TOWARDS COLLABORATIVE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) PROJECTS IN TANZANIA

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Education system

a) 7 years primary school
b) 6 years – secondary school
c) 2/3 Tertiary Institutions
d) 3/4/5 Universities
Number of Universities/tertiary/schools up to 2016

- Universities/Colleges: 50
- Tertiary Institutes: 63
- Secondary Schools: 4,759
- Primary Schools: 17,174

Source: Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training
Enrolment to Universities/tertiary/schools up to 2016

- Universities/Colleges: 514,836
- Tertiary Institutes: +++
- Secondary Schools: 806,955
- Primary Schools: 1,675,593

Source: Tanzania Figure 2016
What has been done so far...

- OER Advocacy
- OER training
- OER use
What is the situation of text books access for primary – university students in Tanzania?

Undefined
Is there a need for OER Project in Tanzania?

Any Idea?
The status of use and adopted OERs in Tanzania IS NOT DOCUMENTED
Any OER policy in place?

- **No** national policy
- **5** institutional policies (UDSM, MUHAS, NMIS&T OUT & SNAL) especially on repositories
Use & Adoption of OERs in Tanzania

① 15 Courses Licensed OERs @ OUT
② 1 Digital fluency suite model for academic staff in HLI & in Sub-Saharan Africa

Other stakeholders:
① Ubongo Kids Tanzania: https://ubongokids.com/
② Shule Direct: https://www.shuledirect.co.tz/
OER Supporters so far?

- C.O.L
- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- UNESCO
- OER Africa
- Open Education Consortium
Any OER collaboration?

① Initiative of South African Institute of Distance Education (ISIDE)
② Common Wealth of Learning (COL)
Other ad-hoc National Collaborations

• The Open University of Tanzania – www.out.ac.tz
• Nelson Mandela Institute of Science & Technology - https://www.nm-aist.ac.tz/
• Sokoine University of Agriculture – www.sua.ac.tz
• University of Dar es Salaam - www.udsm.ac.tz
• Open Access Initiative in Tanzania
• Creative Commons Tanzania Chapter - https://network.creativecommons.org/chapters
• Commission for Science and Technology – www.costech.or.tz
• Different educational Platforms: Ubongo Kids, Shule Direct

All these have not proved no success!!!!
① What can Tanzania learn from other countries’ experience on OER collaborative projects?
② Suggest the best practical models for collaborations?
③ List countries or organizations that are ready to collaborate with Tanzania?
Any question?
Asanteni – Thank you!