



Digitisation of NARO-generated and accessed information: The NARO E-library

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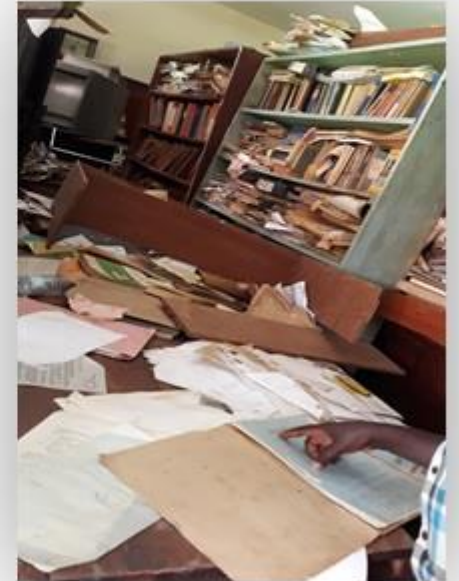
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Introduction

- NARO has produced a lot of documents since its establishment in 1992.
- The pre-NARO research system had also generated and continued to acquire a lot of useful books, journals, pamphlets, manuals, compendia, reports, leaflets, charts, posters, magazines, policy briefs, bulletins, maps, newspapers, photographs, audios, videos, and other forms of information materials.
- 13,000 resources
 - These support agricultural research and development (R&D) agenda

The Current Situation

- The information materials are:
 - Mostly kept in analog sources
 - Scattered within & across the various PARIs and NARO Secretariat
 - Sharing and utilisation of NARO generated knowledge by intended beneficiaries is limited - due to limited availability of research-based information on relevant digital platforms (e.g. NARO information Hub)



The Current Situation

- The information materials are stored and open to the elements hence prone to permanent damage or disappearance.



Intervention

- NARO has recognised the importance of having its information materials digitised and stored in platforms that ensure their wide use, sharing, safety, and their preservation for posterity.
- The process to digitise these materials has begun in earnest.
 - Print
 - CDs, Video VHS tapes, cassettes
 - Insectaries,
 - Herbarium
 - Artifacts
 - Others

Intervention ... contin'd

1. To transform NARO's valuable literary assets from the risky analog sources to the safer and easily shared digital formats
2. To improve document access by users -(indexing, cataloguing and uploading onto safe online spaces)
3. To facilitate access and sharing of key policy and administrative documents among NARO staff and other stakeholders
4. To optimize work and storage space

Intervention ... contin'd



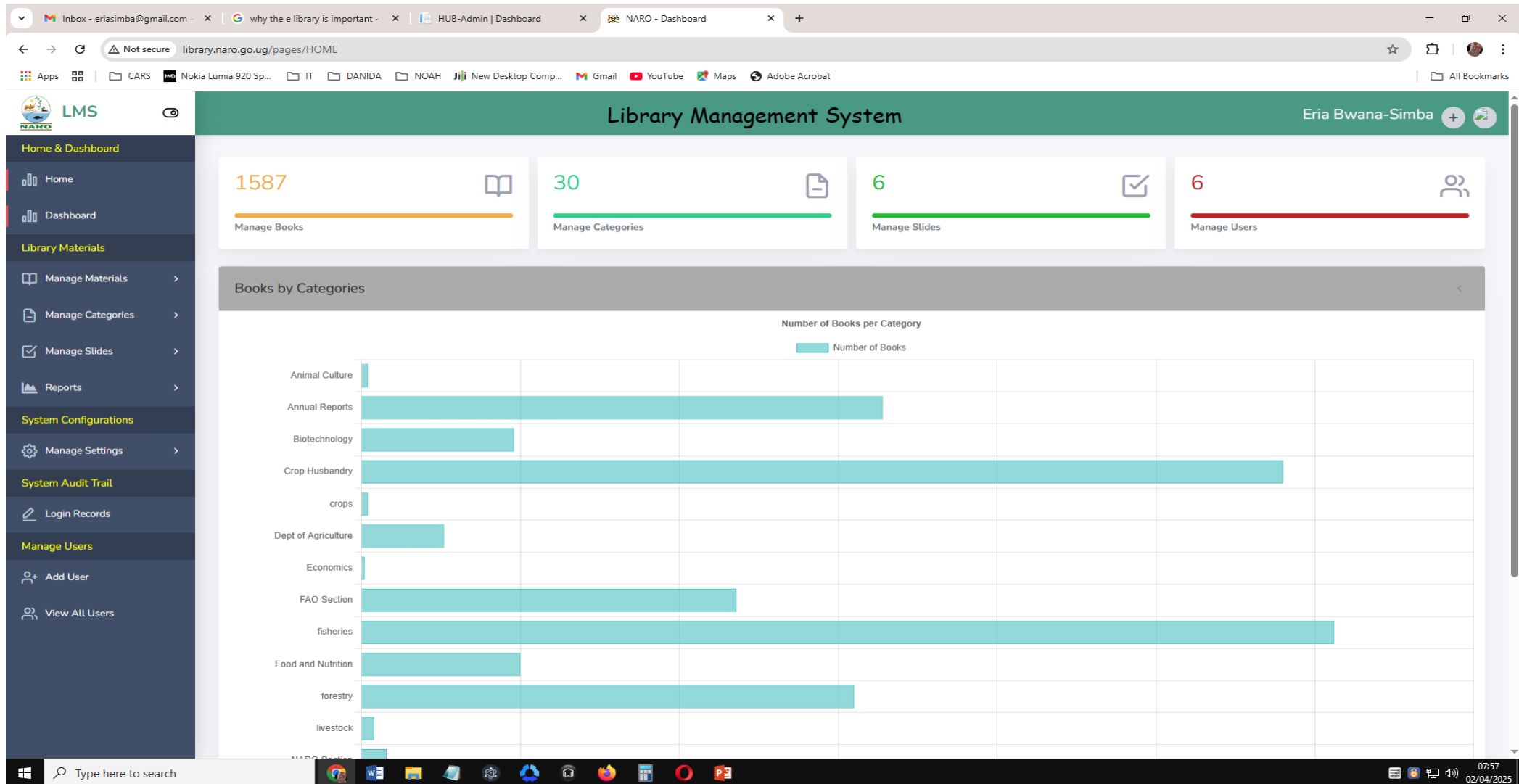
Results

1. NARO information materials and records digitised (scanned, indexed and digitally stored)
2. Digitised documents catalogued (meta-data for inclusion into NARO E-library in house Database and NARO Information Hub developed) and re-organised for easy access by users
 - <http://naroinfohub.naro.go.ug/repository> - 2350
 - <http://library.naro.go.ug/pages> - 1587
- 3. Administrative (human resource, and policy documents) records digitised and soft copies available on internal databases.

The Importance of the E-Library

- Preservation
- Accessibility –(Ease, Multiple Access, Remote access, round the clock access,)
- Automated Management
- Collaboration
- Ease of Update -
- Cost Effectiveness (No physical copies and space-saving)
- Unlimited Collection (No physical boundaries)
- Interactivity (forums, discussion boards, and collaborative spaces,)

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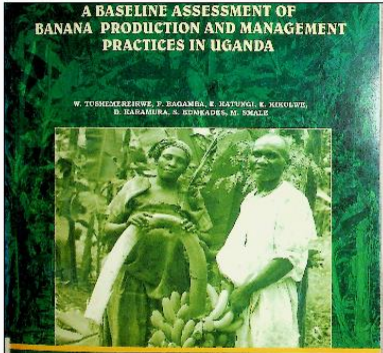
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Others

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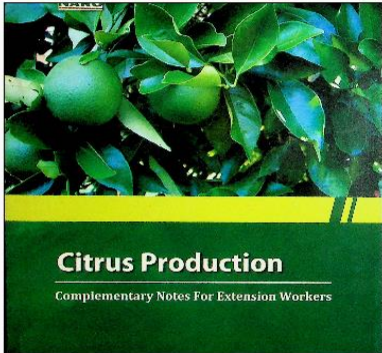
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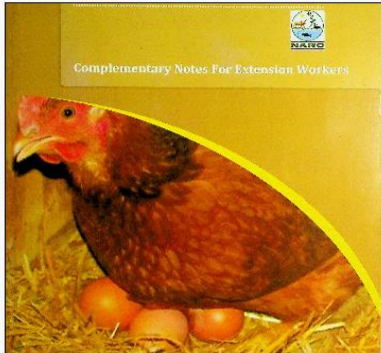


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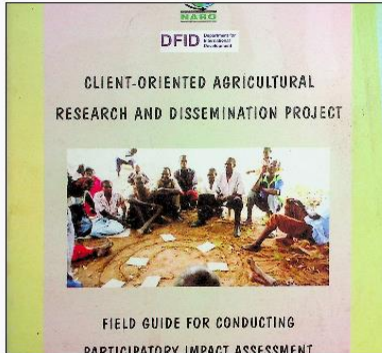


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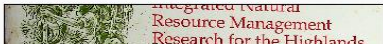
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The Next Steps

- Training of Cybrarians (Online Cataloguers and Indexers)
- Complete the Catalogue Entries
- Automating Management (cataloguing, indexing, access control, tracking, and preservation)
- Interactivity (Hyperlinks, multimedia resources, search functions)
- Collaboration with other Digital initiatives
- Acquiring more digital scanners

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