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OA Projects: 2012 and 2013 Supported by Eifl

1. Knowledge without boundaries . 2012

2. Open Access: Knowledge sharing and sustainable scholarly Communication, 2013/2014

3. Participation in OA Week . 2012 and 2013 (also supported by INASP)

OA PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

2012 OA

- Cascade IR technical skills to 10 institutions to support establishment of IR – currently 5 are on web, 5, on intranet
- Advocate for adoption of OA policy – UoN UMB – approved in December 2012
- Sensitize academic stakeholders – many institutions have embraced OA initiatives
- Collaboration between medical students (MSAKE), policy makers and libraries

2013 OA

- OA Workshops, sensitization and training in various Kenyan regions eg Coast region
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- Adoption of 4 Open Access Policies so far
- More activities in progress – sensitization of students and health workers, training in IR and OA publishing for researchers and authors, etc

OA WEEK

- Several Institutions participated in 2012 and 2013 OA Week eg UoN, Pwani, JKUAT, KEMU etc
- OA week sensitization through workshops, training , websites etc
- Total no. of institutions on web so far – 10 , and more than 10 on intranet
- Currently Kenya appreciates benefits of OA initiatives
- Over 20 institutions are in or have developed IR
- Authors and researchers publishing in OA Journals

Challenges

- OA Policy implementation

- Populating IR

- OA Sensitization for all stakeholders

- Technical skills/capacity building e.g. IR Administrators

- Plagiarism detection software needed

- Instituting required ICT infrastructure

- Researchers reluctant to publish in OA Journals

- Possessiveness of institutions to their local output