



THE KNOWLEDGE INSTITUTE & ESWATINI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2018 OUTREACH REPORT 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

In 2018, The Knowledge Institute partnered with the Eswatini Library Association to hold presentations in six libraries around the country. These presentations were targeted at young people who had recently completed Form 5, to equip them with information on the next step of their educational journey.

Here is a summary of the outcomes:

1. Scale of the trainings

Location	Hours	Distance	Students	Female	Male
Manzini Library	5 hours	80km	113	63	50
Mbabane Library	5 hours	10km	69	40	29
Nhlangano Library	5 hours	262km	84	47	37
Piggs Peak Library	5 hours	124km	34	17	17
Simunye Library	5 hours	228km	44	23	21
Siteki Library	5 hours	206km	48	31	17
Hlatsi Library	2 hours	30km	24	10	14
Unspecified	-	-	38	21	17
TOTAL	32 Hours	940km Covered	454 Students Reached	252 Female Students	202 Male Students

2. Volunteers

In each of the location where TKI held presentations, we recruited students to volunteer at the training, providing the following assistance: photography, registration, technical support, set up and take down, and others. In total, we provided 20 young people with valuable community service experience, for which they were awarded certificates and t-shirts.

One key outcome is that two of these volunteers, from Mbabane and Hlatsi, joined The Knowledge Institute as members of our 2019 core team, and are currently completing their 12 months volunteer service. For the Mbabane volunteer, the valuable community service experience she brought into TKI played a big role in strengthening her postgraduate applications, and as we speak is currently enrolled in a BSc program in Taiwan, as well as being a finalist for the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship in south Africa. The other is a finalist in the MTN The Spotlight competition, where the social media marketing skills he gained at TKI have played a role in putting together a social media marketing strategy to gain votes.

Other volunteers stayed on the TKI network as alums, and went on to apply for the UNESCO National Commission's new volunteer service, further gaining valuable experience in the workplace.

3. Students

Following the presentations, all students were added on WhatsApp groups to provide further information and counseling after the presentations. These two groups set up resulted in The Knowledge Institute reaching more students on this platform through "*word of WhatsApp*", resulting in over 1000 students joining our groups.

4. Success Stories

One particular student success story is of a student from Mathendele Township, one of the poorest urban areas in Eswatini, who attended the Piggs Peak training. Through the information he obtained, he applied to 7 scholarship programs and was admitted to all but 1, winning about E1, 000,000 in scholarships. He is currently enrolled in the most prestigious pre-university program in Africa on a scholarship of E600,000. He was further introduced to the TKI network, which sponsored him with a brand new laptop, laptop bag, registration fees and other necessities for his studies.

Overall, the workshops were a huge success and made a valuable impact on the lives of young people in the country, by providing them with important information and a community of like-minded young people who are hungry for learning.

We would be pleased to continue this partnership in 2019 after students complete their exams, and expand our reach to new locations such that we reach every ESWALA library in the country.

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