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**A Preliminary Guide to
Development Information Centers
in Southern Africa**



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Foreword

*'Had I known' is like the back of a man's head.
It is always left behind.*

African Proverb

We fully realize in this country, I would repeat, that governments can hardly make worthwhile and meaningful decisions in the absence of facts and figures, numerical and non-numerical data. And we certainly do not underestimate the deleterious effect which lack of knowledge and information can have on people in general and on specialists or professional manpower in particular. Within the limits of our resources we will therefore continue to encourage the development of libraries, archives, information and documentation centres in Zimbabwe. We will also work towards the training and development of appropriate manpower to run these centres. Steps are already being taken to expand, improve and strengthen our communications system as a whole.

*The Hon. Dr. B.T.G. Chidzero
Zimbabwean Minister of Economic
Planning and Development*

...The following steps ought to be taken in order that effective and viable national information centres may be established: (a) Inclusion in the national plan of a comprehensive information policy for documentation, library and archive services; (b) Creation of a co-ordinating body or focal point for documentation, library and archive services; (c) Preparation of a national plan for developing coordinated documentation, library and archive services; (d) Legislation to support establishment and development of information services already in existence; (e) Creation of a designated body responsible for planning and implementing documentation and archive services; (f) Establishment of a national bibliographic agency for ensuring bibliographic control of the national production; and (g) Initiation of a bold manpower development programme in documentation and information system.

*Prof. Adebayo Adedeji
U.N. Under Secretary General and
Executive Secretary of the Economic
Commission for Africa*

*Documentation and information for economic and social
development, numerical or non-numerical, automated or*

manual, which are needed for fast, reliable, and sure decision-making, can not be ranked among the priorities. They are in fact a prerequisite without which it is futile to undertake any planning. Any investment in documentation and information is the cornerstone, the foundation and the guarantee of the viability of development investments. Those who reject or do not accept this prerequisite condemn all future investments to sure and certain failure, because information and documentation spell power, and enlightened and lucid use of such power. Africa has understood and accepted this priority but to understand a problem is not necessarily to solve it. Every effort should therefore be made at the continental, subregional and national levels to accept the norms and standards worked out and put forward by the General Co-ordination Office of PADIS and then actually to set up data bases which are designed to meet the needs of African users.

Dr. J.K. Quirino-Lankounmey
Director
Pan African Documentation and
Information System

The preceding excerpts are from addresses delivered to participants during the first PADIS Inter-Governmental Meeting of African Computer, Documentation and Information Scientists, Salisbury, Zimbabwe, 19-23 October 1981. They illustrate the substantial African initiatives and rationale for the establishment of a Southern African Development Information System (SADIS) for the SADCC based on national information and documentation centers (NIDCs) and specialized information centers in the Southern Africa region.

The African Bibliographic Center's Southern Africa Development Information/Documentation Exchange (SADEX) program's role under contract to the U.S. Agency for International Development has been to serve as a "facilitator" in Southern African national and regional efforts in establishing national information and documentation centers and a Southern African Development Information System for SADCC member states. These goals would be achieved by: developing a reliable and flexible information system focusing on collection, analysis, and dissemination of non-numerical data for economic planning, policy, and implementation priorities; identifying and evaluating activities of existing centers in the region for eventual transfer of SADEX resources; providing assistance in the improvement and strengthening of existing information systems coordinating and assisting in the improvement of access to information; cooperating in the linking of Southern African development information systems in Africa and on an international basis into a network for eventual sharing of resources; recommending methods to overcome substantial obstacles to the circulation of scientific and technological information (for example, the

African Bibliographic Center is the North American liaison office for PADIS and distributor of DEVSIIS-AFRICA); and assisting in the training of specialized personnel.

Since its inception in 1979 SADEX has been aware of the initiatives and interest in the development of information structures in Southern Africa in particular and Africa in general. These objectives are met by stressing the importance of scientific, technological, and social information and its influence on the balanced development of societies.

Further, the training of specialized personnel for these information services is illustrated in the PADIS-Salisbury Declaration. Important decisions depend on the acquisition and mastery of the scientific, technological, economic and social information that will assist development priorities in a given situation and in sectoral approaches. Papers presented to the first meeting of SADCC members in Arusha, Tanzania, in 1979 and subsequent reports and papers from numerous SADCC member-state meetings clearly define the obstacles impeding the flow of information, knowledge, and experimental data as well as the need to establish intensive exchange activities to overcome these obstacles in meeting the objectives of the SADCC.

Additional commentary and case studies on the strategies of coordinating development information management in Southern Africa and related training and institutional assistance materials can be found in publications following numerous regional and national development information workshops and conferences sponsored by the German Development Foundation, PADIS, UNESCO, IDRC, and others regularly covered in our bi-monthly publication SADEX. Although materials vary in both quality and quantity they indicate significant Southern African initiatives and a degree of international support for the transfer of information technology and allied services on either a multilateral or bilateral basis.

Last, but not least, I cannot end this foreword without an important example of a planned national information management strategy. Dr. Dzingai Mutumbuka, Zimbabwe's Ministry of Education and Culture, in a significant action following the recent PADIS meeting in Salisbury, addressed over 50 members of Zimbabwe's National Library and Documentation Council at their inaugural meeting. He announced, according to The Herald, that his ministry "had drawn up plans for a national library and documentation service for every rural and regional centre in the country. This system would operate from Salisbury. The prime aim was to set up a facility where none existed and then to strengthen present services."

*A river is filled by its tributaries.
Southern African proverb*

*Daniel G. Matthews
Executive Director*

Introduction

In March/April 1980, the African Bibliographic Center's Southern Africa Development Information/Documentation Exchange (SADEX) program initiated a Preliminary Information and Documentation Capabilities Survey of development information resource centers in the Southern African region. Several listings of national library resources and information specialists have been compiled in recent years within the region such as the Directory of Libraries in Botswana, compiled by B.L.B. Mushonga (National Institute for Research in Development and African Studies, Documentation Unit, 1977); A Directory of Libraries in Zambia, compiled by Edward Lumande (Zambia Library Association, 1979); the Directory of Zimbabwean Libraries, compiled by B.L.B. Mushonga (National Archives, 1981); and Who's Who in Librarianship and Information Work in Zimbabwe, compiled by B.L.B. Mushonga (National Archives, Government Library Service, 1981). However, the SADEX survey sought specifically to identify institutions with collections of information and/or expertise directly relevant to development planning, policy-making and program implementation. Such institutions may or may not be formally operating as "libraries" and hence are referred to in this report as "development information centers." In keeping with the broader SADEX objective of working in conjunction with African institutions to promote the integration of information resources into the development process, the questionnaire was designed to:

- assist in the compilation of a SADEX directory of Southern African economic development information and documentation centers;
- provide background data for the establishment or strengthening of national development information centers; and
- provide background information for the newly formed United Nations Economic Commission for Africa's Pan African Documentation and Information System (PADIS) for economic and social development.

Questionnaires for the preliminary survey were distributed among selected SADEX recipients in the Southern Africa region and in Eastern African agencies concerned with Southern Africa. Ministries, libraries, universities, development projects and donor country development agencies were contacted, often at various levels within the same organization, in an effort to elicit a response from all possible information/documentation centers that may be housed in or associated with the institutions and individuals receiving SADEX in the region. Of the 375 questionnaires distributed, 50 completed responses were received. The following report summarizes the information provided by the responding institutions in terms of their characteristics, capabilities and needs, and identifies a number of constraints that may be operating against full utilization of available development information resources in the region.

Characteristics & Capabilities

The responding information centers offer a wide variety of facilities and services. Approximately a third of the respondents (16) are attached to educational institutions, with capabilities ranging from minimal academic support materials to sophisticated research facilities; four are national library services or archives; and 10 are directly connected with government ministries. Regarding resources and services, nearly half of the responding centers (21) are multidisciplinary in nature, while the rest (26) are specialized in their collections and information services. Interestingly, the agricultural sector predominates among those offering specialized resources, associated with either educational institutions, research stations or ministries. Twenty-one institutions indicated that their services are open to anyone, while 27 are restricted; users range from two to three per week to 2,000 per week.

Most centers offer traditional library services, including circulation and reference, but vary widely in terms of their method of collection organization -- 19 catalogue materials according to the Dewey Decimal System; nine use the Universal Decimal Classification; the responding university libraries favor the U.S. Library of Congress system; and seven have either developed their own systems or modified the above systems to suit their own needs. Eleven respondents mention access to computer facilities, but do not indicate using them for their own information retrieval purposes. The eight centers which mention having access to computerized data bases specify that these are either United Nations data bases or are located outside of the country, e.g., in the United Kingdom, South Africa, New York.

Staffing of the facilities varies from a hierarchy of trained professionals in the larger institutions, to technicians trained at a certificate level, to secondary school graduates untrained in library work in some of the smaller units.

In terms of information dissemination, many of the library units produce accessions bulletins, bibliographies, and annual reports. Some of the centers produce more specialized materials including journals (e.g., the Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre); surveys; conference proceedings (e.g., Lesotho's Food and Nutrition Coordinating Office); research memoranda (e.g., Zambia Department of Agriculture); and current awareness publications (e.g., University of Malawi Library). The current awareness publications of the University of Malawi Library are noteworthy in that they identify the current development-related periodical literature held by the Library -- in the areas of economics, education, and development in general -- and are circulated not only to university personnel but also to government officials. As such, these publications exemplify one kind of expanded information service which can serve to identify development information and alert decision makers to its accessibility.

The responding centers also contain a wealth of locally derived information which may not be available elsewhere. For example, some respondents identified the following aspects of their collections as

particularly relevant to development specialists:

- reports on mineral/water exploration carried out by government and private sector geologists (Botswana, Geological Survey Library);

- reports on agricultural research and programs in Botswana by governmental and paragonovernmental specialists (Botswana, Ministry of Agriculture);

- government documents, periodicals, and studies by development research organizations on management and management training (Botswana, Institute of Development Management);

- literature on the use of information and mass media for development (Tanzania School of Journalism);

- complete collection of land-use maps, soil maps, aerial photographs of Zambia (Zambia, Dept. of Agriculture, Land-Use Library);

- trade, commerce, and market research studies (Zambia, Ministry of Commerce and Industry);

- the most comprehensive collection of published and unpublished material on Zimbabwe (Zimbabwe National Archives).

The extent to which national information resources are complemented by access to information produced elsewhere but relevant to regional development is not clear from respondents' comments, but judging from the institutional needs which they also identified in the survey, it may be assumed that such information is in relatively short supply.

Needs

The predominant needs identified by respondents fall into four areas: adequate space/facilities; sufficient books/up-to-date information; staff, particularly trained staff; and adequate financial support.

Lack of adequate space and facilities is a problem common to information repositories, but may be particularly acute in instances where there is relatively less access to costly or scarce information resources elsewhere, e.g., in bookstores, and hence a greater need for reading space. Similarly, the continuous supply of updated materials is essential, but requires not only the availability of staff familiar with major sources of information and various methods of acquiring it, but usually a commitment of financial resources as well.

Regarding staff and training, respondents repeatedly stressed a number of specific needs, for example:

- more formal training in information science, short courses,

availability of training facilities and funding for such training;

- localization of professional staff training for orientation to local problems and needs;
- introduction of a reliable staff appraisal system, skills inventory, use of local training institution;
- more opportunities for seminars and conferences;
- development of sub-professional training for library assistants to qualify them for senior library assistant posts;
- utilization of trained supervisors to train subordinates; and
- exposure to more developed library systems in similar environments.

These comments clearly suggest that many of the responding centers are operating at less than capacity, or at less than their information potential, simply for lack of both adequate numbers and training of personnel to meet the information requirements of their users. A number of respondents make a critical distinction in the kinds of training needed, placing an emphasis on locally oriented programs.

Finally, the impact of financial restrictions on all priorities and needs is highlighted by the comment of one respondent:

"Our facilities and services are very inadequate to meet the needs of our users because there is almost no foreign exchange available to purchase the materials needed. Our libraries depend a lot on foreign journals, books, etc. The money that is available in foreign exchange is not enough for 1/8 of our needs. Agriculture is the backbone of our country's economy and can only improve by using modern techniques and information from researchers all over the world through sharing of available literature. If a library cannot purchase this literature, the chances of improving are low."

Observations & Conclusions

Constraints on the full utilization of development information resources and services available at these centers are operating at a number of levels. At the national level, information services have often not been widely integrated into development planning in the past, although a number of countries in the region are moving in the direction of instituting national information policies and supervisory bodies. Of particular note are Mozambique, which has broadened the role of the Centro Nacional de Documentação e Informação de Moçambique (CEDIMO) to serve as a coordinating center for documentation activities in Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, which was among the first countries to seek assistance in developing a national scientific and technical

information center from the UNECA's newly formed Pan-African Documentation and Information System (PADIS).

The needs identified by the centers responding to the questionnaire represent additional serious constraints to optimal use of information resources in the region, i.e., adequate facilities, trained staff, access to current information, and financial support. Hampered by such shortages, the countries concerned are often at pains to keep pace with the information explosion much less the technological and scientific developments emerging elsewhere in Africa and abroad.

In particular, trained information specialists are essential to the expansion and integration of information resources into development planning and program implementation. Investment in human resources is critical to the information field, where trained personnel serve as the key link between information resources and potential users of those resources. To date, regionally based training programs in the information sciences have not been restructured to reflect current, locally defined priorities. (For discussion of programs used in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zambia, see: S.A.H. Abidi, "Library Training Programs in East Africa: An Evaluation," Unesco Journal of Information Science, Librarianship and Archives Administration, July/September 1980, pp. 159-69.) Further, most training programs are geared toward the demands of a library environment and do not provide for the increasingly recognized role of the information specialist, who has both the technical and evaluative skills to identify and actively disseminate information, in this instance, relevant to development needs.

Finally, although the institutional affiliations of the responding centers range widely across national and international boundaries, no regionally based professional information/documentation organization or formalized network was identified by the respondents. Such an organization could develop common standards (one respondent clearly identified "a need for all states within the region to use the same method of classification, indexing, cataloguing," etc.), serve as a coordinating mechanism for training and conduct of short-courses, provide a regional professional identification, coordinate exchange of information, and so on. Given the regional nature of development information in certain sectors, e.g., transportation and food security, and its potential use in planning projects identified by the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (SADCC), a regional information network mechanism could be of significant value.

The Directory

The following directory provides more detailed information on each of the responding centers, describing capabilities and services as of the time of response. To reflect the survey's focus on both Southern African and relevant Eastern African institutions, the entries are organized into two regional sections and then by country.

Directory

Agricultural Research Station

P/Bag 0033

Gaborone

Director: Dr. K. Oland

Founded: 1969

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 1000

periodicals, current titles: 70

government documents: 100

unpublished materials: 8

newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: research publications, books,
and pamphlets

Users: open to anyone, 15 per day

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, geographic

Classification: Dewey 17th

Special facilities: microfiche reader

Publications:

annual reports

Crop Production in Botswana, 1969-79

Beef Production & Range Management in Botswana, 1970-80

Dryland Farming Research Scheme, 1969-80

Evaluation of Farming Systems & Agricultural Implements Projects

Files: research in progress

Affiliations:

Administration, funding, training: Botswana Ministry of Agriculture

Information exchange: government departments, ICRISAT, CIAT, AID,

TPI, IDRC, universities in Africa & abroad

Inter-library loan: British Lending Library, State Library in South

Africa, Botswana National Library Service, University of

Botswana College Library

Staff:

1 supervising officer

1 officer in charge of library

1 clerical officer-in-charge

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BOTSWANA

Botswana Geological Survey Library
Private Bag 14
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Director: Dr. G.C. Clark
Founded: 1943

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- government documents
- periodicals, current titles: 48
- books
- unpublished materials
- newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: reports on mineral/water
exploration carried out by government and private sector geologists

Users: open to anyone, 50 per week

Services: circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, geographic
Classification: UDC plus local scheme

Special facilities: microfiche reader; access to HP9845T computer plus
digitizer, high speed printer and x/y plotter

Publications:
annual reports
bulletins
district memoirs
bibliographies

Files: research in progress, biographies

Affiliations:

- Funding: Botswana Government (library), British Government (senior staff)
- Inter-library loan: State Library of South Africa, British Institute of Geological Sciences
- Membership: Botswana Library Association, Association of Chief Librarians of National Geological Surveys, Society of Archivists

Staff:

- 1 technical records officer
- 1 library assistant

Botswana Technology Centre

P.O. Box 438

Gaborone

Director: Derek Medford

Founded: 1979

(In process of formation at time information provided)

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 300

government documents: 100

Of interest to development specialists: appropriate technology publications and assessments of economic, social, environmental, institutional and cultural impacts of technology in developing world -- Centre intends to build a National Technology Library and Information Retrieval Center

Users: open to subject specialists

Services: not established at time of response

Files: research in progress

Affiliations:

Administration, funding: Government of Botswana, European Economic Communities, USAID, Intermediate Technology Industrial Services

BOTSWANA

Institute of Development Management
Box 1357
Gaborone

Founded: 1974

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- books
- government documents
- periodicals, current titles: 74
- unpublished materials
- newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: a variety of material on management and management training, including government documents, periodicals and studies by various development research organizations.

Users: open to anyone, 60-70 per week

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, geographic
Classification: Dewey

Special facilities: access to computer and data bases at University of Witwatersrand (South Africa)

Publications:
annual prospectus
research papers
occasional papers
studies in development management

Files: research in progress, biographies

Affiliations:
Information exchange: University College of Botswana Library,
National Institute of Development and Cultural Research (UBS),
CAFRAD, International Institute of Administrative Sciences,
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and
Administration (USA)

Ministry of Agriculture Headquarters Library

P/Bag 003

Gaborone

Founded: 1979

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

newly formed at time information provided

government documents: 1000

books: 500

Of interest to development specialists: government or para-government reports in field of agriculture

Users: restricted (government personnel), 20 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, title

Classification: Dewey 19th

Affiliations:

Botswana National Library Service

University of Botswana and Swaziland

Staff:

1 librarian

BOTSWANA

National Institute of Development and Cultural Research
University College of Botswana
Private Bag 0022
Gaborone

Founded: 1975

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- books
- periodicals, current titles: 40
- unpublished materials
- newspapers
- government documents

Of interest to development specialists: information on agriculture in Botswana, socio-economic information in general, and information on culture in Southern Africa

Users: open to anyone

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, geographic

Publications:

- working papers
- conference proceedings
- research notes
- working bibliographies
- quarterly newsletter

Files: research in progress

Affiliations:

- Council for Development of Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA)
- University of Botswana and Swaziland
- Council for Planning of Information and Documentation Services in Eastern and Southern Africa

Staff:

- 1 documentalist
- 1 librarian

Peace Corps Botswana

P.O. Box 93

Gaborone

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

periodicals, current titles: 45

government documents

newspapers

unpublished materials

Users: restricted (Peace Corps & associated volunteers), 10 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Classification: ad hoc Peace Corps system

Special facilities: access to U.N. data bases

Publications:

newsletter

Affiliations:

ACTION

Staff:

clerical

BOTSWANA

University College of Botswana Library
P/B 0022
Gaborone

Founded: 1971

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- books
- periodicals, current titles: 600
- government documents
- unpublished materials
- newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: Botswana Collection

Users: open to anyone

Services: circulation, reference
Catalogue: author, subject, title
Classification: Dewey

Special facilities: microfiche reader

Affiliations:
Southern African Inter-Library Loan Network

Staff:
9 librarians
15 junior library officers

Farming Systems Research Project Library

P.O. Box 829

Maseru 100

Founded: February 1980

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

government documents

periodicals, current titles: 17

unpublished materials

newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: materials on agricultural development/research

Users: restricted (government personnel, university staff/students)

Catalogue: author, subject, title

Classification: Dewey

Publications:

accessions list (anticipated)

Affiliations:

U.S. Agency for International Development

Washington State University, Pullman, Washington (USA)

Staff:

1 library consultant

1 assistant librarian

LESOTHO

Food & Nutrition Coordinating Office

Private Bag

Maseru

Director: Mrs. C.M. Phafane

Founded: March 1977

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

unpublished materials

government documents

books

periodicals, current titles: 4

newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: information on food, nutrition planning in Lesotho

Users: open to anyone, used mainly by FNCO staff

Services: reference

Catalogue: subject

Classification: in-house system

Special facilities: access to Ministry of Finance computer

Publications:

Bridging the Gaps: The Second National Food and Nutritional Planning Conference, 1978/79

Files: current nutrition-related projects in Lesotho

Affiliations:

Funding: U.S. Agency for International Development

Information exchange: all Government of Lesotho ministries

Staff:

no positions specifically for Resource Unit

Lesotho Agricultural Sector Analysis Project/
Ministry of Agriculture Library

P.O. Box 24
Maseru

Founded: 1977

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection:
total ca. 2,000

Of interest to development specialists: planning, agriculture,
development materials; project documents

Users: restricted (government personnel, consultants, project staff,
university staff/students), 10-20 per week

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject
Classification: in-house system

Special facilities: access to computer facilities, computerized data
bases

Publications:
general and special bibliographies, reports

Files: projects in Lesotho

Affiliations:
Library Association of Lesotho
CRIT (Nairobi)
AGRIS (FAO)

Staff:
1 librarian

LESOTHO

Lesotho Institute of Public Administration

Box 1507

Maseru 100

Director: E.T. Ramalefane

Founded: 1977

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 2,100+

periodicals, current titles: 30

government documents: 40

newspapers: 3

Users: restricted (staff/students, government personnel), 24+ per week

Services: circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: Dewey 19th

Special facilities: access to government computer facilities

Publications:

prospectus

newsletter

Affiliations:

International Institute of Administrative Sciences

Lesotho National Library

P.O. Box 985

Maseru 100

Founded: 1976

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

periodicals, current titles: 38

newspapers

government documents

unpublished materials

Users: open to anyone, 800 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: Dewey

Publications:

Director's Annual Report

Affiliations:

National University of Lesotho

South Africa State Library

Botswana National Library

University of Botswana and Swaziland

Staff:

3 librarians

5 assistant librarians

10 library assistants

MALAWI

Bunda College of Agriculture

P.O. Box 219

Lilongwe

Director: Dr. N.F. Lungu

Founded: 1967

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 22,000

periodical titles: 300

unpublished materials: 200

government documents: 50

newspapers: 8

Users: restricted (staff/students, government personnel), 430 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: Library of Congress

Special facilities: microfiche reader

Publications:

accessions list

bibliographies

Agriculture in Malawi: An Annotated Bibliography, 1930-80

Affiliations:

University of Malawi

Chancellor College

Malawi Polytechnic

Exchanges: Egerton College, Kenya; University of Nairobi, Faculty of
Veterinary Science

Staff:

1 college librarian

1 assistant librarian

5 library assistants

Malawi National Library Service

P.O. Box 30314

Lilongwe 3

Director: R.S. Mabomba

Founded: 1968

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

government documents

periodicals

newspapers

unpublished materials

Users: open

Services: reference, circulation

Classification: Dewey

Publications:

annual report

bulletin

Affiliations:

British Council

MALAWI

University of Malawi Library

P.O. Box 280
Zomba

Founded: 1965

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 130,000
periodical titles: 2,500
government documents
newspapers
unpublished materials

Of interest to development specialists: the major English-language development-oriented journals; depository for U.N. and ECA documents, World Bank publications (all since 1977)

Users: open to anyone, 1,000 per week

Special facilities: microfiche readers (3), microfilm reader/printer, access to Hewlett Packard 8930A computer on campus

Publications:

University of Malawi Libraries Accessions Lists
current awareness indexes to English-language articles recently received in the Library (irregular): Development List; Economics of Development; and Development and Education

Affiliations:

Depository status: World Bank, U.N., ECA
Exchanges: IDRC; Institute of Development Studies, Sussex;
all major African university libraries and 200 university libraries overseas
Inter-library loan: British Library Lending Division; South African State Library

Staff:

8 professional librarians
4 senior library assistants
14 library assistants

Centro de Documentação Técnica
Ministry of Public Works and Housing
Av. Karl Marx 591
Maputo

Director: Conceicao A. Peixoto
Founded: 1979

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):
books: 1000
periodicals, current titles: 27
government documents

Of interest to development specialists: technical books and periodicals

Users: restricted (government personnel, university staff/students)

Services: circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, title
Classification: UDC

Publications:
expects to publish an accessions bulletin

Affiliations:
expects to be affiliated with CEDIMO

Staff:
2 librarians

MOZAMBIQUE

Departamento de Documentação e Informação
National Directorate of Ports & Railways
Av. Martires de Inhamitanga 336
C.P. 276
Maputo

Director: Ms. Ana Figueiredo
Founded: April 1977

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 3,500
periodicals, current titles 120
government documents: 250
unpublished materials: 20
newspapers: 3

Of interest to development specialists: technical documents on transport, specifically ports and railways, and materials on management and professional training in the transport sector

Users: restricted (Ports & Railways staff, university students),
10 per week

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, title
Classification: UDC

Publications:

Boletim Bibliografico (fortnightly)
CARRIL - technical magazine (quarterly)
Documentos Informativos (monthly)
irregular bibliographies, daily press cuttings, dossiers for delegates to conferences

Files: ports and railways, mainly in Africa

Affiliations:

CEDIMO (National Documentation & Information Centre of Mozambique)
Documentation and Information Committee of Union of African
Railways

Staff:

1 documentalist
1 librarian
2 translators
1 aux. documentalist

Ministry of Education and Culture

C.P. 34

Maputo

Director: Minister of Education and Culture

Founded: 1976

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 8,000

government documents: 1,000

periodicals, current titles: 17

Of interest to development specialists: materials on educational development

Users: restricted (ministry personnel, education specialists),
35-40 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: UDC

Publications:

recent acquisitions list

index to periodical articles

Affiliations:

Eduardo Mondlane University

CEDIMO (National Documentation & Information Centre of Mozambique)

Staff:

1 librarian

1 assistant

SWAZILAND

Economics-Statistics Library

P.O. Box 456

Mbabane

Founded: 1974

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 3,000

government documents: 300

periodical titles: 100

newspapers: 10

Users: open to anyone, 45 per week

Catalogues: title

Classification: Dewey

Publications:

library manual

literature bulletin

accessions list

Affiliations:

Inter-library loan: University College of Swaziland; Swaziland

National Library Service

Staff:

1 library assistant

Mananga Agricultural Management Centre

P.O. Box 96
Tshaneni

Director: F.N. Youdale
Founded: 1972

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection:
books: 1,800

Users: restricted (staff/students, managers), 30-40 per week

Services: circulation

Special facilities: microfiche reader

Staff:
1 librarian (part-time)

SWAZILAND

Swaziland National Library Service

P.O. Box 652

Manzini

Director: B.J.K. Kingsley

Founded: 1971

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

periodicals

newspapers

government documents

unpublished materials

Of interest to development specialists: Swaziana collection,
U.N. documents

Users: open to anyone

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: Dewey 18th

Publications:

annual report of the director

Affiliations:

Inter-library loan: State Library of South Africa

Dar es Salaam University Library

P.O. Box 35092

Dar es Salaam

Director: M.K.S. Mvaa

Founded: 1961

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 300,000

periodicals

government documents

unpublished materials

newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: materials on science and technology, development studies (rural development)

Users: restricted (staff/students, government personnel),
6,000 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: Library of Congress

Special facilities: microfiche reader

Publications:

library bulletin

accessions bulletin

library guide

university catalogue of publications

Affiliations:

East African universities

Staff:

1 chief librarian

3 senior librarians

15 librarians

20 assistant librarians

70 library assistants

TANZANIA

Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre

P.O. Box 35103

Dar es Salaam

Director: D.S. Dandi

Founded: 1965

Facilities provided by the University of Dar es Salaam

Users: restricted

Special facilities: access to university computer

Files: research in progress

Affiliations:

Institute of Statisticians (London)

University of Dar es Salaam

Makerere Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics

Health Education Unit

P.O. Box 65219

Dar es Salaam

Director: I.U. Mbagu

Founded: 1957

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Of interest to development specialists: work in promoting and
maintaining standards of health in the community

Users: open to anyone

Services: circulation

Publications:

annual health education journal in Swahili

Affiliations:

Institute of Adult Education (Tanzania)

Training, funding, information exchange: UNICEF, WHO

TANZANIA

Ministry of Agriculture

P.O. Box 2066

Dar es Salaam

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- periodicals
- government documents
- unpublished materials
- newspapers
- books

Of interest to development specialists: periodicals

Users: open to anyone, 5 per week

Services: circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: UDC

Files: research in progress

Affiliations:

Training: Tanganyika Library Service, AGRIS

Information exchange: University of Dar es Salaam; AGRIS

Staff:

2 librarians

7 library assistants

Nyegezi Social Training Centre
P.O. Box 307
Mwanza

Director: Alfred D. Mdachi

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 5,000

periodicals, current titles: 5

newspapers

Users: restricted (staff/students), 180 per week

Classification: Dewey

Publications:

Nyegezi Weekly News

Nyegezi Annual Magazine

Focus

Staff:

2 librarians

TANZANIA

Tanzania Food and Nutrition Centre

P.O. Box 977

Dar es Salaam

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 1,000

unpublished materials: 500

periodicals, current titles: 12

government documents: 10

newspapers: 7

Users: restricted, 21 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Classification: Dewey

Publications:

Lishe (journal)

TFNC annual reports

TFNC reports

Affiliations:

Training: Tanzania Library Service

Exchanges: USICA Library

Inter-library loan: USICA Library; Muhimbili Medical Centre

Staff:

1 assistant librarian

Tanzania School of Journalism

P.O. Box 4067

Dar es Salaam

Director: M. Maganga

Founded: 1975

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

newspapers

periodicals, current titles: 9

government documents

unpublished materials

Of interest to development specialists: materials on use of
information and mass media for development

Users: restricted (staff/students)

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: subject

Classification: in-house system

Publications:

The Torch

TSJ Weekly

Affiliations:

Funding: UNESCO

Inter-library loan: University of Dar es Salaam

Information exchange: African Council on Communication Education (ACCE)

Staff:

students

ZAMBIA

British Council Library
P.O. Box 34571
Lusaka

Director: Gordon Tindale

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Of interest to development specialists: materials on education,
agriculture, science and technology

Users: open to anyone

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, title
Classification: Dewey

Affiliations:

Information exchange: Zambia Library Association
Inter-library loan: British Library Lending Division

Staff:

1 librarian
1 senior library assistant
2 library assistants

Chipata Teacher Training College
P.O. Box 189
Chipata

Director: J.M. Kachingwe
Founded: 1966

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- books
- periodicals
- newspapers
- government documents
- unpublished materials

Users: restricted (staff/students), 380 per week

Classification: Dewey 18th

Affiliations:

Information exchange and Inter-library loan: Zambia Library Service

ZAMBIA

Department of Agriculture, Land-Use Library
Mulungushi House RW 291
Lusaka

Director: N. Mumba

Founded: 1920s

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):
government documents
unpublished materials

Of interest to development specialists: a complete collection of
land-use maps, soils maps, aerial photos

Users: restricted (government personnel), 30-50 per week

Catalogue: geographic

Classification: land use-classification under catchment areas

Publications:
soil surveys

Files: research in progress, biographies

Affiliations:

Mt. Makulu Research Station

Magoye Research Station

National Rural Development College

University of Zambia, School of Agriculture

Staff:

2 library assistants

Department of Agriculture Library
Mount Makulu Research Station
P/Bag 7, Chilanga

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):
government documents
periodicals
books

Users: open to anyone

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, geographic
Classification: UDC

Special facilities: access to AGRIS data bases

Publications:
publications lists
research memoranda

Files: research in progress, specialists

Affiliations:
Zambia Library Association
information exchange with over 50 institutions

Staff:
1 librarian
2 library assistants

ZAMBIA

Livingstone Museum

P.O. Box 60498
Livingstone

Director: M.N. Chel'ah
Founded: 1950

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):
books: 10,000
unpublished materials

Users: restricted, 10 per week

Services: circulation
Catalogue: author, subject
Classification: Dewey

Publications:

Zambia Museums Journal
Zambia Museum papers
Livingstone Museum Research News
occasional papers

Files: research in progress

Affiliations:

Commonwealth Association of Museums
Organization for Museums & Monuments of Africa
ICOM

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

P.O. Box 31968

Lusaka

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

periodicals, current titles: 5

books

government documents

Of interest to development specialists: trade, commerce, and market
research studies

Users: open to anyone, 20 per week

Publications:

Zamexport News (bi-monthly)

Affiliations:

Information exchange: ITC; U.N.

ZAMBIA

National Institute of Public Administration

P.O. Box 31990

Lusaka

Director: A.K. Mukela

Founded: 1963

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books

government documents

periodicals

newspapers

unpublished materials

Of interest to development specialists: government reports, documents

Users: restricted (staff/students), 200 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, title

Classification: Dewey

Affiliations:

Information exchange: all major libraries in Zambia

Staff:

2 professional librarians

2 assistant librarians

United Nations Childrens Fund, Lusaka Office
P.O. Box 33610
Lusaka

Director: James P. Grant

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):
government documents
unpublished materials
books: 100
periodicals, current titles: 20
newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: government reports, documents

Users: restricted, 10 per week

Catalogue: subject, geographic

Special facilities: access to computer facilities and computerized
data bases

Files: specialists

Affiliations:
United Nations

ZAMBIA

Zambia College of Agriculture Library

P.O. Box 53

Monze

Founded: 1964

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 2,000

periodicals, current titles: 15

government documents

newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: materials on agricultural development

Users: restricted (staff/students), 400 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject

Classification: Dewey

Staff:

1 librarian

2 library assistants

Centre for Applied Social Sciences

P.O. Box MP 167

Mount Pleasant, Salisbury

Facilities: include small departmental library and Women in
Development Unit

Users: restricted

Publications:

specialized research papers

ZIMBABWE

The Literature Bureau

P.O. Box 8137

Causeway, Salisbury

Director: E. Walter Krog

Founded: 1954

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Users: open to anyone, 100 per week

Publications:

Bureau bulletin

catalogue of books sponsored

Files: research in progress, biographies, specialists

Affiliations:

Library Association of Zimbabwe

National Archives

P/Bag 7729

Causeway, Salisbury

Founded: 1935

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books, government documents: 32,000

periodical titles: 5,000 current titles: 1,400

Of interest to development specialists: comprehensive collection of published and unpublished material on Zimbabwe, including non-book materials, such as maps, photographs, cinefilms, and sound recordings

Users: open to anyone, 30 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, geographic

Classification: UDC (amended)

Special facilities: microfiche reader, microfilm reader; fully equipped photographic studio capable of supplying photographs, slides, microfilm, microfiche, and document facsimiles

Publications:

Zimbabwe National Bibliography

Annual Report of the Director

Files: research in progress, biographies

Affiliations:

ECARBICA, IFLA, ICA, SALA, ZLA, SARMA, LA(UK)

Staff:

11 archivists

5 librarians

6 records management officers

ZIMBABWE

Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

P.O. Box 1283

Salisbury

Director: D.C. Krogh

Founded: 1964

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

periodicals

government documents

unpublished materials

books

newspapers

Users: restricted (bank personnel, economists), 30-40 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, geographic

Classification: UDC

Affiliations:

other reserve banks

Staff:

1 librarian

1 library assistant

University of Zimbabwe Library

P.O. Box MP 45
Mount Pleasant, Salisbury

Director: S.M. Made, Librarian
Founded: 1956

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 300,000
periodical titles: 4,850
government documents: 600
newspapers: 10

Of interest to development specialists: entire collection

Users: restricted (staff/students, researchers)

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, geographic
Classification: Library of Congress

Publications:

library annual report
accessions list
library guide to staff and students

Files: research in progress (compiled in the Zimbabwe Research Index)

Staff:
67 total

ETHIOPIA

E International Livestock Centre for Africa (ILCA)
A P.O. Box 5689
S Addis Ababa
T
E Director: D.J. Pratt
R
N Scope of collection: specialized

A Users: open
F
R Services: reference, circulation
I
C Special facilities: access to Hewlett-Packard 3000/III computer
A

Publications:
 bulletin

Files: research in progress, specialists

Staff:
 librarians
 documentalists
 indexers
 cataloguers

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, Library
P.O. Box 3001
Addis Ababa

Director: Abdel-Rahman M. Tahir
Founded: 1958

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books
U.N. documents
periodicals
unpublished materials
newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: materials on socio-economic development in developing areas, and specifically Africa

Users: restricted, 500 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: author, subject, geographic, U.N.

Classification: UDC, government publications by country using Dag Hammarskjold Library classification system

Special facilities: access to microfiche reader, NCR Century 151 computer

Publications:

ECA Index

Africa Index

New Acquisitions in the UNECA Library

Files: biographies

Affiliations:

Dag Hammarskjold Library
University of Addis Ababa

Staff:

1 chief librarian
1 cataloguer
5 library assistants
1 computer operator
10 library clerks

KENYA

Ford Foundation

Box 41081

Nairobi

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

books: 500

government documents: 500

unpublished materials: 500

periodicals, current titles: 20

Of interest to development specialists: government and foundation reports

Users: open to anyone, 2-3 per week

Services: reference

Classification: reports by country, books by author

OAU/Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources
P.O. Box 30786
Nairobi

Director: P.G. Atang
Founded: 1963

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):
periodicals, current titles: 84
books: 664
government documents
unpublished materials
newspapers

Users: restricted, 10 per week

Services: circulation
Catalogue: author
Classification: decimal

Special facilities: microfiche reader

Publications:

Bulletin of Animal Health and Production in Africa
Monthly Information Leaflets: Animal Health Statistics for Africa
livestock distribution maps
annual reports

Files: research in progress

KENYA

REDSO/East Africa (USAID)

U.S. Embassy

Nairobi

Director: A.R. Love

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

government documents

periodicals, current titles: 14

unpublished materials

books

Users: restricted (staff and associated project personnel),
15-20 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Catalogue: subject

Classification: alphabetical listing by country or sector

Files: research in progress

Staff:

1 librarian (part-time)

United Nations Centre for Human Settlements

P.O. Box 30030

Nairobi

Director: Arcot Ramachandran

Founded: 1978

Scope of collection: specialized

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

U.N. reports/documents

unpublished materials

periodicals, current titles: 16

books

newspapers

Of interest to development specialists: U.N. publications and documents on human settlements (includes documentation of 1976 HABITAT conference)

Users: restricted, 20 per week

Services: reference, circulation

Classification: in-house system

Publications:

monographs

Habitat News (periodical)

library bulletin

Files: specialists (list of institutions that can provide consultants)

Affiliations:

UNEP Library

University of Nairobi Library

Staff:

1 librarian

1 documents clerk (part-time)

KENYA

University of Nairobi Library
P.O. Box 30197
Nairobi

Scope of collection: multidisciplinary

Size of collection (in order of predominance):

- books
- periodicals
- government documents
- newspapers
- unpublished materials

Users: restricted, 2,000 per week

Services: reference, circulation
Catalogue: author, subject, geographic

Special facilities: access to computer facilities

Publications:
accessions lists

Files: research in progress

Staff:
1 university librarian
1 deputy university librarian
5 senior assistant librarians
18 assistant librarians