PITRO - project

The University library of Dar es Salaam (UDSL) and University library of Oslo (UBO)

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The PITRO-project is run by **SIU -** The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (Bergen)

Belongs to "The Tanzania Agreement" and startet for University of Oslo in 2009. The university library is involved during 2009 and 2010.

240.000 N. Kr.

WHY?

From "Aftenposten" 31.10.2010:

"When we all know that the system is corrupt, why do we keep on donating money? Cooksey asks retorically. He believes that part of the answer lies in the peace and stability in Tanzania, they do not fight with their neighbors. This has been the situation for a long time. The donors need success stories. Thus, Tanzania is still a favorite country for donors".

This is not a success story

It is rather a short
story with no ending
– so far

University library of Dar es Salaam

Number of staff about 100.

-25% very well educated. Bachelor in a major subject. Master in librarianship.

-The rest are librarians with a Bachelor in librarianship, and other administrative functions. ICT section i.e. consists of 6 persons.

Special section: East African Rare and Archival Research Collection.

-History of Swahili speaking people.

-Unpublished works pertaining to the study of Kiswahili language.

- Maps, including old German maps.

Website for UDSL - and Reality

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  AVAILABLE ONLINE PERI RESOURCES FOR TANZANIA
- **AGORA**
- The AGORA site provides access to over 500 journals from major scientific publishers in the fields of food, agriculture, environmental science and related social sciences.
- **URL: http://www.aginternetwork.org**
- **Blackwell Publishing**
- Provides access to 340+ full-text journals in Science, Technology, Medicine and 300+ in Social Science and Humanities. Full text for Journal Published by Blackwell.
- **URL: http://www.blackwell-synergy.com**
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- Medical resources comprising of Databases of full-text reviews, abstracting of further reviews, a controlled trials register, Methodology register, Handbook and other Literature.
- **URL: http://www.update-software.com/clibng/cliblogon.htm**
- **EBSCO host**
- This is a multi disciplinary resource with good coverage in Social Science, Humanities, Nursing and Medicine. It provides access to 8 databases with over 10,000 full-text journals.
- **URL : http://search.epnet.com**
- **EMERALD**
- This is a collection of Journals and databases in management disciplines, computing, engineering and Library and Information Sciences. Over 120 journal titles are available as full-text.
- **URL : http://mustafa.emeraldinsight.com**
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- **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS (EOLSS)**
- Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS) is the world's largest source of thematically organized knowledge. The EOLSS body of knowledge is an integrated compendium of sixteen component encyclopedias (also known as Subject Categories in the taxonomy of EOLSS).
- **URL: http://www.eolss.net**
- **GALE DATABASE**
- Includes 2 services:
- 1. **Academic ASAP** is a multi disciplinary resource with 1,200 journal titles of which 700 are full-text.
- Direct URL (ASAP): **http://infotrac.london.galegroup.com/itweb/daressal**
- 2. **Health and Wellness Resources Center**
- Revised reference database for Health and Medical Information with 700 Journals, 300 pamphlets, Medical reference and Encyclopaedia.
- **Direct URL for Health and Wellness Resources Center :**
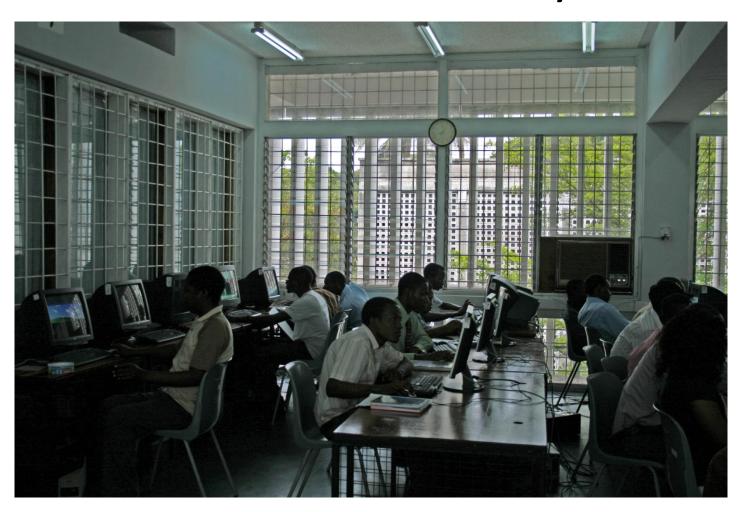- **URL:http://infotrac.london.galegroup.com/itweb/daressal?db=HWRC**
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E-resources did not work at all. Why? (Big problems – small problems)

- Sarec/Sida from Sweden did not pay in 2009 (not correct).

- Network extremely slow. Although a new broad band cable was installed in Tanzania last summer, the University has not had any advantage of it yet.

- And, also: "Machines do not like dust".

There is a lot of dust in the working rooms in the library!

In spite of a nice campus and their own library building -

I will describe the status of the university library as low.

Few researchers seemed to use it.

The situation was quite different a decade ago.

That is probably why they asked for special concern for the library in the PITRO project application.

What works, and what can be done?

- The local database (OPAC) works.

- We will go two persons for a visit to help and solve the rest of their ICT-problems.

- UBO has offered to send 40 articles for free this year. (UBB).

- Their East-African collection is very interesting. Digitize?

- UBO may help keep their website on e-resources updated.

What's in it for us?

The staff seemed to be very competent and eager to improve their services!

Their culture is a challenge and a way of learning for us.

Studying a university library in a "smaller scale" help us see our own library clearer. Libraries are international and after all based on the same principles.

Thank you from Africa! This is for everybody who missed an animal in my presentation.