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OPUS - OPen University Systems

What is it about?
The benefits/ impact of a (common) free and open source student management information system in Mozambique and Zambia called OPUS, short for *"OPen University Systems"*.

Why an intervention?
Mozambican as well as Zambian universities were missing efficient and reliable means of delivering general information such as numbers of active students, students' performance etc. Therefore a collaborative project was set up in order to standardize the access to this very information.

What does it change?
- Academic registry has a faster and reliable way to manage student information.
- Students themselves can have their academic requests replied/ certificates and other documents issued in a much faster way.
- Ministry of Education gets more accurate and timely statistical data from the universities.

How does it work?
- Cooperation of a network of several Southern Universities with a Northern one (Radboud University Nijmwegen) involving external advisors and the Mozambican Ministry of Education
- Using Open-Source Systems
- Providing info/support on a platform. www.**opus**-college.net/

Development on three levels (1) organizational, (2) people and (3) technical, including the following activities, management assistance (facilitating discussions), practical work and workplace based trainings, Iterative and incremental development model (repetition, experiment and feedback), project visits (North-South and South-North)

Who are the beneficiaries?
Mozambican and Zambian universities; students; academic registry staff as well as the respective Ministries of Education.

Who could use that approach?
Any educational institution
- willing to implement a proper mechanism for student management and/ or
- looking for a case study on the introduction of an academic registry system.

Who is already using it?
Universidade Católica de Moçambique, and Universidade Mussa Bin Bique in Mozambique, as well as Universities in Zambia

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