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A REPORT :

IMPLEMENTATION OF

THE ARUA/UKRI/GCRF CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT FOR

POST CONFLICT SOCIETIES AT THE OBAFEMI AWOLOWO

UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, NIGERIA

REPORT OUTLINE

- **Social Sciences Methodology Training**
- **Ph.D./Post-doctoral Grants**
- **Research Articles/ Policy Briefs**

A : Report on a three-day Training Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences

Introduction

The ARUA CoE project on capacity-building for post-conflict societies is partnership project between the Obafemi Awolowo University and the Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, alongside the funding-partner agencies/institutions (ARUA, UKRI, DFID and GCRF). The project was conceived in an ‘Hub and Spoke model’ with Addis Ababa University as the host being the Hub while five other partner universities across Africa constitute the Spoke. The Department of International Relations – the grand host of the project in OAU – rolled out the plans and agenda for “A 3-Day Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences”. This report splits into the preliminary stages, the workshop phase and the post-workshop exigencies.

Preliminary Stages (30th of Aug. – 20th of Sept. 2021)

On the 30th of August, 2021, the advertisement for “Call for Papers” was widely circulated on the University’s website, academic platforms on OAU campus and several other groups that bring graduate students together in OAU. The information on the advertisement captures three listings;

1. Call for Applications: A Training on Research Methodology in Social Sciences
2. Call for Applications: Research Grants for Ph.D./ Post Doc./ Early Career Researchers
3. Call for Applications: Policy Briefs and Seminar Articles

The advert subsisted for 2 weeks and closed on the 13th of September, 2021.

Sorting, Selection and Planning

The sorting and selected stages lasted for two days (14th and 15th of September, 2021) and the feedbacks received were reviewed by the Planning Committee. In all, 32 applications were received for the first call (Training). 10 applications were received for the second call (Research Grant) and 9 applications were received for the third call (Policy Briefs).

Following a critical evaluation of the applications, 25 applications were selected and the individuals were invited for the training.

Between the 16th and 20th of September, 2021, the planning committee reeled out the different needs, implemented different working units and effectively monitored the progress of the preparations. In explicit terms, the preparations included;

- Securing the training venue to be used for three days.
- Designing the banners and flyers for the 3-day workshop.
- Scouting for **QUALIFIED FACILITATORS** that will execute the training.
- Feeding arrangements for three days (Tea-break and Lunch only).
- Purchasing of the equipment and items needed for technical and logistical reasons (files, tags, fuel, etc.)
- Printing of Certifications for presenters and participants.
- Recruitment of a Camera-man for coverage of events and video highlights.

(The cost and transactions for all the expenditure/expenses were receipted, documented and attached herewith).

The Workshop Phase (21st of Sept. – 23rd of Sept. 2021)

Day 1.

On the 21st of September, 2021, the workshop opened with the arrival and registration of participants. The fascinating welcome remarks by Prof. Funso Adesola (the Dean, Faculty of Administration) put the participants on the spot, regarding the crumbling bridges in research professionalism and what they should expect from the 3-day training in research methodology.

Similarly, Prof. Olayode, (the Project's P.I) schooled the participants on the nature of scientific methods and its application to social phenomenon.

Dr. O. M. Agunbiade illuminated the different types of research: historical, analytical, interdisciplinary, evaluative, participative and action research.

After the short tea-break, Dr. Agunbiade completed his training session by expounding the steps in the process of research, the types of research design, and the various methods of research in social sciences.

Accordingly, Prof. J. O. Aransiola facilitated the afternoon session and his heart-warming teaching covered the following areas: The tools and procedures of data collection; the types and sources of data; quantitative and qualitative data collection approaches; and lastly, sampling techniques and sample size in quantitative and qualitative research.

After the questions and answer session, the lunch groove followed and the workshop ended for the first day.

Day 2.

Dr. Olusola Olawale appetized the cravings of the participants with a welcoming comment, which integrates a recap of previously covered topics, and introduction to the day's topics.

In no time, Dr. (Mrs.) D.T. Agbalajobi climbed the podium and passionately trained the participants on "Concepts in Research". Her lecture clarified the misconception hitherto trending among the participants on terminologies such as variables, attributes, hypotheses, research questions, objectives, review of literature, limitation, delimitation, statement of problem, operational definition etc.

As an expert that she is, Dr. Agbalajobi also facilitated the training session on qualitative research designs, grounded theory, case study, ethnographical perspective, phenomenological perspective and ethno-methodological perspective.

Dr. Oyedokun's coming coincided with the tea-break timing. Without class discrimination, he joined at the tea break floor and that reconfigured his voice for the hot session that followed. His exhibition dwelt extensively on the understanding of data analysis and interpretation, as well as, the mastery of quantitative data analysis.

As stipulated in the program-shift, Dr. L. O. Ikuteyijo ran the final lap for the second day of the workshop. He speeded through the previous topics and delivered a simplified training on the following areas. They include the analysis of qualitative data, report writing, references in report writing, writing of research proposal, writing a dissertation/thesis report, and thesis report format

Day 3.

In accordance with the tradition, Dr. Olusola provided an abridged version of the lectures that held on Day 2. Without much ado, he invited to the stage- Prof. Charles Ukeje (the University's Project Partner). His stroll to the podium was accompanied by chants of thankfulness from the participant for the roles he played in expediting the ARUA-UKRI Project to OAU.

As a deity in the field of research, Prof. Ukeje facilitated an awesome session on mentorship, fellowship, grants winning, scholarships and other opportunities. His dexterity on writing a winning grant proposal, publishing and scholarship lightened-up the participants and his training session closed with a lavish display of cheerfulness which gingered the participants beyond reportable proportions.

Post-Workshop Activities (Sept. 24 – Oct. 1st, 2021).

After the lunch hour break, a long-roll of appreciation and acknowledgement flowed-in from each of the participants. The uniformity of opinions and comments from the participants connotes objectivity and validity on the comment that the programme was extremely helpful and broadened knowledge of research methodology. Quoting one of the participants;

“....my rating of the programme is 100% and a five star; from the planning, to the qualified trainers, to the conducive environment and the refreshments, all were world class. With it gender sensitiveness, it provided the platform for all gender to feel among. In my interaction with some of the female participants, they confessed that the workshop gave them hope in their careers, armed them with the knowledge to crack their research and the necessary energy to keep pushing.....”

After the vote of thanks, Prof. Olayode, (the P.I) distributed the “Certificates of Appreciation” and the “Certificates of Participation” to the facilitators and the participants respectively.

Synonymously, the Honorarium (transport cover) of #5000 were distributed to 22 participants who were present as of the last day of the workshop. Note: No participant was given the honorarium through proxy.

Lastly, the disbursement of honorarium for the facilitators and the pay-out of funds to the supporting units on the workshop; the units include, but not limited technical supports, the

secretarial maintenance, the camera man, the graphics designer, the printer, the caterer and so on. However, the receipts for all the monetary transactions are attached with the appendix of documents attached this report.

Conclusion

On the 23rd of September, 2021, the 3-day workshop came to a closure and a photo session of participants followed at the venue of the workshop. However, the trainees were invited to write and submit essay of 3,000 words maximum and a report regarding the training which was due on the 1st of October, 2021. Meanwhile, on research grants and policy briefs, applications have been received and they have been carefully scrutinized. Selection has been made and funding will be dispensed as soon as other verifications are sorted.

B. LIST OF SELECTED APPLICANTS FOR PHD/ POST-DOCTORAL GRANTS

S/N	NAME	SEX	PROJECT TITLE/TOPIC	VALUE OF GRANT AWARDED (N)
1	Ademola Adedeji AINA	M	<i>Pastoral Insecurity, Climate Change and Governance in West Africa: The Study of North Central Nigeria and Niger</i>	Not Decided (ND)
2	Adetayo Olamide SOWALE	M	<i>Security Actors along Nigeria's Borders with its Immediate Neighbours</i>	ND
3	Ayodeji Anthony ADULOJU	M	<i>Implications of Peacebuilding in the Niger Delta for Maritime Security in Nigeria's Exclusive Economic Zone</i>	ND
4	David, Ibukun DAVID	M	<i>Globalisation and Radicalisation among Muslim Youths in Northeastern Nigeria</i>	ND
5	Grace Oluwatoyin AYANWOLE	F	<i>Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Urban Security Service Delivery in Oyo Town and Selected Settlements in Nigeria.</i>	ND
6	Elizabeth Ogechi NJOKU	F	<i>Contextual Determinants of Attitude towards Spousal Physical Violence during Covid-19 Lockdown among Young People in Nigeria</i>	ND
7	Oluwatunmise Taiwo Paimo	F	<i>Implications of Digital Technology and Security in Nigeria's Boko Haram Insurgency</i>	ND
8	Serifat Bolanle Asiyanbi	F	<i>ECOWAS Protocol on Free Movement and the Dynamics of Trafficking in Persons in the West African Sub-region</i>	ND

C. LIST OF SELECTED APPLICANTS FOR POLICY BRIEF/JOURNAL ARTICLES

S/N	NAME	SEX	TITLE/TOPIC	AWARDED (N)
1	Adetayo Olamide SOWALE	M	<i>Towards an All-Inclusive Peacebuilding Architecture in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria</i>	ND
2	Ayodeji Anthony ADULOJU	M	<i>Climate-Related Security Risks and the Delusional Representations of Environmental Security Discourse on West Africa</i>	ND
3	Chidiebere James ONWUTUEBE	M	<i>The National Livestock Transformation Plan (NLTP) as a Conflict Resolution Mechanism in Farmers-Herders Clash in Nigeria</i>	ND
4	Daramola OLAPADE	M	<i>Nature and Management of Violent Land Conflicts Associated with Land Accessibility in Lagos Metropolis</i>	ND
5	David, Ibukun DAVID	M	<i>Messaging, Countering Youth Radicalisation and Peacebuilding in Northeast Nigeria during Covid-19</i>	ND
6	Job Taiwo Gbadegesin	M	<i>Participatory and Community-Based Governance in Land-Conflict Adjudication in the Rural and Peri-Urban Settlements: Exploring the Role of Capacity Building and Education</i>	ND
7	Kareem Oyedele LAMIDI	M	<i>Institutionalising Traditional Peacebuilding System for Effective Interventions on Land Disputes in African Communities</i>	ND
8	Olawale O. OLUSOLA	M	<i>UNDP Innovative Poverty Eradication Strategies in the Context of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement</i>	ND
9	Stephen Femi OYEYOADE	M	<i>Investigating Conflicts and Adequacy of Dispute Resolution Mechanism in Public-Private Partnership Project Development in</i>	ND

			<i>Public Universities in Southwestern Nigeria</i>	
10	Sunday Omotuyi	M	<i>Operation Safe Corridor: The Missing Components in Nigeria's De-radicalisation Programme as an Effective Counterterrorism Strategy in the Northeast</i>	ND

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5	Aluko Abayomi John	M	Public Administration
6	Diyaolu Idowu	M	Family Nutrition and Consumer Sciences

APPENDIXES

IMAGES OF SOME REPORTS AS SUBMITTED

RANDOM PICTURES FROM THE WORKSHOP



