

Pwani University participates in a Virtual Training of Trainers for Teacher Education and Management in Kenya, on 26th-28th April 2021.

About TOTEMK

Training Trainers for Teacher Education and Management in Kenya (TOTEMK) is a four-year project (2020-2024), funded by Finland Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The Project brings together scholars from five universities; three in Kenya and two in Finland namely :- University of Helsinki, Laurea University, University of Nairobi, Pwani University and Strathmore University. The Project is led by Prof Seija Marita of University of Helsinki. The PI and Co-PI for Pwani University are Prof. Helen Mondoh and Dr Jacinta Kwena respectively. The two are supported by ICT, Administration and Finance.

The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of teacher educators and institutional managers in Kenya, in terms of competence to deliver the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) in the Kenyan schools

Due to the COVID-19 situation world-wide, the Project has from inception in September 2020 conducted its activities virtually. The first major activity is the Baseline Survey (carried out between September 2020 and March 2021). The second activity is the ToT Workshop 1 held between 26th -28th April 2021. The workshop focused on 21st century skills for teaching and learning. The training workshop was coordinated by Strathmore University, with Pwani University and University of Helsinki providing the support team. The 63 participants of this workshop from 20 universities in Kenya continue to work under mentorship for 10 weeks on distance learning mode, after the initial training to implement the learned skills at their individual universities from the perspective of Kenya's new competency-based curriculum (CBC).

Pwani University nominated five lecturers, Dr Fed Namasaka, Dr Mary Jebii, Dr Argwings Otieno, Dr Sarah Mwangi and Dr Joseph Malechwani to participate as trainees in the TOT1.. These constitute the first cohort of the Community of Experts (CoE) on 21st Century teaching and learning skills.

Plans for the second TOT workshop in November are underway. The Workshop will be coordinated by University of Nairobi. Pwani University and University of Helsinki who are tasked to prepare four training modules guided by the theme: *Use of modern technologies to enhance learning*.

The Project purposes to train an additional 60 lecturers during TOT 2. The cohort will acquire different skills from Cohort 1, but the skills will be complimentary to those acquired by the first cohort and jointly they will expand the CoE.



