

Six month update

Our six month update is a light touch check in which ensures that you and Comic Relief have a shared understanding of how your grant is progressing. It is also an important prompt for you to make sure that you have let us know about any changes to your organisation or the project.

We provide guidance to the questions we ask below at the end of this document.

We aim to provide you with our feedback on progress to date within four weeks of receiving your update.

1. Project update

Please summarise what you have done in the past six months and whether you feel you are on track with delivery of your project (200 words)

- ECE curriculum by TIE¹ in Swahili was translated into English.
- TTU held consultative meetings with the MoEST and the PORALG² to introduce the project and discuss ways forward. The MoU is developed and signed by both parties.
- An inception workshop was organised in DeS³ with key partners ([full report](#)) followed by a project management group meeting to plan and to define the roles and responsibilities of the partners ([full report](#)).
- A call for proposal to undertake a baseline study was launched and Dr. Katherine Pascal from DeS UCE⁴ was chosen based on her qualifications and experience. The baseline will be validated in September.
- A draft advocacy strategy has been developed, and will be validated in September.
- Consultative meetings have been going on between TTU and the ECE department of the OUT⁵. A proposal has now been forwarded for approval to the University Board.
- A digital camera, all-in printer, laptop, projector, memory card, hard disk and a cable were acquired.
- The implementation of project activities indicates that the project is on track.

What have been your key successes in the past six months? (200 words)

Support from the government and other key stakeholders of ECE in Tanzania:

- TTU in collaboration with Education International successfully organized a kick-off meeting and project launch in Dar es Salaam in February in which key ECE stakeholder organizations participated and discussed the situation of ECE in Tanzania and the importance of this project in promoting early childhood education in the country. This meeting provided an opportunity for key stakeholders to get to understand and pledge their support for the project.

¹ TIE – Tanzania Institute of Education

² PORALG – President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government

³ DeS – Dar es Salaam

⁴ UCE – University College of Education

⁵ OUT – Open University of Tanzania

- The kick-off meeting was followed by a successful planning meeting in February. The meeting discussed key project activities: conducting a baseline survey, developing a communication and advocacy strategy, developing a competence profile for ECE teachers, training certificates, and MEL strategy for the overall project.
- The situation analysis and baseline was commissioned to a researcher from the Dar Es Salaam University and is in the process of finalization. The validation of the research findings will take place at the stakeholders meeting in September 2017.
- A communication and advocacy strategy has been developed.
- Project equipment has been acquired.

What challenges have you faced? How have you addressed – or how do you plan - to address these? (200 words)

1. Change of leadership in TTU where the deputy general secretary was removed from public service which resulted him losing his position in the union. This challenge is being addressed by the union and the process to get him back in the TTU leadership has already started.
2. The union and the Office of the PORALG agreed to collaborate in the implementation of the project but that has to begin with the signing of the MoU between the two. However, at the side of the union the document was signed but the government through the Office of the PORALG delayed signing it. However, this did not affect other project activities as government continued to support implementation of the project.
3. The two districts have some areas which are very difficult to access due to very poor road and telephone infrastructure. This challenge is difficult to address but we are trying to make sure we reach those areas by driving there .
4. A significant amount of the budget is lost/projected to be lost due to fluctuations in exchange rates. This has been/will be monitored regularly and mitigated by combining several activities or reducing target numbers.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about? (100 words)

2. Keeping us informed

Statement	Yes	No
Has your organisation experienced any negative publicity?		✓
Are you aware of any allegations that any part of your funding has been misused?		✓
Have there been any changes to your Trustees or your senior management team?	✓	
Have there been any significant changes to key staff working on your grant (particularly where the post/s are funded by Comic Relief)?		✓
Have there been any changes to your organisation’s finances (or those of any partner organisations for the grant) which could impact on to the delivery the		✓

funded work? (for example, loss of important income source, deficit in previous financial year, unexpected costs incurred)		
Have legal proceedings been instigated against your organisation or any partner organisations for the grant?		✓
Has your organisation, or any partner organisations for the grant, experienced any safeguarding incidents?		✓
Have you made any serious incident reports to statutory regulators (for instance, to the Charity Commission, Registrar of Companies, Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, Information Commissioner's Office, the Fundraising Regulator or any NGO regulator)?		✓
<p>For any statements where you have ticked "yes", please briefly explain what has happened (200 words)</p> <p>There have been changes in TTU leadership at national level whereby the Deputy General Secretary who in this project was assistant Chairperson of the Project Management Committee. He was a government employee and had been seconded to the union under leave without pay for a period of five years (that is according to Tanzanian Laws that if a public servant wants to work with any non-governmental organization, he or she has to request from the government under what is known as leave without pay and it is usually a period of not more than five years. So his term was over and his employer (the government) wanted him back in the classroom). Following this change, the union is in the process of electing a new Deputy General secretary who also will assist the General Secretary as assistant chairperson of the project management committee.</p>		