



Answers to seven questions about Online Theological Education Summarised per country

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SUMMARY OF ANSWERS

- 1 Numbers: Three of the four Angolan schools attended totaling 12 people. IBK has no internet reception.\
- 2 Evaluation: all very positive, entrance to a new world.
- 3 OTE: The 4 Angolan schools are all set to embark on OTE.
- 4 Internet: Two schools (IBK & SED) do not have access; ITIERA is moving to Kinkuni where it is not good; ISTEL in Lubango has relatively good internet. Electricity is not dependable anywhere in Angola.
- 5 Covid-19: Government closed all tertiary institutions down with severe lockdown in and around Luanda. No opening of restriction soon.
- 6 Finances: All institutions in dire straits because income is linked to student fees. In Luanda (ITIERA) it is pretty bad because they can't get food from their congregations / farms into the city.
- 7 Other: Request for OTE lecturing requested. In other words: Lecturer exchange via Zoom or something similar.

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SUMMARY OF ANSWERS

- 1 Numbers: 10 of 11 attended (the one not attending had in-house training in OTE on site!), 25 people in total.
- 2 Evaluation: Overwhelmingly positive with emphasis on how practical it was and the feeling of being networked as one big family.
- 3 OTE: Two to three schools had some form of OTE for certain programs but all eleven schools are into implementing OTE now.
- 4 Internet: Seven schools in and around Nairobi are positive and functional; four schools need IT support and help.
- 5 Covid-19: All Kenyan schools had to close down from March 20 to at least 2021. Thus they has to go online. Several schools have international students stranded on their premises and struggle to help these students.
- 6 Finances: Sad picture: Two institutions report “surviving”; Three had paycuts of more than 50% of salaries plus retrenchments of all part-time staff; Six are in crisis which means there is little or no salaries at stake. The reality of OTE imply that laptops are actually essential – and all schools hare a dire need of getting laptops to all educators.
- 7 Other: A number of very good suggestions surfaced: * What about OTE online lecturer exchanges? *We need help in doing pastoral care virtually / over the Internet; * Webinars for staff development in all aspects of OTE please; * A number of institutions needs assistance on upgrading all facets of IT; * A pandemic like this illustrate the importance of good theological training – health & Wealth & Prosperity stuff is suddenly nowhere on the horizon; * How can one help students access the internet (internet fees help); * The cry for financial help to survive is everywhere.

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SUMMARY OF ANSWERS:

- 1 All 5 institutions took part, 15 people present.
- 2 Evaluation: Real appreciation for the practical step-by-step introduction covering all skills-needed areas of OTE.
- 3 OTE: Since the government closed all tertiary education facilities the five Malawian schools were forced to introduce OTE. All are in the process of doing so.

- 4 Internet: Generally this is good and electricity also. In the big cities it is better than more rural areas (JMTI & ZTC).
- 5 Covid-19: All schools were closed from 23 March and may open beginning September again.
- 6 Finances: One school (Chancellor University) is government-supported and as such staff salaries are paid but the other four schools are in dire straits being unable to pay staff. Malawi, being a poor country, live from hand to mouth, meaning the students fees are directly related to their farming families selling their produce. This system is severely interrupted by lockdown and as such staff salaries can't be paid because there are no students at school paying student fees.
- 7 Other: Like most countries there is a **very real need for laptops for staff** (because of OTE) and smartphones for students. Those that did not get Barnabas Fund financial support asks "Why not?"

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SUMMARY OF ANSWERS:

1. Ten of the thirteen schools attended with 141 lecturers taking part in the workshop...an average of 14 lecturers per institution. The Nigerian cooperation and involvement in questions and answers were outstanding.
2. Evaluation: Those that could not be part are very sad that they missed it and would love to have a second chance. There is sincere appreciation for this interactive workshop and very good suggestions for follow-up ones (Check Hugh Goldie's suggestions).
3. OTE is a sold-out concept in Nigeria, it is seen as a game-changer and absolutely needed. For some institutions it implies first steps in a new world, others are already running. Summer schools are popular in Nigeria and those who had the infrastructure did it online because of the pandemic restrictions. It is interesting to see that there are some schools who has all the expertise needed and are knowledgeable about all the technical stuff.
4. Internet ... and in Nigeria the next word is: "electricity." Two to three schools are at first steps but most are well on their way with the biggest problem the absolutely unreliable electricity supply and / or the price of fuel for generators. Solar energy seems to be the only reliable answer to 80% of Nigerian schools. Another point that is also a problem in other countries is the number of students in rural areas that are out of cell phone reach and thus complicates OTE.
5. Covid-19 plus Islam attacks: The lockdown in Nigeria is basically the same as everywhere else but they have, in at least half of their schools, the scourge of ethnic and Islamic attacks. Both lives and produce are lost because Fulani herdsmen attack, kill and destroy farmland.
6. Finances: In almost all NetACT schools the reality that with students at home no income is received from student fees and as such the main source of income for most seminaries runs dry (90+% of income is from student fees). Implications are: libraries can't buy books or access info; staff are paid "a percentage" of their salaries; staff leaves to return to parish ministry where they still get at least food (and some pay); food prices has gone up everywhere; the few schools helped by BF in Nigeria

had one month of pay... for which they are truly thankful; the electricity problem and cost curtail OTE; Schools with gardens tended by staff and students have at least something to eat if the crops are not ruined by Fulani herdsmen and cattle.

7. Suggestions: the number one call from Nigeria is reliable internet / electricity; Secondly finding ways to fund OTE and for that also to upgrade facilities and have **laptops for lecturers**; request: is there a way of paying less for soft ware licences and access to info for libraries? Rethink and write about the prophetic role of the church because a lot of our problems should have been addressed by the church earlier than now! We need good, well-equipped internet centres at all our theological schools.

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SUMMARY OF ANSWERS:

1. The five institutions were represented and by three people.

In summary: the four universities are state-funded and as such were in a much better position to handle the pandemic and immediately switch to OTE where they are all making good process and using OTE on all levels. A University like NWU has a lot of experience in doing OTE and will be able to help other institutions. Huguenot College is a private, basically church-owned institution that dealt with all the challenges faced by schools elsewhere in Africa. Reading their report testifies to a quick and efficient switch to OTE. NetACT NetACT Internet Portal is housed at HC ... which has state of the art IT equipment and all the necessary infrastructure to support it.

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ANSWERS:

1. Numbers: One attended with 4 representatives the other one was not able to get to internet and could not attend.
2. Other points: South Sudan has gone through a terrible time and needs all our help and prayers. The resilience of its peoples and the two schools that are NetACT members, is simply remarkable. Nile got internet access in town and in the week of writing the report, Wi-Fi. They are onto OTE and catching up at speed. In comparison St John's is struggling because they are "alone" – they cannot communicate. This is a very sad reality.

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ANSWERS:

1. Numbers: One institution, MTC, did attend with five representatives. We got three reports, RCU seems to be bankrupt and closed. The situation in Zimbabwe is such that one cannot expect things to be normal. In general: the situation is very bad, politically and financially. Electricity and even the internet is not reliable. People are literally hungry because there is no food / there is no money. The larger church families, organizations and individuals are helping where they can. OTE is of course something like a "best option" in such circumstances but not even OTE can work when all systems fail. Our schools in Zimbabwe need our prayers and support.