

Furniture

Partner organisation	SASOL FOUNDATION
Country	KENYA
Fieldwork period/year	2012
Disciplines	Furniture
Title of the assignment	Promoting new furniture designs
Area of work, region, housing, accommodation, transport	Students will be working in Mulango polytechnic. Accommodation at Mulango polytechnic. Transport by public service vehicles (matatus) or by taxi where possible organised by SASOL.
Organisation(s) (NGO, training education institute, community)	SASOL, Kitui Community, Mulango community
Context, situation, problem(s) (regarding sector program)	Due to the fact that the world is changing, demand for new fashions, designs and models is quite high. However, most of the polytechnic graduates are not creative enough to make designs that can meet the high market demand. Coming up with new furniture designs through innovation & creativity will therefore enhance the skills of the polytechnic trainees thus meeting the high furniture market demand. A research on other possible materials for making furniture & finishing processes is also a key accompaniment of the new designs thus making the assignment necessary.
Objectives (project and program level)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To come up with new furniture designs2. Research on furniture materials



Brief project description including major activities

diversification & furniture finishing processes

3. Making models
4. coming up with new furniture designs & Making models as a practical experience for furniture students

A design is the planning that lays the basis for the making of an object or system. It helps one to originate & develop a plan for a structure or the desired product. A model is physical representation of an object & may work like the object that it represents

Activities under objective 1

1. Visiting furniture making workshops
2. Material mobilization
3. Working with mulango polytechnic students to come up with new designs.
4. Producing furniture models
5. Research on the best finishing processes.
6. Reporting

Activities under objective 2

1. Guidance, supervision and discussions with technical supervisors
2. Involvement and discussions at all steps and levels by both Dutch and Kenyan students for exchange of knowledge
3. Participation in multicultural events
4. Reporting

Expected results (project and program level)

1. New furniture designs
2. Furniture models with finishing done
3. Students should be able to design and draw new furniture designs



4. Students should be able to design and fabricate a briquette machine.
5. Students should have the ability to communicate and relate across cultures.
6. Exchange of knowledge between the Kenya and Dutch students and also between all the students and the community.
7. Give recommendations for the next team.
8. A draft report.

Project facing

First week – Orientation

Level Dutch and Kenyan students/graduates

In between weeks – Project activities

Last two weeks – Report writing

Supervision and guidance (name(s), function)

University, Higher Education,
Secondary Vocational Education –
graduates or undergraduates,
Polytechnic students

Evaluation and progress meetings
done after every two weeks by SASOL
staff.