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PUBLISHING AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST'S (ACPD's) CAPACITY
BUILDING PROGRAMMES IN THE MATOPO DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

Rural communities in developing countries in Africa are vast with talent and resources. The communities are able to sustain themselves as a result of innovative self-help projects with assistance from donor agencies and the State. The assessment of the effectiveness of the Africa Community Publishing and Development Trust's (ACPD's) capacity building programmes in the Matopo District affirmed this assertion.

The respondents to the questionnaires were selected from the Matopo District and four ACPD staff were interviewed. From the results it was established that the community libraries played a central role in the training of the capacity building programmes that include community publishing, local leadership and participation and local governance. The libraries also organised training workshops that were facilitated by community librarians. Enabling the community to identify and solve their problems was the strength of the capacity building programmes. The donor agencies and the State assisted with technical expertise.

Programmes that encouraged women like gardening, weaving, tailoring, cooking and baking were initiated so that more women could participate in community development.

The community librarian and the Area Co-ordinators evaluated and monitored activities and encouraged the communities to be self-reliant in their projects. The community had formed more study circles and income generating projects and solicited for study material