Key Approaches to enhance equity and through integration of indigenous knowledge and practices in research, training and development

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Areas of possible interventions

- Institutional Framework
- Community – Academia interaction
- Academia - Private sector – NGO interaction
- Entrepreneurship development
Institutional Framework

- The institute is post graduate research centered
- University hosts the Institute as semi autonomous
- Relevant Faculties collaborate and build research teams
- The basic concept is available for sharing other institutions to access, adjust and implement

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A sketch of Institutes components
Community – Academia interaction

- Joint applied research
- Community lead research
- Legal advise and advocacy on benefit sharing agreements
- Student attachments – IK Holder attachments
- Capacity development for Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Holders
- Scholarship provision for children of IK Holders in relevant fields for development from within
Community Outreach Centres

- Provide space for IK bearers & scientists’ interaction
- Student placements and familiarisation with the reality
- Peer Programme for students with IK Bearers over a longer period (1-3 years) regular interactions
- Model farms & processing units will be established for adopting research technologies in practical solutions for community adaptation
- Community based joint training and research
Community Outreach and Up scaling

1. Community Centre Cultural Area
2. Community Centre Cultural Area
3. Community Centre Cultural Area

Spin off Institute in other Regions

MUST Institute of Indigenous Knowledge (IIK)
Academia - Private sector interaction

Community having challenges in various aspects of life

Participative Problem Identification

Joint Researchable Topics Development

Collaborating Universities

Post-graduate Research Topic

Under-graduate Research Topic

Students
Value Chain Development – Herbal Medicine

Medicinal Plants for Climate Mitigation, Health Care, Livelihood & Economic Empowerment

- In Situ and Ex situ Conservation
- Microbiological and antimalarial assessment
- Post harvest handling and value addition
- Institutional development and group enhancement
- Economic Empowerment, Value Chain development and enterprise development
- Business skills development and capacity building
- Publication and dissemination of research findings

Documentation of medicinal species and usage (Research work)

- Value Chain Development
- Herbal Medicine
Stakeholder involvement in Entrepreneurship development

- Input dealers
- Traditional Healers
- Traditional Healers Organisation or Group
- Farmers Collectors
- Access Protected Areas
- Government Policies
- Micro-finance
- Pharmacies Drugstore Markets
- Markets
- Patients, Service User
In summary:
Institute of Indigenous Knowledge

- A “One Stop” location for research, training and development innovations and options
- A place for knowledge exchange and joint research between IK practitioners, scientists, students and policy makers
- Integration of indigenous people in local governance and citizen participation
- A centre for transferring knowledge from the old to the youth – Academic and Communities, policy to economics
- Honorung / uplifting and utilizing the development potential of local communities for mutual benefit
Let's put our hands (and brains) together for Integrating Indigenous Knowledge and Practice in Local Governance

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Ke a leboga - Webare - Apwoyo matek - Kea Leboha - E Se Shukhran - Asanteni - Tackar så mycket - Merci – Dankie Danke schöne - Thank you

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