



WEHUBIT

Project name

Digital Skills@your local library

Country

Uganda



Implemented by



- + National Library of Uganda
- + Maendeleo Foundation
- + Peer 2 Peer University
- + 24 public and community libraries

Budget

251.958 €

Duration

12/2020 – 03/2023

Contribution to SDGs



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CHALLENGES/CONTEXT

Just 48% of people in Uganda are using the Internet, according to the Uganda Communications Commission (2019). The three main obstacles to Internet use are lack of free or affordable access to technology, lack of computer and on-line literacy skills, and limited awareness about the potential of the Internet.

Women and unemployed youth are especially marginalized in a digital environment. Women and girls have limited independent sources of income, lower literacy levels and lack confidence with technology. Unemployed young people also struggle to afford Internet access and need practical and marketable digital skills.

DIGITAL SOLUTION/APPROACH



The project aims at providing affordable and accessible digital literacy skills to vulnerable populations (in particular, youth and women) through a nation-wide network of established institutions - public and community libraries, with trained librarians to assist. In addition, mobile digital literacy camps will be organised, bringing computers and Internet to provide digital literacy training to remote rural communities. The public and community librarians will also introduce community members to an on-line learning platform, where they can access several hundred courses, covering topics such as health, parenting, computer skills, and public speaking.

WEHUBIT EFFECT



ADAPTATION TO LOCAL CONTEXT

Working with Wehubit, EIFL is able to tailor digital literacy training specifically to meet the needs of vulnerable groups in Uganda.

SCALE-UP AND REPLICATION

Wehubit enables EIFL to further expand its training-of-trainers programme for public librarians, developed and piloted in Ghana, Kenya and Namibia, to Uganda.

FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS

Through Wehubit, closing the digital divide will be accomplished by getting public and community libraries to work together in developing digital literacy programmes.

EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

A nation-wide network of public and community libraries in Uganda offering affordable, accessible and sustainable digital literacy training programmes will work together, resulting in:

1. Up to 25 public and community libraries across Uganda upgrading their digital literacy training programmes.
2. At least 11,500 individuals gaining basic or improved digital literacy skills.
3. At least 2,000 learners attending on-line courses to access knowledge and information useful in their daily lives.



LESSONS LEARNED

Addressing the issues of digital divide in Uganda requires a wholistic solution, which would not be possible without the input from a variety of partners. The National Library of Uganda, Maendeleo Foundation, Peer 2 Peer University, and EIFL (Electronic Information for Libraries) each bring unique experience to the development of a digital literacy solution tailored for Uganda.

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