

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sustaining e-Learning through systemic, structured and targeted teacher development program

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PREAMBLE

- Goal 16 of Action Plan 2019 towards realization of schooling 2030.
- Improve the professionalism, teaching skills, subject knowledge and computer literacy of teachers throughout their entire careers.
- MRTEQ-Minimum Requirements for Teacher Education qualification refers to Highly developed literacy, numeracy & IT skills.
- **ISPFTED**-Integrated Strategic Planning Framework for Teacher Education & Development.
- White Paper on E-Education
- Professional Development Framework for Digital Learning

OVERVIEW

- ICT Skills Development
- ICT Dependencies
- ICT Utilisation
- ICT Vision
- ICT Challenges



1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

- National DBE framework which provinces are required to implement
- Focuses on the core competencies required by teachers to transform their pedagogy from digital teaching to digital learning
- Supports the development and utilisation of transformative pedagogies which are *complemented* by relevant digital tools and content how the curriculum content is conveyed remains key to the teaching and learning process and is not overtaken by throwing as many digital tools into the mix as possible
- Need to keep in mind that unless a teacher can use the basic Microsoft software packages and understand the capabilities thereof, they will not be able to integrate the use thereof into the teaching and learning process 2-phase training process will therefore be required
 - Foundational skills = Computer literacy
 - ✓ Laptop roll-out = district-based training course (Beginner)
 - ✓ eSkills4All = provincial training course (Entry level)
 - ✓ Microsoft projects = coding
 - Application skills = ICT integration
 - ✓ MacMillan project = FP pilot concluded; IP pilot in development
 - ✓ Microsoft projects = district-based training workshops
- Also need to remember that teachers will be at different levels of competence regarding computer literacy and/or ICT integration and will therefore need to cater for at least three levels in training in both areas of skill, i.e. beginner, intermediate and advanced

A. Foundational Courses

Laptop roll-out

- ✓ Internally developed ECDOE course
- ✓ 5-day course = introduction to computers and basics of Word, PPP and Excel along with basic integration activities
- ✓ Activities carried out on teachers' laptops
- ✓ No formal competence assessment on conclusion = no SACE points
- ✓ Trainers = district-based eLearning facilitators

| | PRIOR TO 2018 | 2018 | 2019 | | | |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Trained | 17,432 | 3,229 in progress | Work in progress | | | |
| Laptops | FOUNDATION PHASE | 24,000 INTERSEN | 10,000 FET | | | |



A. Foundational Courses (cont.)

eSkills4All

- ✓ Partnership with provincial COLAB funded by DTPS = WSU responsible for project
- ✓ 120-hour course = basics of Microsoft Office suite in modular format
- ✓ Digital online course (server based)
- ✓ Formal competence assessment on conclusion
- ✓ SACE accredited = 35 points
- ✓ Trainers = district-based eLearning facilitators
- ✓eSkills offered at 4 sites = 3 PTDIs (EL, MT & PE) + 2 Vodacom Centres (Mdantsane & Uitenhage)

| | COURSE | 2019 STATUS | NUMBER TRAINED / IN TRAINING | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----|----|------|------|-------|
| | | | EL | MT | PE | M VC | U VC | Total |
| | eSkills4All- Principals | Completed | 58 | 32 | 41 | 27 | | 158 |
| | eSkills4All- Principals + FP | Completed | 55 | 46 | 40 | 24 | 25 | 144 |
| | eSkills4All (Excel)- Officials | Starting on 09/09 | 40 | 28 | 56 | 27 | 26 | 40 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | | | | | | | 342 |

B. Application Courses

Microsoft project

- ✓ Utilisation of laptop to design lesson presentations
- ✓ Utilisation of laptop to design certificates, letters and invitations
- ✓ Utilisation of laptop to create mark sheets
- ✓ Activities carried out on teachers' laptops
- ✓ No formal competence assessment on conclusion = no SACE points
- ✓ Trainers = McMillan trainers
- ✓ Follow-ups = classroom visits
- √ Target = FP teachers and SAs across 7 outlying districts



B. Application Courses (cont.)

McMillan project

- ✓ Utilisation of laptop to design basic teaching tools (flash cards)
- ✓ Utilisation of laptop to design basic learning and assessment tools (worksheets)
- ✓ Utilisation of laptop as a teaching tool (lesson presentations)
- ✓ Activities carried out on teachers' laptops
- ✓ No formal competence assessment on conclusion = no SACE points
- ✓ Trainers = MacMillan trainers



Application course cont.

- Intel Digital Computer Literacy/Train the trainer for subject advisors
- Google classroom as a learning management system.(LMS) 24 SES and PTDI staff.
- Why eLearning on line course (Via Afrika) face to face and self paced.
- Excel advanced formula (component of Eskill)
- Coding trained for all e-learning advisors, teachers & out of school youth.
- Vodacom e-school and digital classroom (SESs, teachers and learners). E-school registration for learners in the last push program in schools.
- Coordinated DBE: Moodle for life Sciences Hospitality studies SESs.



- Availability of functional resources
- Availability of technical support
- Updated technology
- Reliable connectivity
- Adequate data available to users (or zero-based)
- Well-equipped training sites
- Availability of competent trainers





- Devices: Laptops, data projectors and speakers (presentation of ICT courses in PTDIs and districts)
- Digital content: Training materials (e.g. Funda Wande reading course)
- Online training: Server-based (e.g. eSkills4All)
- Reporting: DBE Moodle platform for reporting on numbers trained
- Administration: Google forms for registration process for courses
- M&E: Google forms for monitoring process (pilot)



4. ICT VISION

- Resource schools to integrate laptops in classroom teaching (IT) data projectors, screens and speakers
- Provide differentiated training (TD) intensify foundational and application training (intermediate + advanced levels)
- Provide access to web-based online training
- Maximise use of laptops in curriculum training courses digital training manuals and accessing online materials
- Expand number of training sites utilise all PTDIs and Vodacom Centres + increase number of Vodacom Centres across province
- Expand target to improve service delivery include ECDOE HO and district-based officials + Subject Advisors
- Permanent appointment and placement of IT technical officials at PTDI – to also service and support Vodacom Centres





5. ICT CHALLENGES

- Functional resources laptops sometimes faulty; laptops issued without projectors and speakers
- Technical support limited availability; over-reliance on few officials from HO for 4 PTDIs and all Vodacom Centres; access to Vodacom servers to update
- Updated technology outdated servers at Vodacom Centres and insufficient number and capacity of servers
- Connectivity erratic at Vodacom sites; limited number out of 30 attendees can connect at a time. Intermittent WI-FI connection.
- Data availability insufficient and runs out so trainees cannot access digital / webbased training material at Vodacom sites
- Training sites insufficient for the size and shape of the province
- Trainers insufficient in number for the vision to expand the nature and scope of training, follow-up support.
- Communication







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