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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

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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

- Trackking 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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