REPORT ON THE USE OF ODL IN KIRIBATI

Introduction

There is an indication of the Commonwealth of Learning’s (COL) assistance to Kiribati through the Kiribati Institute of Technology (KIT) formerly known as Tarawa Technical Institute (TTI). However, reports on the progress cannot be found. Due to some internal shift and changes within the institution, new officers taking over have very little idea of what COL is and its assistance to KIT.

COL’s assistance received by a Video Resource Unit (an NGO – known as The Kiribati Video or Nei Tabera ni Kai - as is known locally) has a better record documented. The use of ODL through the Kiribati Video is through the usage of DVDs produced and released to the community both in urban Tarawa and the outer islands.

1. DVD Production

COL contributed to the progressive development of Kiribati Video in the provision of equipment to enhance the unit’s video production. A noted significant development through the assistance was the Kiribati Video’s ability to produce its first DVD and its ability to meet the public demand for these DVDs.

Ever since, the Kiribati Video has released more than 100 DVD projects which include health, disability, environment, civil society, governance, historical and cultural, family and social issues. These productions are all directed towards community education and are steadily flowing out to practically all the islands.

2. Staff training

Apart from the DVD production that the Kiribati Video is embarking on, the unit is also making use of the equipment to train their junior staff in their usage as in filming and editing. These contribute so much to the unit’s sustainable development.

3. Needs

As stated by the Kiribati Video its needs and priorities are as follows:

- Capacity building in ODL through usage of DVD productions and series.

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