



WEHUBIT



CHALLENGES

Project name

Digital Skills@your local library

Country

Uganda



Implemented by



Budget

251,958 €

Duration

12/2020 – 03/2023

Contribution to SDGs



Implemented by



Financed by



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 SOCIAL INNOVATION



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.

SCALING-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.

RESULTS SO FAR

Currently, a nation-wide network of 17 public and community libraries in Uganda (and new ones to join) are working together to provide free digital literacy programmes.

1) So far, a total of 1,672 people were trained on digital and mobile literacy

2) A total of 449 people were engaged in learning circles

3) Maendeleo Foundation held 9 mobile camps consisting in a 5-days training attended by 551 people.

29 LIBRARIANS TRAINED TO PROVIDE DIGITAL AND MOBILE LITERACY TRAINING TO COMMUNITIES

90% OF PEOPLE WHO FILLED IN POST-TRAINING FEEDBACK FORM OBTAINED BASIC ICT SKILLS

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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