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Regional Project Highlight

GDLN INITIATIVE IN KENYA FOR GOVERNMENT AND DONOR FUNDED PROJECT TEAMS



Who requested what from GDLN?

- The GDLN center in Kenya put together a proposal to both the Government of Kenya (Ministry of Finance) and the World Bank suggesting ways the centre could assist in building the capacities of project implementing teams of Government and donor funded projects in the region.
- The proposal was in response to the need to support project implementation by equipping project teams with necessary skills required to use available online applications for improved fiduciary management and preparation of project Financial Monitoring Reports (FMR)



How did GDLN help?

- A GDLN content development team was constituted. The team included GDLN experts, representatives from the government and the World Bank.
- Training was designed, broad content /subject areas and schedule were agreed on.
- The GDLN team developed the content and training materials
- Facilitation during training was provided by GDLN team in conjunction with World Bank financial specialists and officials from the Directorate of e-government.
- The first series of training involved only Kenya which was linked to South Africa where one of the resource persons was. Future training will cover many other African Countries.



What results did the project achieve?

- The project is ongoing and is expected in the near future to cover seven two weeks training for international and local project implementing teams
- 35 local project accountants have been trained in the first group and 40 are scheduled to be trained in the coming week.
- The trained accountants can now use ICT supported tools for better fiduciary management and financial reporting.
- Partnership between the GDLN center, the Ministry of Finance and the World Bank has been greatly enhanced as a result of this initiative.



What made this project special?

- Participants acquired practical skills for use of Banks online internet portals and government project monitoring tools, which are invaluable for successful project implementation.
- We started with only one training covering one country. Plans are underway to escalate this to seven two weeks (Fourteen days) training covering many other countries in the region.
- Started by offering the training in 5 days but after the first group realized that the allocated time was not adequate. Training time has now been extended to two weeks (Fourteen days) for future programs.