's drive towards spurring private sector driven growth, the introduction of entrepreneurship education in universities has not significantly resulted in an increase in graduates embarking on an entrepreneurial path. This is because entrepreneurship education in the country suffers from rote learning, lack of a more practical approach to entrepreneurial education, and a shortage of knowledge regarding sources of funding and support for people who opt to pursue the entrepreneurship path (Katundu and Gabagambi, 2016; Wakkee et al., 2017). In addition, doing business in Tanzania is also not that easy as evidenced by its dismal ranking of 141 out of 190 countries in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Survey for 2020 (World Bank, 2020). The private sector was found to offer a low degree of job protection to youth graduates, who cited the public sector as more job-secure and offering benefits such as pension.

Regrettably and given the staggering level of unemployment among graduate job-seekers worldwide (ILO, 2020), Tanzania's education system's ethical imperative to deliver knowledge and skills for graduates to be prepared, resourceful and industry aware, have failed to not only to make meaningful change to the ongoing demands of employers but also building the workforce of today and tomorrow for innovation and transformation. Worded differently, graduates do not possess the employability skills required for the labour market (UNIDO and URT, 2012; Mirondo, 2017; Ndyali, 2016; Mwita, 2018; URT, 2016). In order to best prepare overeducated and undereducated graduates entering the labour market for a competitive workplace, this gap or what is often referred to as the war for talent must be addressed.

In the opinion of Policy Forum (2018), a Tanzanian coalition of over 80 not for profit organisations, compulsory and monitored programs to provide practical work and work environment related skills for the youth as soon as they graduate from universities need to be given priority. These programs, which are critical for making the 'unemployable' graduates 'employable' include internship, apprenticeship, graduate placement, residency practicum, monitored graduate volunteer programs, and mentorship. However, close supervision of the government is also needed for the success of these programs. Three years ago, the Government of Tanzania re-affirmed its commitment to improving the quality of higher education and labour market outcomes by launching the National Internship Guidelines (URT, 2017).

There is an expectation among different stakeholders that higher education institutions are mainly responsible for developing the employability of graduates. This article presents a response to the question of whether Tanzanian universities have adequately prepared graduates for employment. It was surprising to discover studies informing the employment agenda for higher education in Tanzania have naively overlooked graduates' experiences, reflections, expectations of teaching, learning and work. Incorporating the authentic feedback of university learners after their transit into the world of work or after they have assumed professional responsibilities should be sought to inform higher education practice and future planning. The study therefore preferred asking graduates to provide their views on the link between education and the world of work as well as the relevance of the curriculum for employability and their confidence in gaining employment. In addition, the study attempts to understand whether graduates respond differently depending on their gender, field of study and employment status.

Theoretical Considerations

The relationship between education and the world of work

One of the goals of Tanzania higher education is the acquisition of knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes essential to become a valuable part of the workforce. In addition, with their unique position within society, universities are also accorded a critical role in the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The human capital theory (HCT) and credentialism theory paint a positive picture of the benefits of attaining a higher education. Developed in the early 1960s by Gary Becker, HCT asserts that the efficiency of the labour market will allocate the graduates to firms and jobs as required and it assumes that employers are also more willing to pay higher wages to graduates who are better educated and more productive (Becker, 1994). In the credentialism viewpoint (Collin 1979), the purpose of universities is to offer students work readiness credentials i.e. a certificate associated with hard and soft skills for accessing opportunities as a function of the educational investment that they have made. It is also believed that the reputation and prestige of highly rated universities offers better employment prospects through establishing and maintaining contact with employers and alumni than those from low-rated universities (Walker and Fongwa, 2017b; Pitan and Muller, 2019). Both these two theories have not escaped criticisms. Becker's HCT assumes that graduates are in a market economy where there exists perfect competition, perfect market

information and individuals in such a market are rational. If these were true, there would no skills gap or job-mismatch e.g. no over education or under-education (Dolton et al., 1997) The social capital theory also challenges these theories by postulating that social ties and networks are good predictors for obtaining employment (Coleman, 1990). Sociologists like Bourdieu (1986) argue that hiring of university degree holders is not simply based on an objective evaluation of credentials. Rather the job applicant is assessed based on his or her “fit” with the employer’s cultures or worded differently the strategic interest of employers.

Among other issues in the research of transition from higher education to the world of work, an important topic is how university graduates perceive their university degree. One theoretical approach to this subject is the concept of self-perceived employability (Rothwell and Rothwel, 2017). Whilst recognising that there is no universally accepted definition of employability and if employability is defined by Yorke (2006:8) as “a set of achievements - skills, understandings and personal attributes - that makes graduates more likely to gain employment and be successful in their chosen occupations, which benefits themselves, the workforce, the community and the economy”, then in this study individual self-perceived employability refers to student’s confidence in their own abilities as well as their understanding and awareness of labour market realities, available opportunities in the labour market, the reputation of their university, degree subject and personal factors. In addition, Saher and Ch (2019) explain structural self-perceived employability is about external factors that affect perceptions of graduates such as university reputation, the field of study credibility and demand for the field of study (Paterson, 2017). The study by Al Harti (2011) found that undergraduate students from Egypt and Oman who had not yet experienced the real world of employment, expressed their awareness of the challenges facing them, especially the irrelevance of the courses they take to the skills and competencies they will need on the labour market. This result is consistent with findings from a survey developed by Anderson (2017) which highlights that although Tanzanian graduates were confident that their university education had qualified them to secure employment appropriate to their university education, they, however complained of the lack of applicability of theoretical content taught by the university. Her study also resonates with scholarly studies on Tanzanian graduate employability and curriculum design and syllabi (e.g. Kalufya and Mwakajinga, 2016; Ndyali, 2016; Chuma, 2017; Kamuhabwa, 2017). Tanzanian graduates will not be able to adequately meet the expectations of the world of work when the curriculum does not adequately provide for professional career guidance and counseling services (Chuma, 2017, Policy Forum 2018).

The unemployment of university graduates is affected by a wide range of factors, including economic, social, political and psychological factors (see Brown et al., 2010). Within the literature, there is a general consensus among scholars that explanations for differences and gaps in the employability prospects of graduates can be attributed to specific individual and demographic characteristics. Studies (e.g. Al-Harthi, 2011; Artess et al., 2008; McKnight, 1999; Hanson and Overton 2010a, 2010b, 2010c; Van der Wal Z. and Oosterbaan, 2013, Beaumont et al., 2016; Poon, 2015, Sakar et al., 2016) provide compelling evidence on the likelihood of success in the graduate labour market due to gender and graduates’ field of study. On the African continent, male university students in Egypt (Al-Harthi, 2011) , South Africa (Monteiro et al., 2016; Qenani et al., 2014) and Tanzania (Dominic and Fulgence, 2019), display greater confidence about graduate employability than female students. In Tanzania, gender equity in higher learning institutions and in technical education is a serious constraint, and more so in the science and technology related academic programmes (URT 2018:17). Significant gender differences provide additional support to psychological theories, stating that males and females have different gender-based perceptions (Venkatesh and Morris, 2000).

Like gender, the field of study is a significant determinant of graduates’ labour market outcomes. It is assumed that students choose a particular field because of their expectation to develop professionally in that field. The majority of undergraduate students enrolled in

Tanzanian universities are enrolled in non-science related courses (Mpehongwa and Moshi, 2014; URT, 2018). Naong (2011) argues that most South African graduates struggle to find employment because they have chosen the wrong field of study and because of other weaknesses in the national educational system and market. In most OECD countries, graduates from science related degrees are the most employable (OECD, 2017). In Tanzania and South Africa, graduate degree programmes in education offer higher employment prospects than in most other degrees because demand for teachers is always high (Mushi 2013 cited in Kessy 2020; Dunga 2016). In Nigeria, the natural science disciplines are perceived as being of high calibre and having skills required by employers (British Council, 2016).

An alternative explanation: graduate employability for innovation and transformation

Higher education institutions are often criticized for not preparing graduates for the labour market. This perspective hypothesises that the role of tertiary education systems as centres of innovation in managing the changing environment and responding to advances in technology and globalisation has been unfulfilled and also not been highly valued. A review and evaluation of the performance of Tanzania's higher education institutions in Science, Technology and Innovations (STI) highlights that higher learning institutions wish to become leaders in STI, but for that to happen, a number of quality constraints will need to be overcome (Bastos and Rebois, 2011).

Skills and innovation cannot be discussed in isolation. Despite practitioners and academicians often have differing interpretations of what these two concepts actually entail, the link between skills and innovation has been extensively discussed (OECD, 2011; OECD, 2015, Borrás and Edquist, 2015; Smith et al., 2015; Toner, 2011, World Economic Forum, 2018). Overall, these published studies expose three significant areas of consensus:

Firstly, there are varying definitions of innovation which can change according to place, time, context and disciplines. Innovation is much more about new products, services and processes (operations, organizational structures, business models and relationships) than research and development. Fundamentally innovation is adding value by 'doing new things' and "doing existing things better", be it in quality or quantity or both. Today, more than ever, universities are expected to increase efficiency, improve the quality and equity of learning opportunities and facilitate graduate employability. These can be achieved by introducing new syllabus, textbooks or education resources, adopting ICT in e-learning services as well as to enhance and redefine relationships with a diverse community of students, staff and employers; and gaining a competitive advantage by deploying new marketing techniques. "Simply put higher education has to change. It needs more innovation" (Wildavsky et al., 2012: 1). Harnessing the benefits of innovation within the education sector itself is fraught with several challenges. In ten European higher education universities, Lašáková et al. (2017) identify the following: the impractical curriculum, the outdated curriculum, lack of investment in technology, poorly-qualified staff, the lack of connection between current teaching and learning practices and the demands of the labour market, employers' expectations and students' needs, to name a few. An almost similar African experience has also been well documented in Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Ghana (British Council, 2016) and Tanzania is certainly not an exception (Aubert et al., 2012; Calestous, 2016).

Secondly, innovation requires a wide variety of skills. These include a mixture of technical (also referred as hard skills) and generic skills (also referred as soft skills or non-cognitive skills) which are generated for and applied in the jobs of today and in the future; and in society at large. An OECD (2011) publication devotes extensive space to explain how any shortage or inadequacies of skilled labour or of particular skills and competencies can affect innovation. It cites empirical evidence that demonstrates creating delays to the development of new products and/or creating difficulties in introducing new working practices or technical changes. A skills

survey by the Government of Tanzania and United Nations for Industrial Organisation (UNIDO) targeting 167 manufacturing businesses in Tanzania revealed that employers were more satisfied with only two soft skills elements (communication and team work skills) and one hard skill element (academic learning) from their university educated workers' and there were still weaknesses in presentation, problem solving, initiative and analytical skills (UNIDO and URT, 2012). Another in-depth survey conducted by a Tanzanian scholar (Mwita, 2018) found that 100 human resources practitioners considered Tanzanian graduates as average on both hard skills (understanding of concepts, breadth of knowledge, application of knowledge, and up-to-date) and soft skills (adaptability, attention to detail, commitment, integrity, initiative, self-awareness, punctuality, time management, tolerance to stress, work ethic, cooperation, IT skills, negotiation, problem solving, ethical, communication skills). Mwita (2018: 269) also poignantly notes: "Having graduates who are considered average may trigger unemployment in the country since they will be unwanted by employers but also it may lead to preference of foreign employees to local employees". Therefore, having graduates who are average is unlikely to result in world changing accomplishments.

The third area of consensus which is also the precise premise of this paper is, a good educational foundation. It is the key to promoting successful innovative practice and ensuring successful transition to the workplace. This critical area should be given priority attention at all levels. Drawing on a review of several studies, Cobo's (2013) rigorous paper on "Skills for innovation: Envisioning An Education that Prepares for Changing World", explores and discusses key conditions needed to develop skills for innovations within the education system, namely: (i) strengthening the connection and coordination between the world of work and the education sector with the view to improving recognition of the value of graduate skills; (ii) the rapidly changes in the nature of work and the workplace demand universities to build capacities among students and staff for continuous learning, unlearning, and relearning to be competitive globally should not be overlooked; (iii) closely linked to the second condition, using digital technologies to contribute to better application of skills and knowledge in changing unpredictable situations. Technologies are known to be capable of reducing, eliminating jobs and entirely creating new types of jobs and (iv) to survive and thrive in a complex and connected world, soft skills which should be differentiated from academic ability, are increasingly important and complementing hard skills. All these conditions highlight not only the importance of human capital in meeting the goals for innovation, economic growth and living standard but also how and why universities have to prepare their students for success in their first job, future learning, work and life.

Methodology

The questionnaire was structured in such a way that it has three sections which drew heavily on Al Hardhi's (2011) study. The questionnaire was administered online to graduates who had registered for participation in a soft skills training in Tanzania dubbed Graduates Sales Bootcamp (Mutalemwa, 2020). The response rate of the graduate survey cannot be determined because an open invitation approach was used.

In this study, findings are reported for demographic data of the respondents and 21 employability-oriented opinions also referred as Items (1-21) were solicited from the respondents using a five point Likert scale ranging from 1 (for strongly agree), 2 (agree), 3 (Disagree), 4 (Strongly Disagree) and to 5 (I don't know). The data collected in September 2017 was analysed using SPSS software. Means (M) and standard deviations (SD) were used to answer the research questions. A t-test compared graduates' responses according to their gender (males vs. females), their field of study (natural sciences vs social sciences) and employment status (employed versus unemployed).

Presentation and Analysis of Findings

Data analysis is based on 314 completely filled in survey forms. The demographic characteristics of the respondents are as follows: In terms of gender, more male respondents (54.8%) registered for the training than their female counterparts (45.2%). The students who had registered for the training had completed Bachelor degrees in two fields of study, mainly in social sciences (86.3%) followed by natural sciences (13.7%). In terms of employment status, the majority are unemployed (71.3%) against 28.7% who are employed.

Table 1, Table 2 and Table 3 reveal three remarkable findings as follows:

The overall mean in Table 1 indicates that graduates are aware of the crucial link between education and the world of work ($M=2.46$, $SD= 1.168$). This perception corroborates with graduates' perceptions in Egypt (Al-Harti's, 2011) and Tanzania (Anderson, 2017). In this respect, graduates are motivated and have a desire to gain a first degree because they have an interest in a specific field of study at the university that would provide them the skills to meet the requirements of the labour market. The perception held by graduates that they would be in high demand from employers after graduation manifests itself as complacency down the line when they apply for jobs (Table 3).

Table 1. Means and standard deviations for the link between university and the world of work

S/N	Item	Mean	SD
1	I've good knowledge about the requirements of future career	1.59	0.766
2	I've decided which jobs I'll apply after graduation	2.3	1.283
3	I worry a lot about my future career	3.01	1.242
4	I must get a job that is appropriate to my academic major	2.74	1.247
5	I see a link between academic excellence and my future work success	2.03	1.087
6	I chose my field of study because of its strong link to the labour market	2.25	1.197
7	There should be no link between education and the requirements of the labour market	3.13	1.14
8	My love for learning was the reason I enrolled at the university and not to seek a future job.	2.68	1.389
Overall Mean		2.46	1.168

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

The overall mean in Table 2 suggests that graduates have confidence in securing graduate employment ($M = 2.43$, $SD 1.1347$). This finding broadly supports the work of other studies such as Al-Harthi (2011), Anderson (2017) and Beaumont et al.. (2016). An interesting perspective from Beaumont et al. (2016: 6) is "confidence [a soft skill] has aspects of both, being a trait that individuals possess, but which may be situationally modified, so that in different circumstances an individual may feel more or less confident". In short, these studies warn that holding academic qualifications and having confidence does not signify that a student is fully prepared for the world of work.

An important remark that needs to be made from Table 2 is about graduates disagreeing with Item 9 -I prefer to work in the public sector rather than in the private sector ($M = 3.25$; $SD = 1.394$) and agreeing with Item 16 - The Government has to provide me with a job appropriate to my university education ($M = 2.76$, $SD = 1.275$). These two findings warrant a more detailed discussion which is as follows:

Firstly, Van der Wal and Oosterbaan (2013) claim that the preference for employment in either the public or the private sector can be understood through the lens of value orientations (individual work values vs. organizational values), motivations (intrinsic vs. extrinsic) , sector perceptions (positive /negative) and various socialization factors (parental employment, religion, political ideology. Secondly, if graduates are not recruited by the government, then they are likely to have a job in the private sector. After all it is businesses that create jobs and

not the government. Most private sector jobs can be found in the informal sector with low pay and incentive systems compared to the public sector which has low risk of dismissal and high job security – often in combination with relatively low demands in terms of productivity. A related point is, “the economy [Tanzania], however, is not creating that number of ‘good’ jobs - jobs that pay living wages, give some security of employment, and offer prospects to develop skills” (Page, 2016: 3 citing World Bank 2014). Thirdly, Wakkee et al. (2017: 83) suggests in Tanzania “approximately 40,000 graduates out of 700,000 graduates who enter the labour market annually are hired by the government or established companies despite this being their preferred place of work. The rest of them continue their education, find a low-profiled temporary job or enter into the informal sector”. Fourthly, self-employment which is valued by Tanzanian graduates is hampered by several start up barriers including limited business experience and financial and social capital (Katundu and Gabagambi, 2016; Wakkee et al., 2017). Lastly, graduates expect the Tanzanian government through its Ministry of Education in collaboration with the whole government as well as other stakeholders to take action with a shared purpose and implement systemic changes to prepare students for the jobs of today and the future. Restructuring of government functions, privatization and cuts in personnel spending have in East African countries led to a decreased number of public employees (Simson, 2016).

Table 2. Means and standard deviations for the confidence in university education

S/N	Item	Mean	SD
9	I prefer to work in the public sector rather than in the private sector	3.25	1.394
10	My University education qualifies me to pursue any future work	1.89	1.024
11	I'm frightened that my university education has no value on the labour market	3.45	0.875
12	My university education provided offers me opportunities to compete for jobs even outside my country	1.88	1.049
13	I trust that I will quickly find a Job appropriate to my university education.	2.36	1.33
14	My university education offers me opportunities to compete for jobs outside of Tanzania	1.98	1.062
15	My university education qualifies me to work immediately after graduation.	2.21	1.227
Overall Mean		2.43	1.137

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 3 shows that graduates are less satisfied with the university curriculum ($M = 2.16$, $SD = 1.099$). This finding is consistent with various Tanzanian-based studies (Anderson, 2017; Chuma, 2017; Kamuhabwa, 2017; Kalufya and Mwakajinga, 2016; Ndyali, 2016) about the quality of the curriculum which is not relevant to the needs of employers.

Table 3. Means and standard deviations for the relevance of curriculum for the world of work

S/N	Item	Mean	SD
16	The government has to provide me with a job appropriate to my university education.	2.76	1.275
17	I have to get intensive training after graduation.	2.38	1.303
18	There is no stronger relationship between what we study and the requirement of the labour market.	2.83	1.182
19	The curriculums should include more practical aspect that will better fit our future careers.	1.38	0.715
20	We lack many of the skills we need for our future and current careers, even after university education.	2.09	1.142
21	The Curriculums should focus more on generic skills rather than content	1.57	0.978
Overall Mean		2.16	1.099

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Examining the Perception of Graduates in Terms of Gender, Field of Study and Employment Status

There are several statistical glaring differences in the mean perceptions of the respondents in terms of gender, field of study and employment status. These are elaborated below:

Of the 21 items analysed for gender differences (Table 4, Table 5 and Table 6) only two items achieved statistical significance ($p < 0.05$). Male graduates had less doubt about the link compared with females for Item 7 in Table 4- There should be no link between education and the requirement of the labour. They were also more confident compared to their counterparts for Item 15 in Table 5-My university education qualifies me to work immediately after graduation. The difference in perception and confidence is related to the most influential demographic characteristics on graduate employability which is gender (Artess et al., 2008; McKnight, 1999). The rich literature on the topic as reported in Poon (2016) and the Tanzanian Education Sector Development Strategy (URT, 2018) indicates barriers that make it more difficult for women to join the workforce can be categorized as person centered barriers (e.g. skills, knowledge and competencies that are contrary to the demands of the job) and situation centred barriers (e.g. located within work, the political, legal and social cultural environment)

Table 4. Gender differences and the link between university and the world of work

S/N	Perception	Gender	N	Mean	SD	Sig.
1	I've good knowledge about the requirements of future career.	Male	172	1.56	.750	.281
		Female	142	1.63	.786	
2	I've decided which jobs I'll apply after graduation.	Male	172	2.28	1.273	.391
		Female	142	2.31	1.300	
3	I Worry a lot about my future career.	Male	172	3.05	1.232	.171
		Female	142	2.96	1.257	
4	I must get a job that is appropriate to my academic major.	Male	172	2.76	1.255	.848
		Female	142	2.70	1.242	
5	I see a link between academic excellence and my future work success.	Male	172	2.11	1.100	.843
		Female	142	1.92	1.066	
6	I chose my field of study because of its strong link to the labour market.	Male	172	2.27	1.140	.800
		Female	142	2.21	1.265	
7	There should be no link between education and the requirements of the labour market.	Male	172	3.09	1.115	.040
		Female	142	3.17	1.173	
8	My love for learning was the reason I enrolled at the university and not to seek a future job.	Male	172	2.73	1.447	.590
		Female	142	2.63	1.318	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 5. Gender differences and the confidence in university education

S/N	Perception	Gender	N	Mean	SD	Sig.
9	I prefer to work in the public sector rather than in the private sector.	Male	172	3.34	1.387	.588
		Female	142	3.13	1.398	
10	My University education qualifies me to pursue any future work.	Male	172	1.91	1.042	.983
		Female	142	1.87	1.005	
11	I am frightened that my university education has no value on the labour market.	Male	172	3.44	.887	.087
		Female	142	3.46	.864	
12	My university education provided offers me opportunities to compete for jobs even outside my country.	Male	172	1.91	1.048	.312
		Female	142	1.85	1.054	
13	I trust that I will quickly find a Job appropriate to my university education	Male	172	2.41	1.346	.476
		Female	142	2.29	1.313	

Table 5 (cont.)

14	My university education offers me opportunities to compete for jobs outside of Tanzania.	Male	172	2.02	1.070	.210
		Female	142	1.92	1.052	
15	My university education qualifies me to work immediately after graduation.	Male	172	2.27	1.256	.015
		Female	142	2.13	1.192	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 6. Gender differences and the relevance of curriculum for the world of work

S/N	Perception	Gender	N	Mean	SD	Sig.
16	The government has to provide me with a job appropriate to my university education.	Male	172	2.82	1.274	.425
		Female	142	2.70	1.277	
17	I have to get intensive training after graduation.	Male	172	2.50	1.268	.320
		Female	142	2.23	1.334	
18	There is no stronger relationship between what we study and the requirement of the labour market	Male	172	2.80	1.193	.226
		Female	142	2.87	1.172	
19	The curriculums should include more practical aspect that will better fit our future careers.	Male	172	1.43	.765	.290
		Female	142	1.32	.647	
20	We lack many of the skills we need for our future and current careers, even after university education.	Male	172	2.19	1.170	.214
		Female	142	1.98	1.101	
21	The curriculum should focus more on generic skills rather than content.	Male	172	1.56	.980	.425
		Female	142	1.57	.978	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 7 Table 8 and Table 9 display results for differences in means for field of study between natural sciences graduates and social sciences graduates. Only two items out of 21 were statistically significant ($p < 0.05$). Graduates with an academic background in natural sciences complained less compared to social sciences graduates about Item 19 and 21 in Table 9: The curriculum should include more practical aspect that will better fit our future careers and the curriculum should focus more on generic skills in the curriculum rather than content. The findings suggest that compared to social science graduates, sciences graduates perceive less Tanzanian educational institutions to lack instructional capacity to develop and deliver relevant up-to-date competency-based training. Although, there has been a small but increasing trend in science related courses in Tanzania (URT, 2018) which is still insufficient to meet the needs of the economy, the evidence from African countries (British Council, 2016) suggests that graduates from sciences related field generally find employment more easily compared to graduates from other fields. The large proportion of Tanzanian enrolment concentrated in nonscience-related fields (URT, 2018) contributes to a situation in which many graduates are unemployed following the completion of their studies.

Table 7. Field of study differences and the link between university and the world of work

S/N	Perception	Academic Profession	N	Mean	SD	Sig. (2-tailed)
1	I've good knowledge about the requirements of future career.	Natural Science	43	1.53	.735	.597
		Social Science	271	1.60	.772	
2	I've decided which jobs I'll apply after graduation.	Natural Science	43	2.21	1.166	.634
		Social Science	271	2.31	1.302	
3	I Worry a lot about my future career.	Natural Science	43	2.70	1.245	.076
		Social Science	271	3.06	1.237	
4	I must get a job that is appropriate to my academic major.	Natural Science	43	2.81	1.180	.659
		Social Science	271	2.72	1.259	

Table 7 (cont.)

5	I see a link between academic excellence and my future work success.	Natural Science	43	2.00	1.134	.869
		Social Science	271	2.03	1.081	
6	I chose my field of study because of its strong link to the labour market.	Natural Science	43	2.40	1.178	.377
		Social Science	271	2.22	1.200	
7	There should be no link between education and the requirements of the labour market	Natural Science	43	3.12	1.051	.945
		Social Science	271	3.13	1.155	
8	My love for learning was the reason I enrolled at the university and not to seek a future job	Natural Science	43	2.95	1.495	.172
		Social Science	271	2.64	1.369	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 8. Field of study differences and the confidence in university education

S/N	Perception	Academic Profession	N	Mean	SD	Sig. (2-tailed)
9	I prefer to work in the public sector rather than in the private sector.	Natural Science	43	3.37	1.381	.521
		Social Science	271	3.23	1.397	
10	My University education qualifies me to pursue any future work.	Natural Science	43	1.79	.773	.487
		Social Science	271	1.91	1.059	
11	I am frightened that my university education has no value on the labour market.	Natural Science	43	3.47	.767	.897
		Social Science	271	3.45	.892	
12	My university education provided offers me opportunities to compete for jobs even outside my country	Natural Science	43	1.81	.664	.647
		Social Science	271	1.89	1.099	
13	I trust that I will quickly find a Job appropriate to my university education	Natural Science	43	2.40	1.275	.838
		Social Science	271	2.35	1.341	
14	My university education offers me opportunities to compete for jobs outside of Tanzania.	Natural Science	43	1.86	.743	.437
		Social Science	271	2.00	1.104	
15	My university education qualifies me to work immediately after graduation.	Natural Science	43	2.00	1.024	.234
		Social Science	271	2.24	1.255	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 9. Field of study differences and the relevance of curriculum for the world of work

S/N	Perception	Academic Profession	N	Mean	SD	Sig. (2-tailed)
16	The government has to provide me with a job appropriate to my university education.	Natural Science	43	3.12	1.219	.051
		Social Science	271	2.71	1.277	
17	I've to get intensive training after graduation	Natural Science	43	2.63	1.176	.173
		Social Science	271	2.34	1.320	
18	There is no stronger relationship between what we study and the requirement of the labour market.	Natural Science	43	2.95	1.194	.478
		Social Science	271	2.82	1.181	
19	The curriculums should include more practical aspect that will better fit our future careers.	Natural Science	43	1.60	.979	.028
		Social Science	271	1.35	.659	

Table 9 (cont.)

20	We lack many of the skills we need for our future and current careers, even after university education.	Natural Science	43	2.30	1.206	.195
		Social Science	271	2.06	1.130	
21	The curriculum should focus more on generic skills rather than content	Natural Science	43	1.95	1.174	.005
		Social Science	271	1.51	.930	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

In terms of the employment status of the respondents, differences between two groups are shown in Table 10, Table 11 and Table 12. Employed respondents indicated more belief in the following three items and $p < 0.05$: Item 12 in Table 11 - My university education provided offers me opportunities to compete for jobs even outside my country, Item 13 in Table 11- I trust that I will quickly find a Job appropriate to my university education and Item 16 in Table 12 - The government has to provide me with a job appropriate to my university education. A more convincing explanation for these findings is that employment prospects are influenced by actual experiences (e.g. embedded in the curriculum or after individuals have assumed professional responsibilities) rather than awareness: Employed graduates in the study may already possess skills that can be transferred from one job to other and also networks. The Inter University Council of East Africa in 2014 estimates that East African graduates on average secure employment within three months (Kessy, 2020). This view differs from Omolo (2010) who states in Kenya it is five years.

Table 10. Employment status differences and the link between university and the world of work

S/N	Perception	Employment status	N	Mean	SD	Sig. (2-tailed)
1	I've good knowledge about the requirements of future career.	Employed	89	1.60	.734	.985
		Unemployed	224	1.59	.781	
2	I've decided which jobs I'll apply after graduation.	Employed	89	2.36	1.325	.589
		Unemployed	224	2.27	1.271	
3	I Worry a lot about my future career.	Employed	89	3.13	1.089	.262
		Unemployed	224	2.96	1.300	
4	I must get a job that is appropriate to my academic major.	Employed	89	2.89	1.265	.173
		Unemployed	224	2.67	1.241	
5	I see a link between academic excellence and my future work success.	Employed	89	2.09	1.145	.511
		Unemployed	224	2.00	1.067	
6	I chose my field of study because of its strong link to the labour market.	Employed	89	2.24	1.138	.949
		Unemployed	224	2.25	1.223	
7	There should be no link between education and the requirements of the labour market	Employed	89	3.09	1.231	.688
		Unemployed	224	3.15	1.105	
8	My love for learning was the reason I enrolled at the university and not to seek a future job.	Employed	89	2.52	1.463	.164
		Unemployed	224	2.76	1.354	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 11. Employment status Differences and the Confidence in university education

S/N	Perception	Employment status	N	Mean	SD	Sig. (2-tailed)
9	I prefer to work in the public sector rather than in the private sector.	Employed	89	3.22	1.420	.865
		Unemployed	224	3.25	1.389	

Table 11 (cont.)

10	My University education qualifies me to pursue any future work.	Employed	89	1.97	1.038	.436
		Unemployed	224	1.87	1.020	
11	I am frightened that my university education has no value on the labour market.	Employed	89	3.46	.880	.897
		Unemployed	224	3.45	.877	
12	My university education provided offers me opportunities to compete for jobs even outside my country	Employed	89	2.15	1.230	.005
		Unemployed	224	1.78	.954	
13	I trust that I will quickly find a Job appropriate to my university education	Employed	89	2.60	1.467	.044
		Unemployed	224	2.26	1.265	
14	My university education offers me opportunities to compete for jobs outside of Tanzania.	Employed	89	2.12	1.185	.134
		Unemployed	224	1.92	1.006	
15	My university education qualifies me to work immediately after graduation.	Employed	89	2.11	1.182	.388
		Unemployed	224	2.25	1.248	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Table 12. Employment Status Differences and the relevance of curriculum for the world of work

S/N	Perception	Employment status	N	Mean	SD	Sig. (2-tailed)
16	The government has to provide me with a job appropriate to my university education.	Employed	89	2.99	1.220	.049
		Unemployed	224	2.67	1.290	
17	I've to get intensive training after graduation	Employed	89	2.24	1.225	.239
		Unemployed	224	2.43	1.334	
18	There is no stronger relationship between what we study and the requirement of the labour market.	Employed	89	2.74	1.183	.352
		Unemployed	224	2.88	1.179	
19	The curriculums should include more practical aspect that will better fit our future careers.	Employed	89	1.34	.656	.472
		Unemployed	224	1.40	.739	
20	We lack many of the skills we need for our future and current careers, even after university education.	Employed	89	2.00	1.206	.350
		Unemployed	224	2.13	1.116	
21	The curriculum should focus more on generic skills rather than content	Employed	89	1.67	1.250	.202
		Unemployed	224	1.52	.842	

Source: Graduate Sales Bootcamp, 2017.

Concluding Remarks

Based on the survey results and in the context of the study's agenda, findings have shown a different perspective regarding the quality and employability of Tanzanian graduates as well as the role of universities as drivers for innovation. Graduates were appreciative of their university education and were confident that they can meet the requirements of the labour market. This is mainly because they value the role of higher education credentials for graduate employability or worded differently employers' value degrees and reward more educated workers. However, they acknowledged their theoretical knowledge, skills and competencies have little value until they can apply them for practical purposes. The implication is that their participation in society and

ability to cope with changes brought about by innovation will be limited, including becoming successful business owners.

While many universities around the globe have implemented various initiatives and teaching and learning methods to embed the most in-demand skills into their degree programmes, Tanzanian universities continue to focus on promoting discipline-specific content knowledge at the expense of generic skills required in the workplace which would have enhance graduates' employment prospects. Where a weak education system collides with economic, technological, demographic, and geopolitical trends, the risks of graduate unemployment, poverty, inequality, and instability are at their greatest. The risks of producing graduates who cannot drive the country's development are also significant.

Tanzania had projected to become a middle income economy by 2025 (URT,2000), but has now achieved the goal five years earlier on 1st July 2020. The lessons from upper-middle and high-income economies suggest: in order to build world-class education systems and enhance employment prospects for graduates, universities should seriously commit to reducing the gap between what university students and graduates want, demand, and believe they have a right to, and what they can actually access and receive. But to do it well, universities should strive to deploy new or improved educational technology tools, instructional methods, curricula, assessment approaches - involving entrepreneurs, industry and government.

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