



Collaboration between French speaking university libraries of Belgium and university libraries of developing countries since 2004

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for

ARES-CCD

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Commission de la coopération au développement

(before 2013 : CIUF-CUD Commission Interuniversitaire Francophone – Commission
universitaire pour le développement)



Six campuses in Belgium

Université catholique de Louvain

since 1425, ... at Leuven
and since 1973, at Louvain-la-Neuve and Brussel Woluwe
more recently in other locations



Louvain-la-Neuve

Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium) : 14 faculties

(2015-2016)



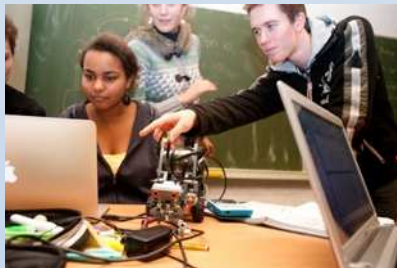
> **Human Sciences** (15 773 students)

Law and criminology
Economic, Social, Political Sciences and Communication
Louvain School of Management
Philosophy, Arts and Letters
Psychology and Educational Sciences
Theology



> **Health Sciences** (7 753 students)

Medicine and Dentistry
Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences
Public Health
Motor Sciences
Veterinary Medicine



> **Science and Technology** (5 330 students)

Sciences
Louvain School of Engineering
Architecture, Architectural Engineering and Urbanism
Biological, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering

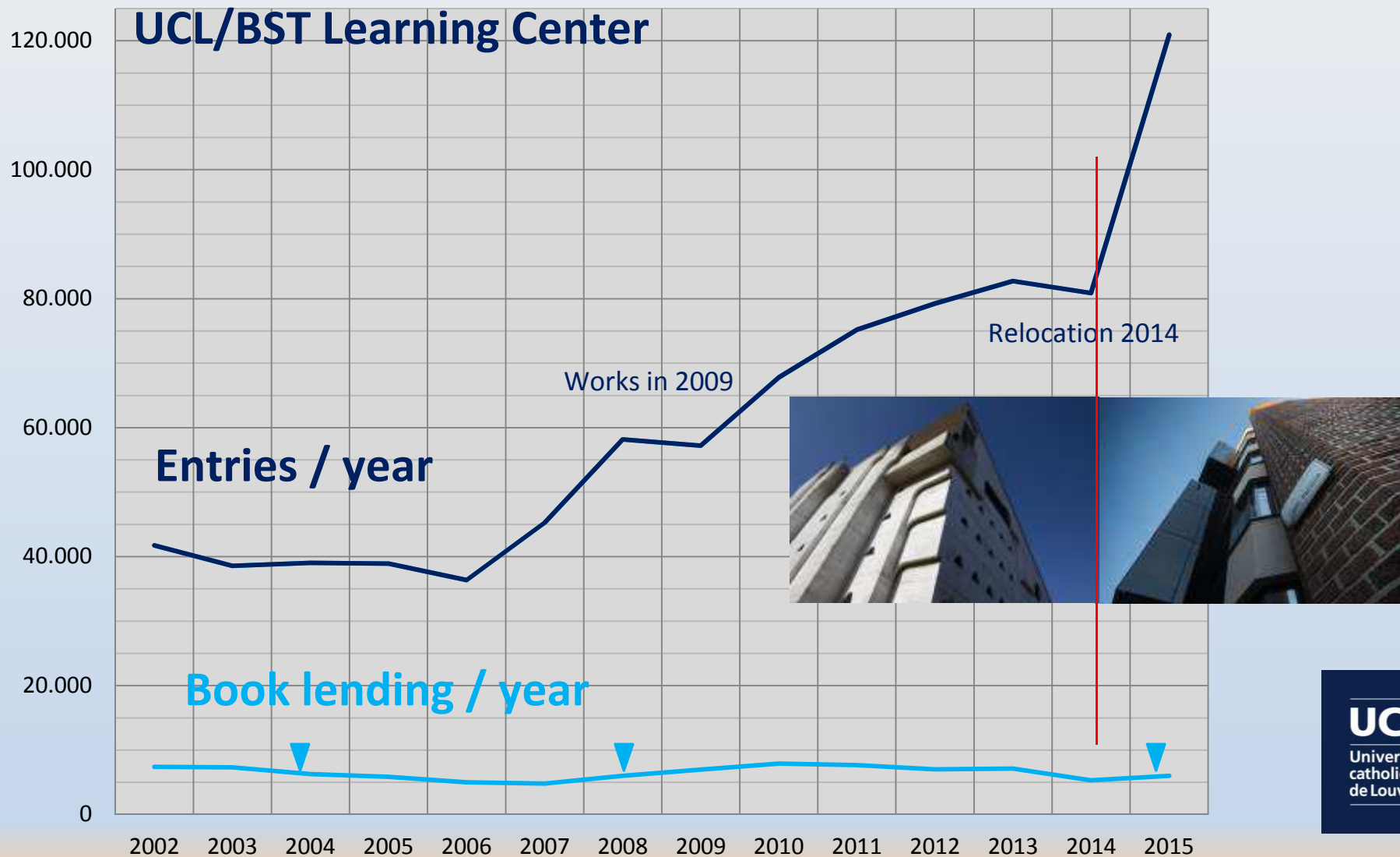


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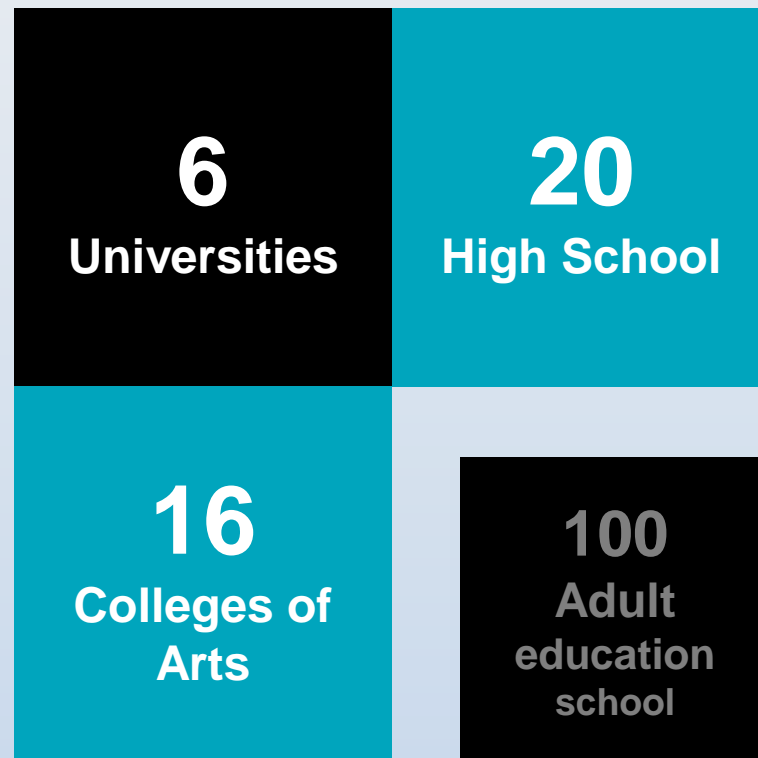
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ACADÉMIE
DE RECHERCHE ET
D'ENSEIGNEMENT
SUPÉRIEUR

ARES, the Academy for Research and Higher Education (07-11-2013)



- » Public interest body
- » Brings together the **42 French-speaking higher education institutions** of Belgium
- » And 100 adult education school
- » Carries out **general coordination** while preserving autonomy & specificities
- » Organises the **dialogue** & promotes **collaborations** at national & international level
- » Supports HEIs in their **Teaching, Research & Community service** missions
- » Strengthen **visibility**

12(+3) Standing committees

Mobility	Information on studies	Success
Development Cooperation	International Relations	Student Life
Sustainable development	Quality	Research Valorisation
Statistics	Libraries & common services	Lifelong Learning

- » Prepare the **deliberations** on the topics they are dedicated to
- » Members chosen for their **expertise**: academics, teaching & research staff, technical & administrative staff, students...
- » **Students** comprise **50%** of 2 of them (Success & Student Life)





The ARES-CCD mission

“ ARES-CCD FOSTERS PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF WALLONIA-BRUSSELS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE SOUTH TO STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR TEACHING, RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MISSIONS, AND TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL AS DEVELOPMENT ACTORS ”

- » Strengthen and highlight the contribution of HE & Research to sustainable human development
- » Place collectively the academic expertise at the service of development
- » Commit as an efficient and reliable partner of the Belgian Development Cooperation



The ARES-CCD approach

“ Strengthen the capacities of our academic partners with a view to OWNERSHIP

/ OWNERSHIP

“ Support PARTNERSHIPS to increase help EFFECTIVENESS

/ PARTNERSHIPS

“ Commit in line with the principles of academic AUTONOMY and right of INITIATIVE

/ INITIATIVE

“ Commit in the LONG TERM to ensure the SUSTAINABILITY of our actions

/ SUSTAINABILITY

31 M€

Annual budget for academic development cooperation / funding by the Belgian Federal Government

= 13.5% Belgian non-governmental Development Cooperation





Collaboration between our university libraries and our partners in university **libraries** of developing countries since 2004

- Objectives and expected results
- The team
- The partners
- The budget
- **The activities**
- The impact
- Prerequisites and pitfalls of cooperation projects.



Objectives and expected results (Logical framework)

ARES-CCD

As a partner of the Belgian Cooperation to Development the ARES supports **partnerships** between higher education institutions of the Federation Wallonia-Brussels, Belgium, and some institutions of developing countries

to strengthen them in

- their **missions of training missions, research and service to society,**
- and in their role as actors of development.

Expected Results

ER1 : Skills and capacities of partners are strengthened or mobilized by cross-cutting approaches in thematic, technical or management areas : Libraries, Governance, IT, ...

ER2 : Cooperation networks between universities are strengthened at national or international level

ER Reinforcement of the quality of research
Overall management of enrollment and school career

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Subresults expected for library activities

Before 2013 :

1. the number of **information resources** is increased
2. the **services** to users are improved
3. the **quality** of libraries management is improved
4. the skill and **qualification** of staff are improved
5. the **user's awareness** to digital and information literacy is improved
6. the **spaces**, infrastructures and furniture in libraries are improved
7. the computer and **IT equipment** are increased
8. the **network** and the collaborations between libraries are organized

After 2013 :

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9. specialized courses at the **methodology** of documentary research are developed
10. specific services for research are developed : **ILL**, supply of scientific papers, etc.
11. scientific staff is formed to scientific writing and **bibliographic tools** (Zotero,)

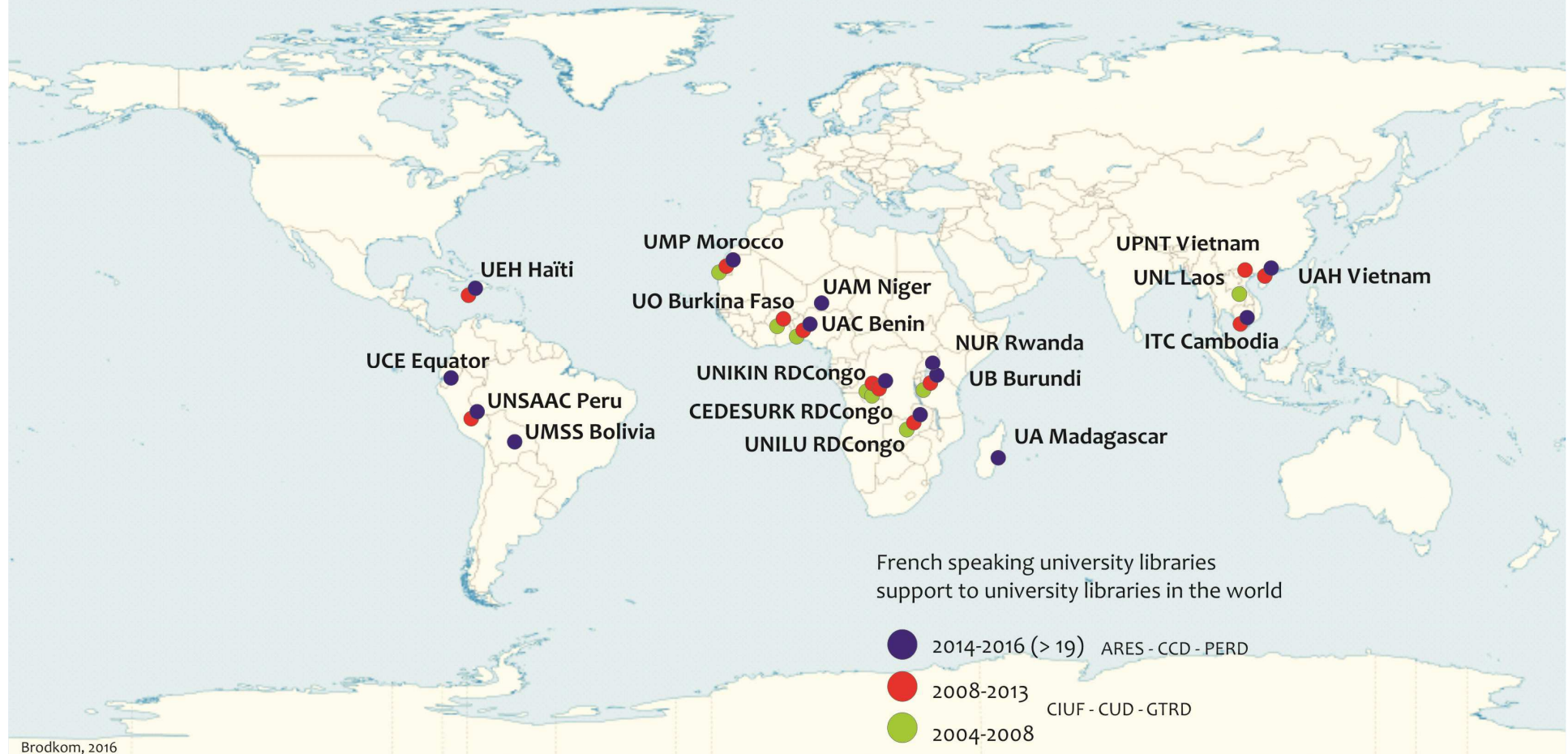


Examples of this presentation are from ...

Université d'état d'Haïti (Haïti, Port-au-Prince)
Universidad Nacional San Antonio Abad de Cusco (Peru, Cusco)
Universidad Mayor de San Simon (Bolivia, Cochabamba)

Université de Kinshasa (RD Congo, Kinshasa)
Centre de doc. de l'ens. sup., univ. et de la rech. (RD Congo, Kinshasa)
Université Abdou Moumouni (Niger, Niamey)

National University of Laos (Laos PDR, Vientiane)



Brodtkom, 2016



The budget :

Actually, a budget for libraries and resources of ~ **40,000 EUR / year** is open for **each partner**.

Allowable expenses :

Investment budget

- > Computers, scanner, photocopiers,
- > Shelves, tables, chairs,
- > Small infrastructures : group rooms, reception desk,

Operating budget

- > Books (included expedition if purchased in Belgium)
- > Stationery, toner cartridge, pre-payment cards for cellular, ...
- > Learning sessions : lunch, location of materials,
- > Subscription

Travel & subsistence expenses

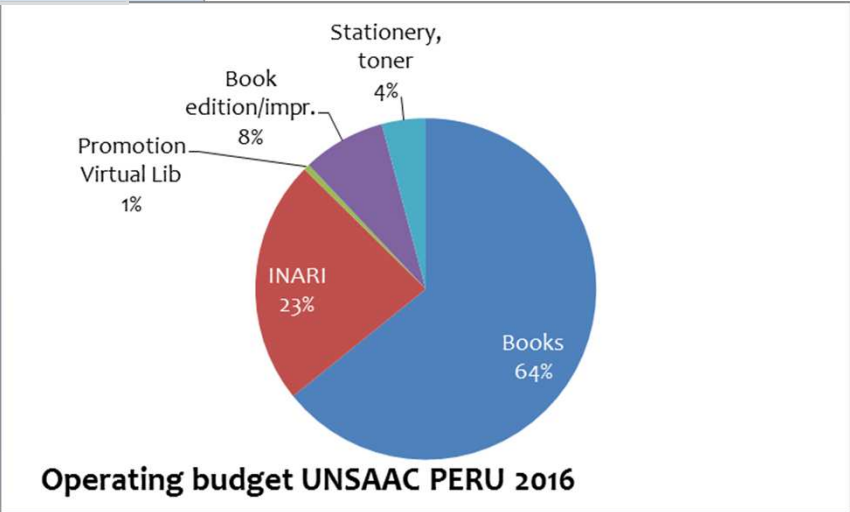
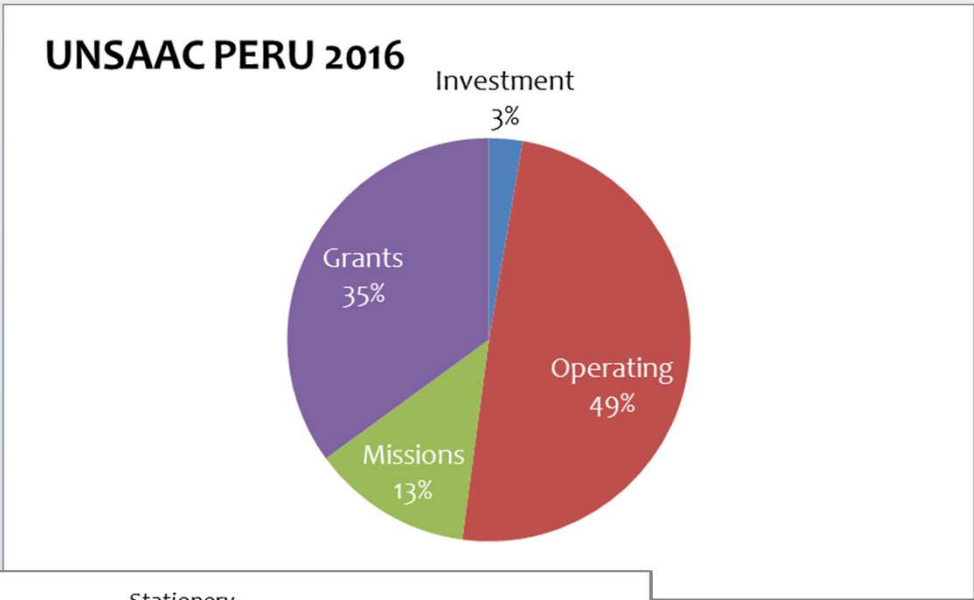
- > N/S missions (1 > 3 /year for 5 > 10 days)
- > S/N missions (2 missions/year of 1 – 2 librarians for 10 days)

Grant/awards for studies and training courses



UNSAAC Peru 2016 : total budget 469,177 EUR for 6 activities + coordination
Activity R5b for Libraries : 42,837 EUR (9,1 %)

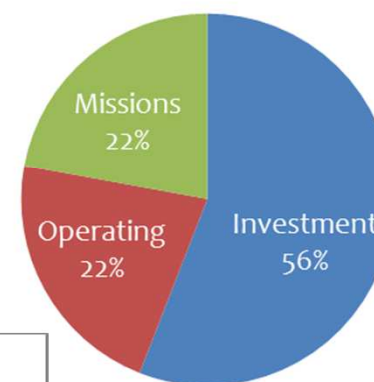
Investment	€ 1.150
Operating	€ 21.175
Missions	€ 5.512
Grants	€ 15.000
	€ 42.837
Books	€ 13.850
INARI	€ 5.000
Promotion Virtual Lib	€ 125
Book edition/impr.	€ 1.700
Stationery, toner	€ 900



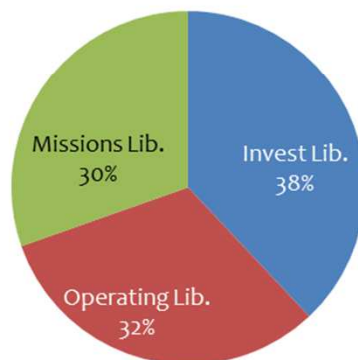
UAM Niger 2017 : total budget 447,727 EUR for 4 activities + coordination
Activity R3 for IT & Libraries : 91,846 EUR (20,5 %)

Investment	€ 51.375
Operating	€ 20.150
Missions	€ 20.321
Grants	€ 0
	€ 91.846
For libraries	
Invest Lib.	€ 13.700
Operating Lib	€ 11.400
Missions Lib.	€ 10.958
Grants Lib.	€ 0
	€ 36.058

UAM NIGER 2017
Join activities IT and Libraries



UAM NIGER 2017 Libraries only



Library activities

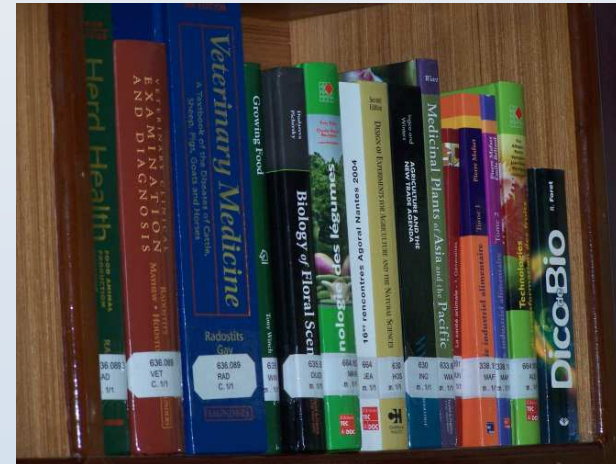
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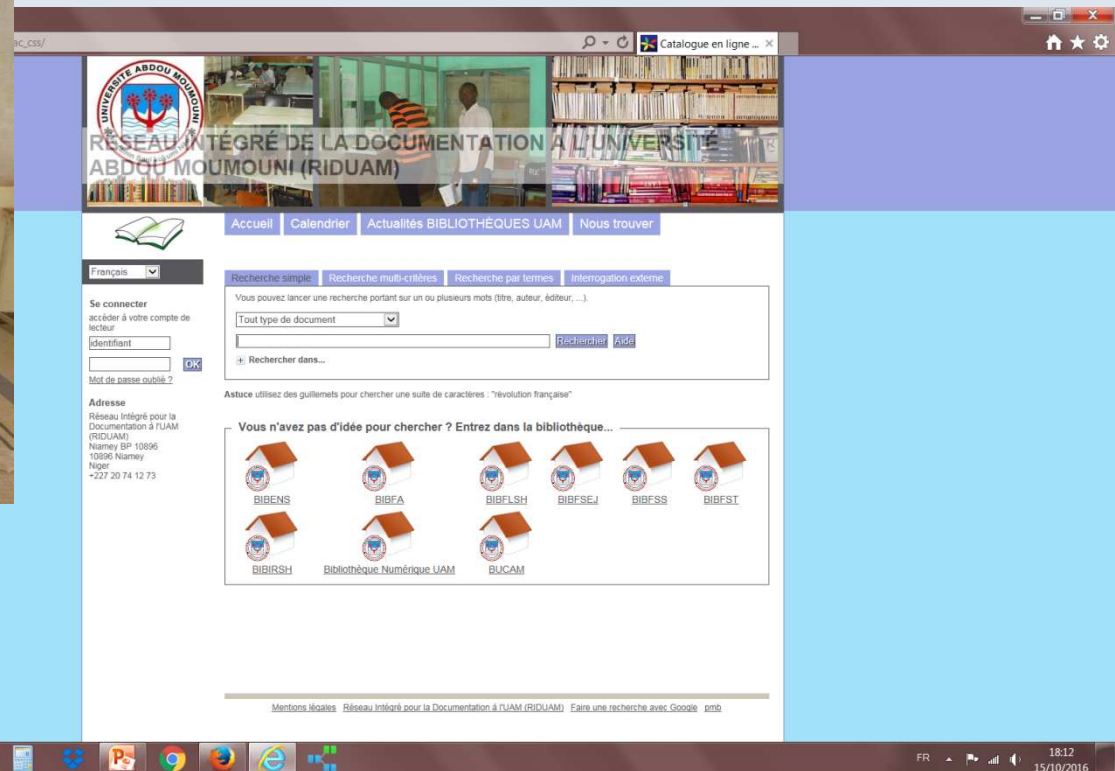
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Library activities

2. the services to users are improved (reception desk, support in libraries, e-resources)

- Catalogs in open sources : KOHA, PMB
- Development of web site and e-resources

Results for Library activities

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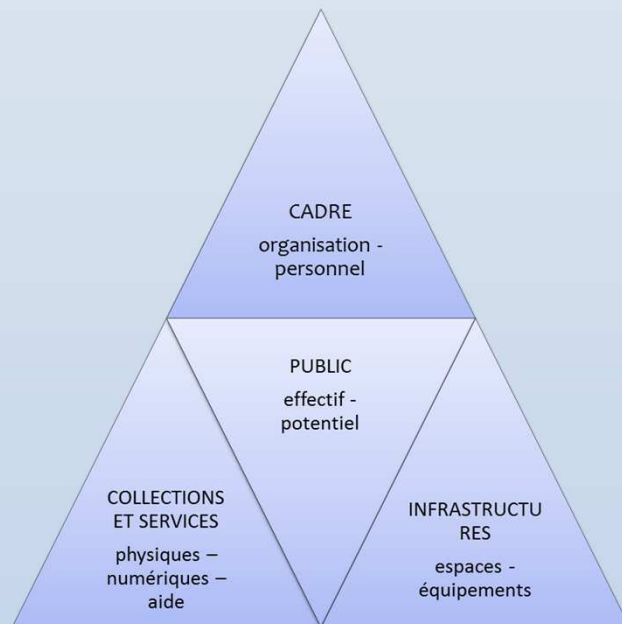
- Learning sessions for staff : how to be (*really*) welcoming at the reception desk
- Open access to libraries and free circulation in the collections



Library activities

3. the quality of libraries management is improved

Communication between librarians and authorities and librarians
Learning sessions about Excel, (biblio)metrics, ...
Advanced courses in people management
Management of projects (Logical framework, Outcome Mapping)
Long stay sessions all librarian managers in Belgium
Accounting and inventory, managing surveys



Library activities

5. the skill and qualification of staff are improved

English courses for librarians (front-desk and back-office)

Workshops for binding and reparation of books

Cataloguing, indexing

First steps ... in the Internet

Documentary research

...



Results for Library activities

6. the spaces, infrastructures and furniture in libraries are improved

After commitment of good practices !



Library activities

6. the spaces, infrastructures and furniture in libraries are improved

Desk chair, tables, ... for librarians

Shelves

Tables/chairs for lecture room

Air conditioning splits

Reception desk

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Rooms for working in groups

Technical support after disaster
(Port-au-Prince 2010)



Library activities

7. the computer and IT equipment are increased

PC's, printers (and electric inverter) for librarians

PC's for consulting catalog in libraries

Photocopying equipment and scanner

Equipment for sans-blind students

Library Card printers

IT rooms for students

Data projection,





Library activities

8. the network and the collaborations between libraries are organized

Central services of libraries (including the Digital library team)

Defining and finding a University Librarians

Merger of libraries that are closer (ex. Nursery, Medicine, Odontology ...)

Creating Working/Focus Groups with employees and managers from different libraries to manage projects or activities :

ex. Communication & Marketing

Library Management system : PMB, KOHA (settings, norms, ...)

Basic preservation & disaster (prevention, preparedness, response)

Regulation (single rulebook)

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International collaboration

- To avoid duplications
- To pool budgets
- To complete learning sessions in French
- To share projects
- ...

- Universidades Carlos III & Complutense de Madrid, ... and AECID)
- Bibliothèque sans frontières (France)
- Université du Québec à Montréal
- SIDA Sweden
- Agence universitaire de la Francophonie





The impact :

On research > services to society

500 PhD completed in the partner universities during the last 10 years with our support (methodology of doc. research, access to new resources, ...)
250 completed & ongoing **collaborative research and training** projects for development

On education > quality of knowledges and diplomas

Alternatives resources to academic courses and syllabi
New spaces for studying and working in groups, access to IT equipment
Better bibliographies in thesis, increasing autonomy of students

On governance >

New good practices of team and library management
New skills for librarians and increasing of the personal motivation
New place for libraries in the universities/faculties

An the impact on our own skills



Prerequisites and pitfalls of our cooperation projects

internet connections

misappropriation (custom difficulties)

In the university !

a reliable institutional long-term support

conflicts between local faculties which manage libraries and the university
authorities in charge of the cooperation projects

lengthy administrative and accounting procedure

And the people

difficulties of ownership by some local teams (partners)

difficulties in finding volunteers (in Belgium)

a strong IT support with a team dedicated to libraries

Collaboration between our libraries and libraries of developing countries allows to building **bridges** connecting ... peoples, cultures, education and research practices, our visions of development, ...





Thank you for your attention

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