SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAMMES

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Sapienza development aid programs: aims of the presentation







- 1. International Development Aid Programs and actions;
- 2. Sapienza financed projects;
- 3. Sapienza and Africa: best practices;



International Development Aid Programs and actions





Sapienza development aid cooperation programs and actions

- A. Bachelor, master and PHD Courses, international masters, (one and two year professional masters)
- B. strategic international partnerships and programs: not only universities as partners but also ngo's, private institutions, international agencies (FAO, WFP, UNESCO, UNHABITAT and many other international actors)
- C. active role in student and staff mobility programs: eg. Participation in European programs (Erasmus Mundus ACP, Europeaid)



Bachelor, Master, one and two years professional master programs: a few examples

- Development and Cooperation area, <u>www.cooperazionesapienza.it</u>
- Finance and development, master degree <u>www.cooperazionesapienza.it/corsolaureaL37/aspx</u>
- Sustainable development and Millennium Development Goals", intensive degree course www.uniroma1.it/millenniumcourse/



European mobility programs with Africa: Sapienza contribution

- Sapienza is partner of Erasmus Mundus ACP and Mundus ACP projects (partners: Angola, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Mali,Rwanda, Senegal Tanzania, Mozambico, Kenya, Cameroon, etc)
 - types of mobility (master, doctorate, academic staff),
 - Sapienza speciality: Finance and Development, Economics, Pharmacology, Engineering, Chemistry, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics)



SAPIENZA FINANCED PROJECTS







How Sapienza development aid programs are being financed

- Sapienza university resources
 - University annual Balance (every year funds for development aid programs, depending on budget availability, are normally approved), departmental resources, specific co financing programs;
- Participation in international and european funding programs
 - Europeaid, Erasmus Mundus ACP project, other programs;
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs financial resources;
- Partnerships with private enterprises, associations, ngo's....



Sapienza university resources

- In 2009 and 2011 La Sapienza launched two calls for proposal to give support and funding to development aid programs;
- 2009 2011: 60.000,00 Euros to 9 programs;
- Main sectors: a) higher education programmes and capacity building actions in developing countries; b) assistance to partner Universities in developing countries (technologies, medical area) c) research programmes in developing countries;
- Main geographical areas: countries with low HDI index (UNDP Ranking 2011);
- Evaluation by a internal Comittee of Experts formally appointed by the Rector;
- NEXT CALL: JUNE 2013



Sapienza student exchange mobility protocols and grants with Africa: facts and figures

Sapienza has financed out of its own budget the following mobility grants (2012 – early months 2013)

Benin 4 students

Ethiopia 10 students

Mozambico 2 students

Senegal: 5 students

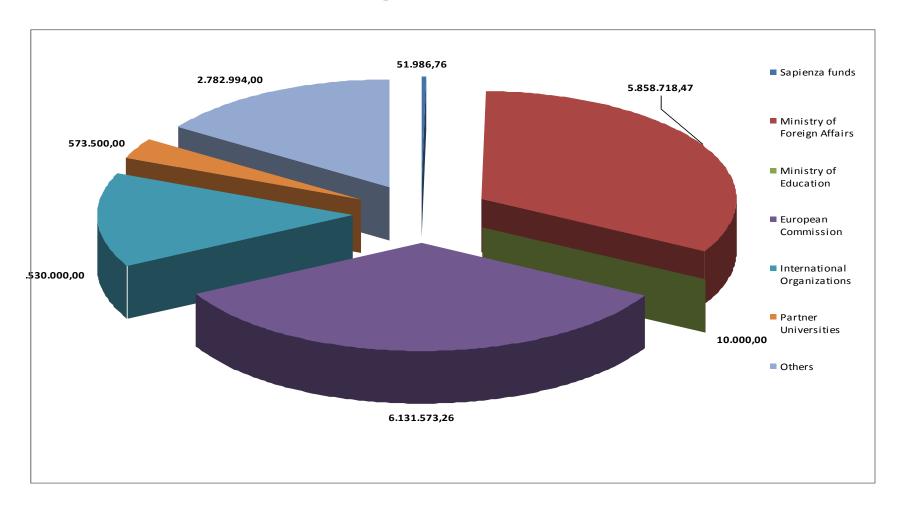
Egypt: 6 students

Morocco: 1 student

Tunisia: 2 students



Sapienza International Development Aid programs financed



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Sapienza and Africa Programs and best practices





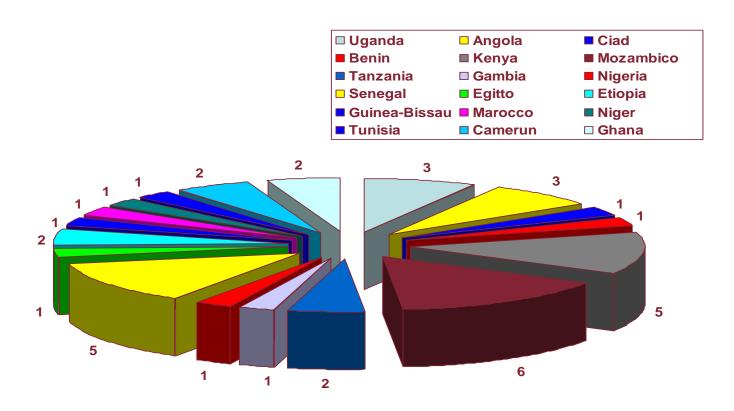


International programs and projects in Africa: priority sectors

- Capacity building of higher education institutions
 (support to local University systems) socio economic
 development (microfinance projects), institutional building
 programs;
- Institutional networking (not only universities as partners but als local and national authorities, communities, socioeconomic development, ngos' but also private sector);
- Technological know how transfer (energy resources, infrastructures, environment, information and communication technologies)
- Staff and student mobility, learning and training courses,



International programs and projects in Africa: geographical areas





Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2010

Financing: USD 30.000,00 UNHABITAT

Main aims:

- a) implement student field studies and a studio work on the Lake Victoria Region
- b) exposing students and academics from the North and the South to the work of a major development agency such as UNHABITAT
- c) expanding the role and the scope of MDG based partnerships between Universities from the North and from the South and the UN system

When: start up: August, 2011 – end first session: december 2011 Beneficiaries:

- 10 Sapienza advanced level students and PhD candidates, coming from different disciplines, and at least 5 students from Universities located in the project area (Lake Victoria area)
- Main activities: strategic urban planning, enhancing municipal capacity for solid waste management, promotion of gender parity within the water and sanitation area, directing the students in participatory communication strategies,
- The results presented in international fora

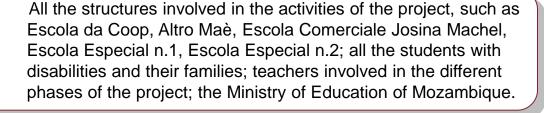
Students with disabilities in Mozambique: promotion of social and educational policies



Target



Overall objective



Primary and secondary school integration of students with disabilities in Mozambique; social and educational inclusion of students with disabilities in family contexts;



Aims and actions:

The project involves different steps of research and intervention: attitude analysis of teachers, parents and other key figures towards the education of children with disabilities; the creation and the training of focus groups with teachers of Mozambican educational system; good practice analysis in inclusion classes.



Methodology

Length

Research; training; seminars

2 months

International School in Sub-Saharan Africa for the Management of Development Projects

- March 2012, Sapienza and Cameroon Catholic University (CATUC) launch a new program: Reinforcement of University Systems in West and Central African Regions: International School for Advanced Studies and Training in Applied Anthropology in development Projects"
- Main aims: strengthening of academic programs and the research capacities of partner universities as well as improving and finalizing the training of teaching staff
- Target: 30 students
- Length: 3 years

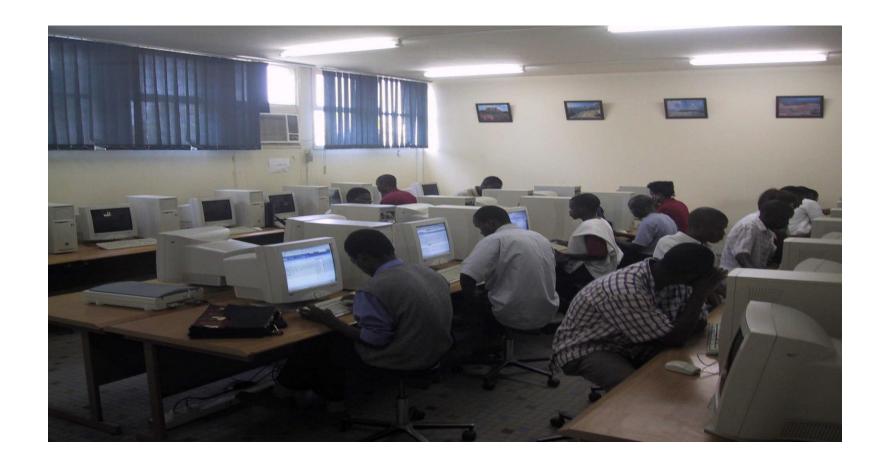


Sapienza and Lake Victoria Water Sanitation Initiative, Kenya





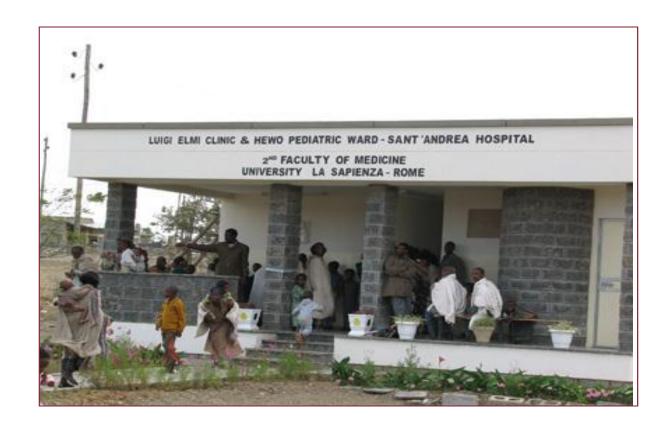
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La Sapienza in Ethiopia



Project Sustainability For the discussion....

- Avoid fragmentation among projects;
- Clear and sustainable activities and overall objectives;
- Networking and South South partnerships;
- To build bridges in the community;
- More effort in communication and raise awareness activities;
- More effort in creating partnerships between municipality, CBOs, schools, private sector and NGOs;
- Quality assurance programs in higher education development aid programs;

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Thanks for your attention!

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