TOPIC: DEVELOPING AN OER TO SUPPORT READING AND WRITING IN DAGBANI

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INTRODUCTION

• Dagbani is one of the closely related and mutually intelligible languages from Northern Ghana commonly referred to as the Gur or Mabia Languages.

• Dagbani is the most widely spoken language in Northern Ghana

• Its native speakers are estimated around 3,160,000

• It is a compulsory subject in primary and junior high school in the Dagbon Kingdom.
INTRODUCTION (CONTD.)

• Spellings in the Dagbani language are strictly phonic
• learners are expected to be able to read and write fluently after going through the course.
• This is a self paced course
• takes about ten hours to complete
RATIONALE

• Help increase the number of people literate in the Dagbani language.
• Increase Dagbani content on the internet.
• Maximize usage of Dagbani content on the internet.
TARGET

- Kids in primary school
- Six years and above
- Adults who can’t read and write Dagbani

Caveat:
- must be able to speak Dagbani
- Can read and understand English
METHODOLOGY

Participants are taken through

• The sounds of each letter used in the Dagbani language
• Made to identify the Dagbani vowel and consonant sounds (their types, usage, special characters, etc)
• how to blend these sounds to form words (1, 2, 3, letter words etc)
• Made to pronounce words by breaking them into syllables
• Punctuation marks
• Guided to read words, sentences and passages with understanding
• Assessment
OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

• A dedicated website (dagbani.net) has been created as a platform for the OER.
• All materials are openly licensed
• Materials will also be shared on other OER repositories once development is done
NUMBER OF LEARNERS

- The course is freely available online
- Learners can access it at anytime
- There is no limit as to the number of learners at any point in time
CHALLENGES

• Internet access
• Tracking enrollment and progress of learners
• Feedback
CONCLUSION

• This is a self paced course
• takes about seven to ten hours to complete
• Learners are encouraged to commit themselves to going through all sections of the course
• learners are expected to be able to read and write fluently in Dagbani after the course
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