Proposed Role of Libraries in Information Access: Case of Kenya

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Introduction

Access to information in Africa and globally is the backbone of good governance.

Globally, over 106 countries
Over 17 of them being from Africa
In Kenya, Access to Information Act, 2015 was passed in view of article 33 and 35 of the Kenyan Constitution, 2010

Key reasons for IA:
Improves transparency and Accountability
Provides data driven decision making
It is a platform for innovation that generates economic and social value

Role of Libraries:

Provision of Information and Media literacy skills

Training the public and developing their ability to identify, obtain and make use of available information.

Use and care of Tablets provided by the government of Kenya

Bridging the Digital divide

GOK digital literacy Programmes 1.2 m tablets
91000 Primary school teachers trained

Lifelong Learning

Improves the mind
Helps with individual’s self esteem
Creates opportunities for a better jobs

Lobbying and Advocacy

Lobbying
Campaigning
media
coalitions

Partnership
Connection
Associations
Collaborations
Unions