



## **SEKU Starts Production of Personal Protective Equipment against COVID-19**

South Eastern Kenya University has started the production of personal protective equipment to combat the spread of the novel COVID-19.

On Wednesday, the University's School of Engineering and Technology rolled out the production face masks, which have been billed as one of the main preventive of the global pandemic.

According to the dean, the School's Clothing and Textile Department has a production capacity for 300 N95 masks per day the Main Campus in Kitui.

The N95 masks have the highest COVID-19 protection level with 95 percent virus protection, and 100 percent efficacy on bacteria, dust and pollen. According to Eng. Kioko, the masks, which are made from non-woven fabric, light poly-poplin



One of the Clothing and Textile Department's state of the art machines



A SEKU staffer wears a face masked made at the University

and medium poly-poplin fabric, with non-woven strip, will be used by the staff of the University with a surplus for supply to the surrounding community.

While announcing the break through on Wednesday this week, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Geoffrey Muluvi, said that "universities exist to solve problems facing the people. We are now making our rightful contribution." He urged other schools and departments of the University to come up with innovative ways to respond to "this global problem."

Eng. Kioko said the School is also looking into the possibilities of designing and producing electric incinerators for disposal.