IUC programme (2012 to date)

Impact and Lessons Learnt

Mountains of the Moon University, Uganda

Dr. Edmond Kagambe, Programme Coordinator (South)
Mountains of the Moon University
..at the foot of Mountain Rwenzori ranges..
Community focus

Of the community
By the community
For the community
Problem-2012: Young & Fragile University

- Limited Community Engagement
- Limited Teaching Infrastructure
- Limited Research Capacity
MMU-IUC Partner Programme

Extension and Outreach
Radio program, Farmers training, Distance education

Action research on dairy chain
Action research on aquaculture chain

Water & Soil

Soft infrastructure
Staff training, curriculum building, research

Basic infrastructure
ICT, Library, laboratory, Radio station
**Impact**

- Projects + 14 PhD scholarships
- Dairy Development Centre
- Outreach study centre
- Community Radio
- Servers + Optic fibre cable
- Industrial linkage

2.8m Euros + 2.0m Euros
PhDs -> research-based teaching
Kyembogo Dairy Dev’t Centre
Radio empowering communities with appropriate knowledge

- Live studio
- Using the Outside Broadcasting Kit
- Community Radio Listener's Clubs
ICT Infrastructure for improved Teaching & Research

Server Room Today 2018

Server Room 2012
Renewed & Strengthened Collaboration
Attained Charter/Public Status

1. Recognized quality institution
2. Increased budget (1.2m to 7.2m Euros)
3. Increased salaries (85%)
4. Improved infrastructure (labs & lecture rooms)
5. Increased student enrolment (20%)
6. Improved curriculum (Bachelor, Masters & PhD)
7. Student local scholarships
8. Boost of the local economy
Lessons learnt (Positive + Negative)

Institutional level

1. Sharing minds -- International collaboration enabled researchers to access additional expertise, gain new perspectives on research and build relationships with others in the field.

2. Aligning the IUC programme with the institution strategy

3. Mindset change -- **embracing a new changes**.

4. Ownership

5. Identifying competent PhD candidates with the right attitude to learn

6. Taking IUC funds as seed money and use it as a leverage to attract more partnerships

7. Institutionalising of IUC outcomes
Lessons learnt (Positive + Negative)

**Programme level**

1. Created collaborations and linkages with organisations all over the world
2. Project staff turnover
3. Teamwork within a project
4. Competent project leaders
5. Synergy within projects – do not work in isolation
7. Target beneficiaries you can follow up for change
Lessons learnt (Positive + Negative)

**Individual level**

1. Strengthened the knowledge and skills of staff in managing international research collaborations
2. Respect of intercultural differences between different actors in the Programme
3. Conflict management among the programmes project teams/members
4. Staying resilient amidst challenges
Thanks to the Partners...