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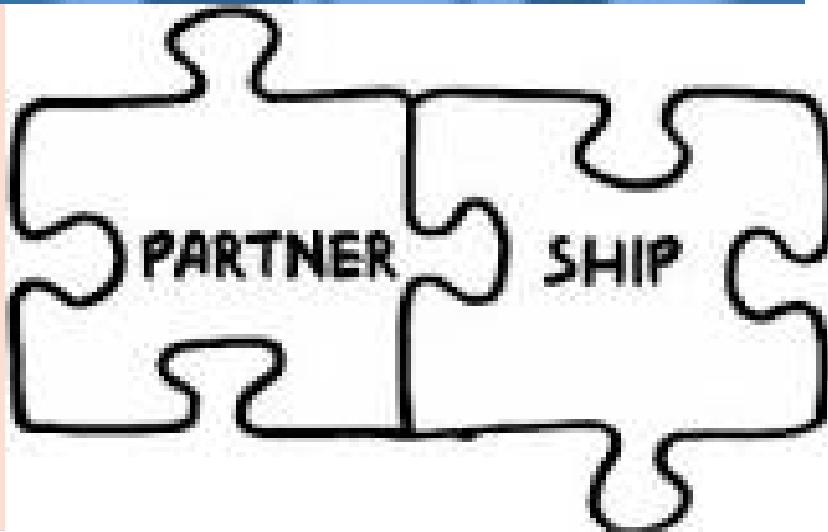
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What does institutional collaboration/Partnership entail?

- Regular communication, accountability, reports,
- Cooperation, willingness to compromise;
- University faculty has to understand and appreciate challenges of interaction with community agencies.
- The latter are occasionally ignorant about the workload and constraints faced by faculty.
- Possibility of unreasonable expectations on type and amount of work a faculty can devote to a project.

IMPLICATIONS OF PARTNERSHIPS

- Community agencies could be rigid or pessimistic and limited by history; tried before and failed
- Communication gaps between academics & grassroots communities; academics & practitioners;
- Teaching, research and community engagement are often considered as separate and independent activities with little or no connection between activities.
- *fragmentation/segmentation of knowledge*: there are boundaries between departmental & college structures in universities which remain strong; they are obstacles to interdisciplinary projects & collaborations.

IMPLICATION OF PARTNERSHIP

- Rigid and conservative university structures
- Autonomous culture of university faculty; reluctance to adopt new schedules and new modes of operations
- Isolation of faculty from mainstream community life
Lack of experience in dealing with communities
- Over-dependency on donor or government-based research funding
- Insistence of use of complicated jargons, models, theories and other academic procedures by university faculty in whatever they do

GROUP WORK ; PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

1. Who are the potential collaborators and partners for Ndejje University
2. Over what projects is the university likely to collaborate with partners
3. What do we offer to them/What do they benefit from us
4. What do they offer to us/how do we benefit from them
5. What language do we use? Academic or basic