

Micro-project

Collective Intelligence Design Studio

Lecturers	Votes
This was a very good platform for software developers - starting something from scratch, to a working prototype	0
Masters students would benefit a lot from this process	0
At university, we do purely theory	0
I liked the multidisciplinary approach, my student did not picture himself in a project on water issues	0
This has helped my teaching career, I will be using this as an example to my students in class	0
I now see that we can engage more students, students of political science, hospitality, agriculture, etc.	0
As a department, we are now thinking of developing a research proposal focusing on addressing water scarcity in the ASALs	0
After this project, I discovered that every profession not just every profession but every individual has a role to play in the setup and implementation of whatever project because we get to synergize the ideas of different individuals and then this gives us a whole package that makes whatever it is that we want to do or gives us an outcome that is wholesome	0
I would really like to thank UNDP because the development model that we experienced working with them in the field is something commendable. They have the understanding that these problems that people are experiencing in our communities, they are the same people who have these solutions. So we have community-based solutions or community-driven solutions to the problems that they encounter	0
In this project, we were able to practically see how to convert technology into a solution that is of more impact to a localized user. That was the most important part, using technology to solve local challenges in close consultation with communities	0
I think towards the end of the project, there was a lot of practical aspects where everybody involved was in the field, seeing exactly what is there, and I believe now we can transfer that into a practical part, because if the county water officer, for instance, has all these challenges, has all these solutions, has all these abilities, then he'll be able to plan and go down to the ground and be able to implement this	0
The theory part was actually elevated by going down to the ground and listening to the people, collecting information, and also giving advice to a certain extent on how the water crisis can be resolved	0

One of the takeaways for us as KEWI is we can really create a lot of impact when we come together, different institutions, like Pwani, they don't deal with water, the community, those are people we can say from a technical perspective that they have no idea what our solutions and things are, but what they brought into the project really gave us an insight on the importance of having different stakeholders working together for a common goal, and it has more impact.	0
That's an interesting approach to research for an institution like KEWI. So that's also another takeaway that we will be able to implement going forward - the way we conduct our research, the way we conduct our outreach activities, and also the way we interact with communities	0
As academia, we also need to look at the gaps that exist and try to come up with solutions around some of the problems in Tana River County especially now that we are the only university close to Tana River. So, I think the project was an eye -opener and it's a challenge to us to try and provide solutions to some of these problems that are affecting our counties in the coastal region.	0
I really felt like I have been doing things not so wrong but wrong in a way because I found out that some of these students that I always see quiet in class have some of the best ideas only that they are not vocal, right, so you need to bring, you know, the minds of these people together and then you're going to get a whole package.	0

Students	Votes
Compared to my previous attachment, this engagement was more structured.	0
In a nut shell, I learnt more in 2 weeks than what I learnt in the 3-month attachment	0
What we did was hands on. I was able to contribute, make mistakes, get corrected and learn	0
I got to interact with resourceful industry professionals from diverse disciplines in one place	0
It was a learning experience, gained various skills that are not normally taught in class such as communication, negotiation, presentation	0
I didn't know that with this course I could also venture into community development and GIS	0
The 2-week engagement was incomparable to the attachment I had. Each day I got to learn something new, networked with various professionals	0
This was an exposure platform where we got to ask questions and get info on real world things	0

The networks available here present invaluable opportunities for future internships, jobs, further learning	0
This was an opportunity to connect with our lecturers in an informal setting, learn more from them and promote collaboration	0
During the 2 weeks, many new experiences and diverse skills were learned. The one-on-one learning from experts was engaging	0
My main highlight was how I was able to turn theory into practice	0
Engaging with different stakeholders has been of great help since they mentored me	0
As a student the experience was quite surreal because I was able now to implement whatever I had learnt in theory in class and at least put them in practice and appreciate nature	0
For me, as a sociologist, it was a good visit. And it was like a wake up call, because many things that I used to do in classes, it was now clearly seen, and practically, when I was in Tana River.	0
I've learned many things about research, about community entry, about the culture of other tribes.	0
I'm into research and advocacy and for this project I was able to do some research. We were able to do prototypes. After the data collection, we did data cleaning. I've never done data cleaning before but through UNDP I was able to engage in the process. It was really nice for me and I'm practicing it right now	0
This attachment through collective intelligence compared to the conventional attachment was quite involving	0
In a conventional attachment you only have maybe junior staff or maybe the senior staff or maybe two at most, but in this case we had a diverse group of professionals who were really humble enough to share their knowledge and expertise with us	0
Interacting with the professionals and other people from different fields gave us a rough idea of how to package ourselves professionally, how to handle ourselves while looking for a job and how to communicate with confidence	0
Through UNDP, I feel like I can now confidently apply for a job and explain myself well in an interview	0