Stronger together – how do we proceed?

Questionnaire to the participants of the KLA annual conference in Kakamega November 2013 on expectations and impact of the mutual project between Swedish Library Association and Kenya Library Association.

Background
Our project started as an idea already in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions’ (IFLA) conference in Gothenburg, Sweden 2010. In 2011 representatives from The Swedish Library Association (SLA) visited the Kenya Library Association’s (KLA) annual conference in Mombasa, Kenya. In 2012 SLA arranged a workshop in Stockholm, Sweden for eight representatives from KLA and in the same year the two associations signed a five-year cooperation agreement during the IFLA conference in Helsinki, Finland. Swedish representatives once again visited the KLA annual conference in Kisumu, Kenya. This year 2013 three Kenyan colleagues have visited the “Library Days” – The SLA’s annual conference in Örebro, Sweden. A staffed KLA office is established in Nairobi.

Purpose
The most important objective of the project is to strengthen the Kenya Library Association so that the necessary development of the Kenyan libraries can take place in the country. As a result of our cooperation partnerships, study visits, student exchange, seminars etc. can take place in both countries. It is important that lessons and experiences from the activities are spread in the whole of Kenya.

Impact evaluation, some definitions
Impact – any effect on an individual, group, organisation or community. May be positive or negative, intended or accidental.
Input, process, output – resources, what is done, the direct result
Outcome – any change in the national library association or how it works

Why is this important?
The project takes place in close connection with IFLA as the leading international body of library and information services and its programme Building Strong Library Associations (BSLA). Impact evaluation will be useful both to the national library associations involved and to IFLA. It will tell participants whether they are making real progress, help to build organisational capacity, raise awareness in the sector and amongst decision makers, give evidence for better services for members and users, more respect for the library sector, more collaboration and partnerships and help to secure resources.

So please help us to find out more about your expectations and the impact of our project and how it is working by completing this questionnaire! Give your answers to one of us in the Swedish delegation before leaving the annual meeting!
Your replies are confidential. They will only be used now to identify your expectations and how well the project is proceeding. At the end of the project we will use them as a baseline and send out a new questionnaire to see if anything has changed.
Questions

About KLA

1. Are you a member of KLA?
   □ Yes □ No

2. If yes, how long have you been a member?

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3. If not, why?

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4. How active are you as a member?
   □ officer □ volunteer □ attending meetings □ training workshops
   □ voting □ recommending membership □ other _________________________

5. Is your institution a member of KLA?

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6. Does your institution support your participation in KLA’s work?

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7. What do you think are the main activities of KLA?

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8. How well do you think KLA represents your main professional interests and concerns?

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9. Which strength and opportunities can KLA offer their members?

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10. What could KLA do to better represent your professional interests and concerns?

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11. Do you feel that you can influence KLA’s decisions?

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12. Which are the challenges for KLA during the next three years?

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About your work

1. How long have you worked in libraries?

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2. Which library domain do you work in?

□ public □ university □ school or college □ health □ business

□ government □ other __________________________

3. Do you have a professional qualification in librarianship? If so, which one(s)?

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4. What is your position in your library?

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5. How many colleagues are you?

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6. How big is the population you serve?

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7. Describe shortly your library and its context and give some statistics!

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8. If you are not working in a library, what is your position in your workplace?

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9. If you are not working in a library, describe how and why you connect to the library field!

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10. What are your thoughts of the importance of the libraries in your country today?

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About the project

1. Have you heard about the project Stronger Together?
   □ Yes  □ No

2. Have you seen any changes since it started?
   □ Yes  □ No

3. If so, which changes?

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4. Which are your main expectations of the project?

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5. Which are the challenges for the project during the next three years?

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6. What do you think about the future of our project?

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Your name and institution (optional):

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