

Capacity Building within Research Communication, Dissemination and Networking

Project document

Project title

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Project period

1 January 2013 – 31 December 2015

Budget

South	DKK 2.591.125
North	<u>DKK 2.158.876</u>
Total budget	DKK 4.750.001

Project holder

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South partners

- Maseno University (MSU), Kenya
- Gulu University (GU), Uganda
- Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal

Partners in Denmark

Three Danish Universities (DU) will participate in the project in a consortium: Aalborg University, Roskilde University and Aarhus University (project holder).

Appendices

Annex 1: Total budget and activity plan.

Background

This project was originally conceptualized as part of the Building Stronger Universities (BSU) project under Universities Denmark within a larger budget frame of DKK 19M, and was intended to be administered through Platform on Stability, Democracy and Rights (PSDR) under this project. With the reorganization of BSU as decided by Danida in 2013, all BSU platforms will be phased out by 31 December 2013, and the present project is reconceptualised as an independent grant outside BSU Phase II. This document describes the revised framework for the part of the project originally managed by PSDR.

Objectives

Overall objective

- South partner universities strengthened in knowledge sharing, research dissemination and communication.

Immediate objectives

- South partner universities' institutional capacity in knowledge sharing, research dissemination and communication strengthened
- South partner universities' institutional capacity in e-learning strengthened
- South partner universities' institutional capacity in Problem-Based Learning (PBL) strengthened.

Rationale

“Knowledge sharing, dissemination and communication is the key focal area for the activities under this specific grant. All south partner institutions have expressed interest in building and strengthening their capacities in this field. There is a growing understanding that the universities have an obligation to the wider society to strengthen their communication and dissemination of research findings, thus contributing to develop and implement solutions to prevailing challenges in today’s society. At the same time improved communication and dissemination will strengthen the universities’ networks to society and probably society’s willingness to prioritise funds to the university sector.” (cf. the application “Capacity Building within Research Communication, Dissemination and Networking”, 7 November 2012).

A new project framework

The project will be conducted within the originally planned project period of three years, from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015, and must apply a agreed 45/55 distributions of funds to north and south partners, respectively (cf. Danida grant letter, 104.Dan.8.L.2600).

The application budget is DKK 4.75M, and the activities that were originally planned among the PSDR partners will be maintained, with a few necessary modifications as described below. The project is implemented in accordance with the rules and regulations laid out by the Danida Fellowship Centre for Building Stronger Universities Phase 1.

- I. From 1 January 2014 Aarhus University will be project holder in a consortium with Aalborg University, Roskilde University, Maseno University, Gulu University and Tribhuvan University.
- II. In North a steering committee and a project coordinator will be appointed. Working groups may be established as necessary for the implementation of activities. Each South partner University will appoint a local working group and a focal point. Each partner university must appoint one person with overall project responsibility for management of funds and timely implementation of activities and submission of all necessary project documentation (c.f. DFC rules) to the project coordinator in Denmark.
- III. A Memory of Understandings (MoU) and a Letter of Agreement (LoA) will be signed by Aarhus University and Maseno University, Gulu University, and Tribhuvan University, respectively.
- IV. Except for Gulu University, where this project can be embedded in the BSU II set-up, the original application budget has been moderated to allocate funding for project coordination in North and South.
- V. The originally agreed activity plan (Annex 1) will be effectuated – with minor changes in regards to available funds for some activities, cf. item 4 above.

Project components

The three original project components will be executed in the modified project. It is expected that E-learning and PBL will be combined.

1. Knowledge sharing, Research Dissemination and Communication
2. E-Learning
3. Problem Based Learning (PBL)

Main activities and outputs

The specific project activities proposed in each country/institution address national and institutional needs and are in accordance with national strategies and priorities. An attempt will be made to coordinate the project with other relevant projects at the participating institutions to maximize synergies and avoid undue duplication.

For an overview of the revised 2014 budget plan, including outputs and activities, see [annex](#).