

Thare Machi Education (Isle of Man) Project: 'Technology for the Poor' (MYG011.15)

Summary of Year 2 Report

Project Objectives

Overarching goal:

- To improve the health and well-being of vulnerable groups in 8 countries in Africa

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- To capacity build at least 8 local partner organisations
- To create 300 new specific digital language/topic lessons
- To provide resources for 80 local partners to distribute and monitor new and existing TME lessons
- To facilitate 100,000 lesson viewings per year
- To host a collaborative learning conference with representatives from all 8 countries to disseminate good practice and celebrate success
- To create a web-based forum for low cost replication of the lesson viewing model.

Project Status

This project has aimed to improve the well-being of vulnerable groups in 8 countries through DVD distribution using local partners. As part of year two the focus has been on developing and strengthening links with current and future partners thus increasing their range of influence.

Despite difficulties out of the organisation's control such as the continued Ebola issues in Liberia the total number of people reached has far exceeded the 100,000 viewings per year target due to flexible and well targeted use of funding demonstrated in Rwanda where there is estimated to be at least 600,000 direct beneficiaries via benefits from the TME Health worker training programme.

Activities in the reporting period

During this reporting period 52 new DVD titles were created using IOM funding which will benefit an estimated 3-5 million people during the life of the disc. A Memorandum of Understanding with at least one lead partner was established in 4 of the 8 countries targeted and those not yet achieved will be the focus countries for new MOUs in year 3.

Success has also been achieved in creating a Facebook page for effective reporting from partners. Large scale duplication of the videos has also been achieved due to the demand created in Rwanda. Nevertheless the collaborative learning conference appears unlikely to be achieved in its original form.

Budget

The total budget is underspent at 80% but there has been acceleration in funding for Burundi and Rwanda (both exceeding 200% of original budget) in response to the opportunities presented by local governments.

This additional cost has been covered by transferring funds from the Liberia and Lesotho budget whilst all of the original funding directed for Kenya was redirected due to a loss in confidence in the local partner due to personal reasons. The charity currently has another partner in Kenya who works without financial support, and a replacement for the primary partner is currently being sought.

A request for reallocation of the overall underspend of £3,628 of the Isle of Man's contribution to the project has been submitted by the charity. £3,314 is proposed for partnerships in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and £314 for partnerships in Uganda. The proposed use of the funds is entirely within the original project objectives and is therefore in order.

The third and final payment for the project is £137,229.