EIFL Public Library Innovation Programme - EIFL-PLIP - Sept 2019 – Sept 2020

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EIFL General Assembly 2020 #EIFLGA
Since 2017 EIFL-PLIP focus to strengthen and support continuous transformation of public library field in Africa
What we do

• Advance Community Development through Sparking Innovation in Public Libraries by
  – **Building Capacity** of Public Librarians in Africa to start new services
  – **Supporting Advocacy for Connectivity** and New Roles of Public Libraries
  – **Empowering and Recognizing** Public Library Innovators
Public Libraries’ response to Covid-19: One Example

Laibu Mkononi (Library at your hands) service started by Yusuf Ganyana, ICT officer at KNLS Kibera Community Library, IYALI 2020 participant

More examples in a blog ‘You cant keep a good library (locked) down’
An impact of EIFL-PLIP as described by former and current grantees, and partner organizations

A Decade of Transforming Public Libraries - A blog by Ramune Petuchovaite, EIFL-PLIP Manager

November 2019

EIFL guest blogger Deborah Jacobs, former director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation’s Global Libraries Initiative, celebrates 10 years of EIFL-PLIP
Capacity Building of Public Librarians in Africa

- **62** public librarians trained to become trainers in Kenya, Namibia, Zambia, and Uganda
- Newly skilled trainers have trained **677** librarians in their countries
- Subjects include *Facilitation skills; Leadership skills; Re-thinking Library Spaces, Design Thinking, Learning Circles for Online Courses*, and more
Five young public librarians from Kenya, Namibia, Uganda and Zambia attended the PLA 2020 conference in Nashville, U.S.

Read about learnings in a blog ‘African Librarians in a journey of Discovery’.
Advocacy for connectivity in libraries

Internet Governance Forum’s (IGF) Dynamic Coalition for ‘Public Access in Libraries’ (DC-PAL)

• **Study** on [The Role of Libraries in Broadband Policies](#) (2019)

• **Session at IGF 2019 in Berlin, Germany** on [Public Access Contributions to Public Policy Success](#)

• **Coming soon – Online Session at the IGF 2020** on Equitable access to digital content: lessons from COVID-
Empowering and recognizing public library innovators

- The 14th EIFL Public Library Innovation Award is NOW OPEN:
  - For innovative services that address issues outlined in SDG’s, and for services that respond to COVID-19
Future plans - 2021

• New project to close digital divide in Uganda
  – funded with a grant from Belgium development agency Enabel through Wehubit programme
• CPD/ ToT programme in Ghana
• Advocacy for public library connectivity
  – Zambia, Uganda and Ghana
• IYALI 2021 - a new partnership under construction
Thank You to our fantastic partners & EIFL-PLIP team