

Global South - Research on OER for Development, Metasynthesis

Research on Open Educational Resources for Development

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Overview

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Overview

ABSTRACT

The Research on Open Educational Resources for Development (ROER4D) project was a four-year (2013-2017), large-scale networked project which set out to contribute to the body of research on how Open Educational Resources (OER) and address the primary research question: Whether, how, for whom and under what circumstances can engagement with open educational practices and OER provide equitable access to relevant, high-quality, affordable and sustainable education in the Global South. The project engaged a total of 103 research team members in 18 sub-projects in 21 countries across South America, Sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia, coordinated by a central Network Hub. The research work culminated in an edited volume, *Adoption and Impact of OER in the Global South*.

A primary contribution of the edited volume was the metasynthesis of sub-project findings, published as *Factors influencing Open Educational Practices and OER in the Global South: Meta-synthesis of the ROER4D project*. The aim of this synthesis was to distill key themes emerging from sub-project research and to identify (a) Educational challenges pertinent in the Global South context (b) Claims about OER as a mechanism to address these challenges (c) OER and related open educational practices observed in the sub-projects, as well as the structural, cultural and agential factors influencing those practices (d) Any impact that could be attributed to OER adoption in addressing educational challenges. The 13 sub-project chapters from the edited volume comprised the primary data source for the synthesis, with final research reports being utilised in two instances where there were no associated sub-project chapters.

KIND OF DATA

Qualitative and quantitative data

UNITS OF ANALYSIS

Other

Scope

NOTES

The metasynthesis used sub-project reports and chapters from the edited volume *Adoption and Impact of OER in the Global South* of the ROER4D sub-projects as its data, coded according to the analytical framework.

KEYWORDS

Education, South Asia, Open educational practices, Global South, Open educational resources, Metasynthesis, South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Africa (Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe), Asia (Afghanistan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, The Philippines), South America (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay)

GEOGRAPHIC UNIT

The data is at the level of the individual educational institution.

UNIVERSE

The study covered students and educators at secondary and tertiary institutions across the Global South.

Producers and Sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATOR(S)

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Research on Open Educational Resources for Development	University of Cape Town

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Name	Abbreviation	Role
International Development Research Centre	IDRC	Funder

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Data Collection Mode

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Data Collection Notes

This data was collected from the pre-peer reviewed chapters and reports produced by ROER4D sub-projects. Subsequent to coding, the chapters underwent a production process by edited volume publishers; therefore quoted excerpts in the edited volume may differ from the coded excerpts in this dataset.

Data Collectors

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Research on Open Educational Resources for Development	ROER4D	University of Cape Town

Data Processing

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Data Appraisal

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ROER4D dataset description

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