



KISWAHILI LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY COURSE **(CERTIFICATE IN KISWAHILI BASICS)**

MUST IUC-UCoBS PROJECT

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1.0 Introduction

In a bid to increase regional integration, MUST-UCoBS Sub Project 6 under the internationalization theme conducted a proficiency short course in Kiswahili language basics among the MUST administrators of the University. The participants were very enthusiastic to learn and classes were very interesting. Those who fully attended and participated attained a completion certificate at the end of the course. The training was carried out physically facilitated by Ms. Clare Nyakato a lecturer in Kiswahili language in the UCoBS Boardroom between 12th June and 7th July 2023, 2 hours a day for three days a week. The last day of the training coincided with the Kiswahili international day on 7th July of every year.

More trainings are planned for more staff in the future.

1.1 Training Objectives

- Introducing learners to basics of Kiswahili language which would enable them thrive through a native Kiswahili speaking community.
- Imparting Kiswahili basic skills among university leaders to enable them communicate effectively within East Africa and Africa at large.

2.0 RECRUITMENT PROCESS

A google form for staff to login and register was designed and distributed in staff mail. 48 staff showed interest due to different busy schedules of staff, 15 members attended and 11 members completed the training.

Percentage of staff who showed interest: Male = 70.8% Female = 29.2%

3.0 DETAILED KISWAHILI TEACHING PROGRAM

Date	Topic	Comment
Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Getting started	-Pronounced Kiswahili sounds -Aby introduced themselves



	- Introductions and exchanging greetings - The Kiswahili alphabet/ sounds of words	-Greeted and replied to greetings in Kiswahili
Thursday 15 th June 2023	- Norms in African culture - Body parts - Expressing feelings	Trainees; - Identified other behaviors - Told their body parts and their functions, - Expressed their feelings
Friday 16 th June 2023	-Numbers (counting (0-100) -Time and calendar	Interpreted numbers in Kiswahili Told time and dates
Wednesday 21 st June 2023	-Hobbies -Their expression (shopping)	Ability to express what they liked doing in their free time Would ask about hobbies
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	Family members and close relatives	Trainees identified relatives in Kiswahili
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Mid-session assessment	Revision and mid-session assessment done
Wednesday 27 th June 2023	Jobs and professions	Members practiced; telling their jobs asking others of their jobs
Thursday 28 th June 2023	Names of foods and how they can be ordered	Participants practiced how they can order for foods and drinks
Friday 29 th June 2023	End of session assessment	Revision done and assessment undertaken
Friday 7 th July 2023	Issuing of certificates.	Members received certificates of completion

3.0 Names of the participants who received certificates

No.	Names	Position	Contact
01	Mr. Mugumya Timothy Ndiana	Legal Officer	0782894077
02	Eng. Patrick Mujunansi	University Engineer	0782755611
03	Prof. Julius Lejju	Dean - Faculty of Science	0782809814

04	Dr. Tom Ogwang	Lecturer – Faculty Interdisciplinary Studies	0774199334
05	Ms. Aliguma Winfred	PPS – DVC FA	0708659249
06	Ms. Stella Dusabe	(SAA) Dean of Students	0777462483
07	Ms. Sheila Niinye	IRO - MUST	0782595511
08	Mr. Peter Bambaza	Computer Technician	0703007450
09	Ms. Betty Namusoke Okumu	Assistant secretary	0772480748
10	Mr. Lauben Kumureba	Laboratory Technician	0782639760
11	Mr. Jim Mugisha	(SAA) Finance Officer	0781508626



Above: Kiswahili course participants on the first day of the training

4.0 Challenges

- A good number of learners joined the programme although along the way some of them could not continue due to limited time schedules.
- The trainees especially those who completed were expecting to proceed to another level (A2) which would lead to perfection of what they had acquired in level A1.

5.0 Way forward

- ❖ Undertake programs during the holidays when participants have more time to fully participate for a longer time.
- ❖ Have more sessions as per the funds available to enable more staff to learn Kiswahili language



Above and below: A training session taking place



6.0 Appreciation

I thank the MUST UCoBS project and in particular Dr. Fred Kaggwa the Project 6 Team leader and Ms. Fortunate Tukamushaba the Project 6 assistant for supporting the implementation of the Kiswahili language course training at MUST.