Transforming libraries to support research for innovation and development
Background

Kenya National Library Service (knls) Board was established after the realization that for the government to succeed in the fight against poverty, disease and ignorance and achieve social justice, human dignity and economic welfare for all; There was need to create a special purpose library service agency to majorly ensure:
Access to information and promote reading for knowledge, information and enjoyment;

To participate in campaigns for the promotion of sustainable literacy
Knls Board Mandate

The core mandate of the Board is to facilitate access to library and information services to all Kenyans.
In line with Vision 2030, knls aims at providing access to library and information services to support sector wide research for innovation and development by all Kenyans.
Strategic intervention

Knls strategic plan has identified 26 counties that have no libraries at the county headquarters.
Existing Library Network

So far knls has a network of 59 branch libraries (21 at county headquarters, 38 community based libraries located in rural areas).

- The network serves over 11.1 million customers annually. This represents 26% of the total national population spread in only 34 counties.
- The total library network book collection stands at 1,247,401 volumes valued at Ksh.562,360,398.
Modernization Program

Kshs. 672 million has been spent on the establishment and expansion of library and information services since 2006, when the Board embarked on its modernization programme.
Murang’a County Library
Buruburu library
Children reading at Buruburu Library
Citizens queuing for Information Services at Buruburu Library
Nakuru County Library
Narok County Library
Wundanyi Library - Taita Taveta County
Dzitsoni Community Library - Kilifi county
Laikipia Community Library
Information access for all ages
Mobile library Services
Reaching the unreached
In search of knowledge
The National Library of Kenya – Old Building: Nairobi
In search of knowledge
The proposed National Library of Kenya
-DESIGN CONCEPTS-
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DRUM SIGNIFYING
- COMMUNICATION
- KNOWLEDGE
- GET TOGETHER
SUSTAINABILITY
- maximum day lighting
- water harvesting
- use of solar energy
DESIGN CONCEPTS

LIBRARY IN THE DIGITAL AGE
-DESIGN CONCEPTS-
LIBRARY FOR ALL AGES
-VIEW FROM HAILESELASSIE AVENUE/ NGONG ROAD
“Drum” reinforcements

Ground floor reinforcements

Ground floor reinforcements

Mezzanine floor shuttering
- STATUS OF THE PROJECT-OCTOBER 2012

*Escape staircase B on ground*

*Ground Floor steelworks*

*Excavations*

*G.F slab reinforcement*
Way forward

Develop a sound infrastructure to support:

- Preservation of documentary cultural heritage for posterity,
- Research for innovation and development,
- ICT connectivity to ensure that there is WAN for all public libraries in all counties,
- Timely completion of the ongoing National library of Kenya which is a vision 2030 flagship project through enhanced funding.