



AFD Department Support to Training and Development FACTSHEET PROJECTS 2007

AFD Department

Early 2003, Louvain coopération au Développement (LD) joined the Faculty of bioengineers (AGRO) from the Catholic University of Louvain (CUL) to establish the AFD department (Support to Training and Development) which specialises in multimedia.

Although part of Louvain Développement, AFD takes care of its own financial balance. The department uses information technology and communication for the development of the South and training of academics. The AFD also serves as a leverage to the faculty staff of the university community by promoting the academic know-how, mainly in the field of training.

In addition, AFD provides significant support to other entities of LD. Designing educational tools, producing posters, pamphlets and other communication tools and hosting the website are all services performed by the AFD team.

Its contribution is also increasing in projects in the South. This includes for example the "Caesarean" project and the involvement of the department in developing capitalisation tools.

Also note the opening of the department to other faculties within the CUL as the faculties of Medicine, Science and Applied Sciences.

Projects

1. Caesarean Project

The project aims to develop tools for teaching and learning for a clinical itinerary for caesarean sections in remote areas. It is consistent with the part of the NGO's health programme which currently focuses on training doctors in the Democratic Republic of Congo in South Kivu. It is also consistent, within the six-year programme 2008 - 2013, with planned training in the Savannah region of north Togo, in the Menabe region of Madagascar and in the region of Benin and Bolivia. The tool is not only meant for the intervention regions of Louvain Développement but are available to every practitioner working on caesarean section in isolated situations.

2. Biology training

The project aims to establish an integrated (BAC2 - Master1) and transfaculty (Science and Agronomy) platform for training in plant biology (morphology, identification and systematic of plants) within the Catholic University of Louvain. The platform also includes a module specifically oriented towards the major cultures of the South. The project started in September 2005 and is expected to end in the year 2008.

3. Introduction to virology

The project aims to establish an integrated and transfaculty (Agronomy and Medicine) base for training in virology. As for the above project, it will also benefit people in the South. The promoters wish to develop an English version to reach a wider audience.

Services

In addition to the projects, the AFD department performs various services in the field of multimedia, mainly for the two mother structures (AGRO and LD) but also for external partners primarily from the voluntary (SOS Faim, Groupe Développement, ECPAT, AIC, Wildlife & Biotopes, FACE, etc.)..

AFD's range of skills is relatively large and we are able to offer our services in the following areas:

- development of training tools and capitalisation
- development of games and educational tools adapted to the South
- set up of web sites (web-design and web development)
- various forms of communications support (brochures, newsletters, books, leaflets, logos, posters, ...)
- drawings (bitmap drawings, vector drawings, pictos, scientific drawings, illustrations, photo retouching, packaging, comic, cartoon, ...)

- scientific and technical graphics
- creation, development and production of multimedia (development and programming, PHP / MySQL, dynamic websites, ...)
- training (use of multimedia software)
- agricultural expertise

Key results for 2007

- ✓ Opening towards other faculties of the CUL (Medicine, Science, Applied Sciences) Successful integration with headquarters and the AGRO faculty
- ✓ Financial autonomy
- ✓ Constructive collaboration with institutions of the CUL as IPM (educational expertise) and CAV (audio and video)

Total budget of the AFD department :

~156.000,00 €

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