

2nd meeting of the BHER Advisory Committee
May 15th, 2012 ~ 12:00 – 1:30pm
York University, Toronto

Present: Don Dippo (YU - Pedagogical Research), Wenona Giles (YU), Rita Irwin (UBC), Philip Landon (WUSC), Joseph Mensah (YU - Contextual Research), Vice-Chancellor Olive Mugenda (KU), Samson Nashon (UBC), Stephen Nyaga (KU - Pedagogical Research), Marangu Njogu (WTK), Jackson Too (Moi), Sammy Tumuti (KU - Contextual Research), Catherine Wangeci Thuo (AVU),

Regrets: George KiharaThang'wa (RET), Maureen Kopiyo (UNHCR),

Absent: Mary Mendenhall (IRC), Lori Henninger (INEE), Yussuf Omar Kuno (Dadaab), Ibrahim Ismail Mohamed (Dadaab camps)

Chair of Meeting: Wenona Giles, York University

- ❖ Approval of the Minutes of the Advisory Committee Meeting of December 2, 2011
 - moved by by Don Dippo; seconded by Philip Landon; unanimous
- ❖ Business Arising from the Minutes
 - The Chair proposed that the University of British Columbia and Moi University join the Advisory Committee
 - Moved by Olive Mugenda; seconded by Catherine Wangeci Thuo; unanimous
- ❖ General update and information from the SSHRC Partnership institutions (not already brought up at the Workshop)
 - AVU suggested that they provide access to Luminare (which unlike Skype, requires low band width) for future meetings so that those who are absent could more easily join the Advisory Committee meetings

Follow-up:

Catherine will contact Wenona at YU to arrange a test meeting in 2 weeks and if successful, we will hopefully use Luminare for all future BHER meetings

- **KU** raised the issue of security in the camps and Dadaab and the following points were made by various AC members:
 - possibility that insecurity will affect project timelines
 - fencing and guards will be in place to protect the BHER education and living quarter compound in Dadaab
 - WTK is hiring a Security Officer, who can be shared with BHER
 - Each institution is responsible for acquiring its own personal insurance for its employees going to Dadaab. There are insurance packages called “conflict area insurance packages” that have a rescue component

- There are legalities and risk assessments regarding personnel who go to teach in the camps – it is the responsibility of each institution to look into these for their employees.
- There is the issue of immediate determination of insecurity and follow-up (re evacuation of personnel, student transport cancellation, inclement weather, etc - leading to temporary closure of program)
- Suggestion that a BHER Security Committee be established with a sub-committee to deal with an on-site emergency situations. The SC should put together a security handbook, based on UNHCR, CARE and WTK security handbooks.

Follow-up:

- **WTK to follow-up with BHER re sharing their Security Officer**
- **BHER Institutional Partners to ensure that all their employees who enter the camps have adequate personal insurance; legalities and risk assessments have been addressed.**
- **Establishment of a BHER Security Committee. Its first job will be to compile a security handbook**

- Open Education Access (e.g. MIT-Harvard) was discussed
 - There are currently 219 MIT-Harvard modules - Can we use any of these for refugee education?
- WTK suggested that wording re “accountability issue” in one of the project’s documents be more accurately reworded to indicate a “delay”

Follow-up:

- **Don/Wenona/Aida to correct in FSR documents**

- ❖ Publication Guidelines: (data ownership, authorship, etc)
 - Issues related to ownership of data, authorship, etc. were discussed. It was agreed that these were important and complex issues and that practices are often context dependent.

Follow-up:

- **The Establishment of a Publications Guidelines sub-Committee within the Knowledge Mobilization Committee that will draft guidelines for the BHER project members. The Committee should consult the BHER membership and report to the AC by June 30th, 2012**

Next Meeting Date: via Luminate on August 21, 2012 – time: 8am Vancouver, 11am Toronto, and 6pm Nairobi.



Advisory Committee

Roles and responsibilities

General role: To ensure the Partnership delivers the outcomes agreed in the proposal

- * Performance review: support and challenge
- * Review use of resources which are committed / aligned to the project outcomes
- * Provide opportunity for debate
- * Meet with stakeholders at a local level, and answer questions on the Partnership's decisions
- * Ensure updates on progress informs the work of the Partnership
- * Resource recommendations to accountable bodies
- * Champion partnership working within own institutions

1 member from each partner institution	
York University	Wenona Giles
Kenyatta University	<i>Olive Mugenda - Vice Chancellor</i>
Windle Trust	Marangu Njogu, Director
International Rescue Committee	Mary Mendenhall
Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies	Lori Heninger, Director
UNHCR (Dadaab)	Maureen Kopyo
World University Service of Canada	Philip Landon, Regional Director, Botswana
African Virtual University	Catherine Wangeci Thuo (AVU)
Refugee Education Trust	George KiharaThang'wa, Regional Programme Manager, Africa
University of British Columbia	Samson Nashon/ Rita Irwin
Moi University	Jackson Too
One member from each Thematic Group (from KU and YU)	
Contextual	Joseph Mensah and Sammy Tumuti
Pedagogical	Don Dippo and Stephen Nyaga
Two Representatives from the Dadaab camps	
Member #1:	Ibrahim Ismail Mohamed (Dadaab camps)
Member #2	Yussuf Omar Kuno (Dadaab)