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#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

- > 7,100+ languages spoken today globally (23 by half the world's population)\*
- ▶ 800+ million people around the world are considered low-literate learners
- Minority language speakers rarely get life-improving knowledge in their own language
- ► In developing nation countries significant numbers of people live in rural areas
- Digital divide
- ▶ Need for solutions are often nuanced in time, space, and through local "systems" of delivery
- ► Global experts who "hold" knowledge do not have the bandwidth to deliver knowledge broadly to the above groups
- ► PROBLEM How can we develop a systems approach to make expert knowledge available to people across countries, cultures, languages, literacy levels, and other divides? How can we do this in a scalable and cost-effective manner?

<sup>\* &</sup>lt;a href="https://www.ethnologue.com/guides/how-many-languages">https://www.ethnologue.com/guides/how-many-languages</a>

#### **Scientific Animations Without Borders**

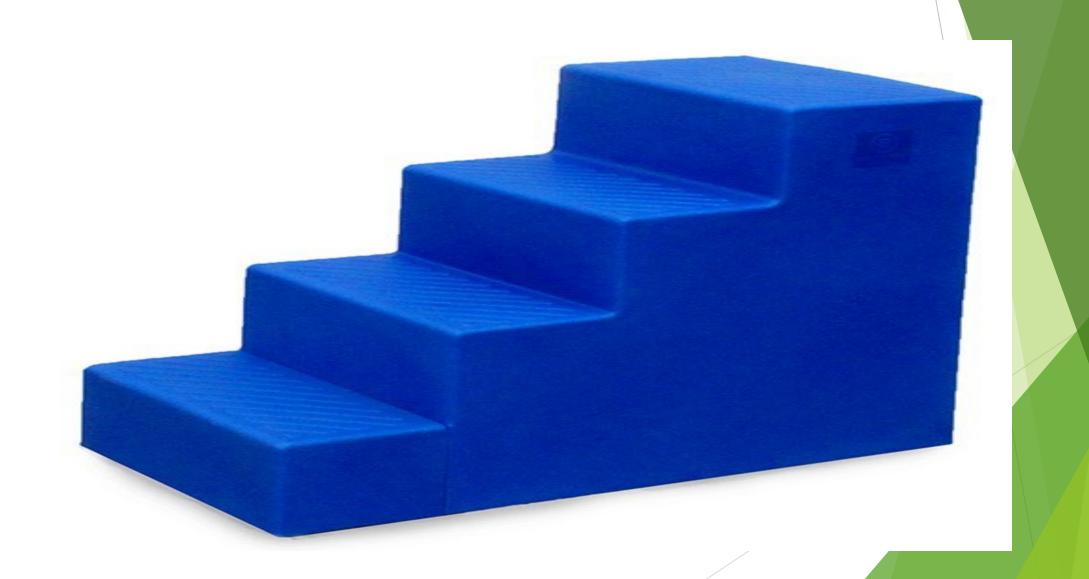
- ▶ 10+ Years in existence Now based at Purdue University Collaboration between ASEC and Entomology
- An academic exploration of "How can we develop a systems approach to make expert knowledge available to people across countries, cultures, languages, literacy levels, and other divides? How can we do this in a scalable and costeffective manner?"
- Practical program with practical impacts
- ► Research for Scaling Scaling for Research

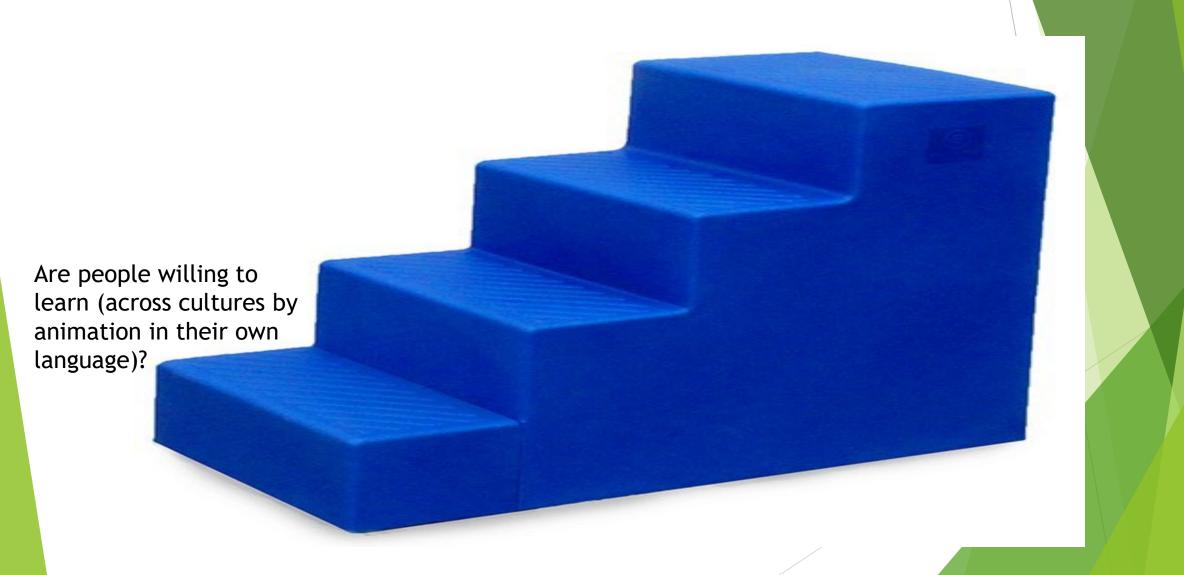
#### Research for Scaling – Scaling for Research

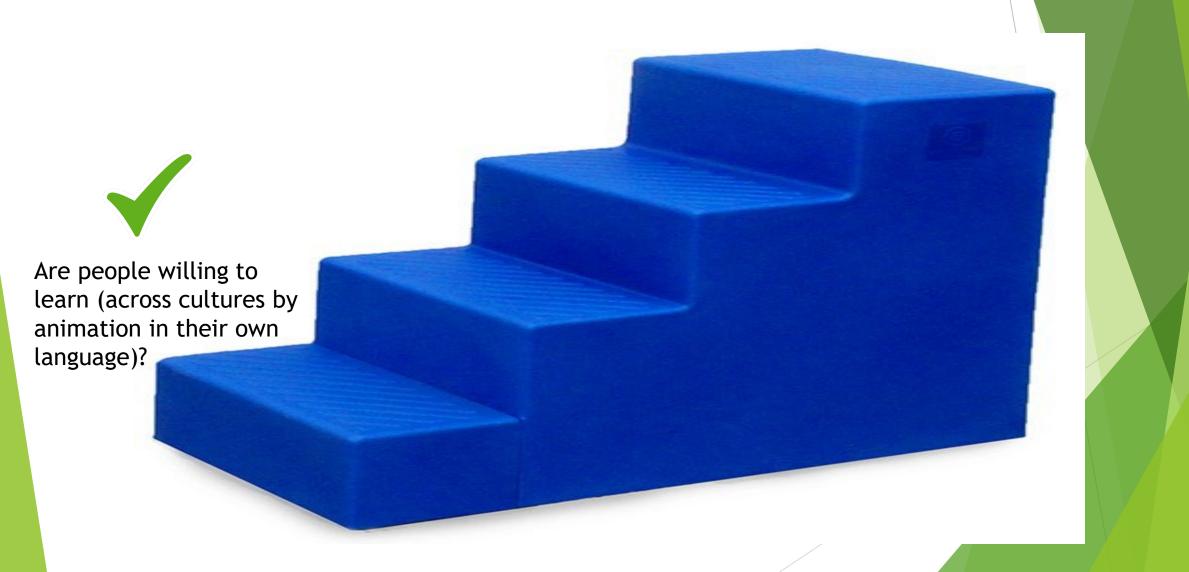
- ► Research provides the necessary recommendations towards content creation and best practices towards scaling
- Scaling efforts provide considerable data towards research
  - 1. 134,000 farmers in Bangladesh numerous parameters collected Able to develop computational models to predict parameters that will optimize gender balance time, place, trainer gender, etc.
  - 2. During COVID-19 crisis a "push of videos" to 11 million people through YouTube in four countries (Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya, and Bangladesh) revealed a highly cost-effective model to spread knowledge to people in over 100 languages on dealing with the COVID-19 crisis

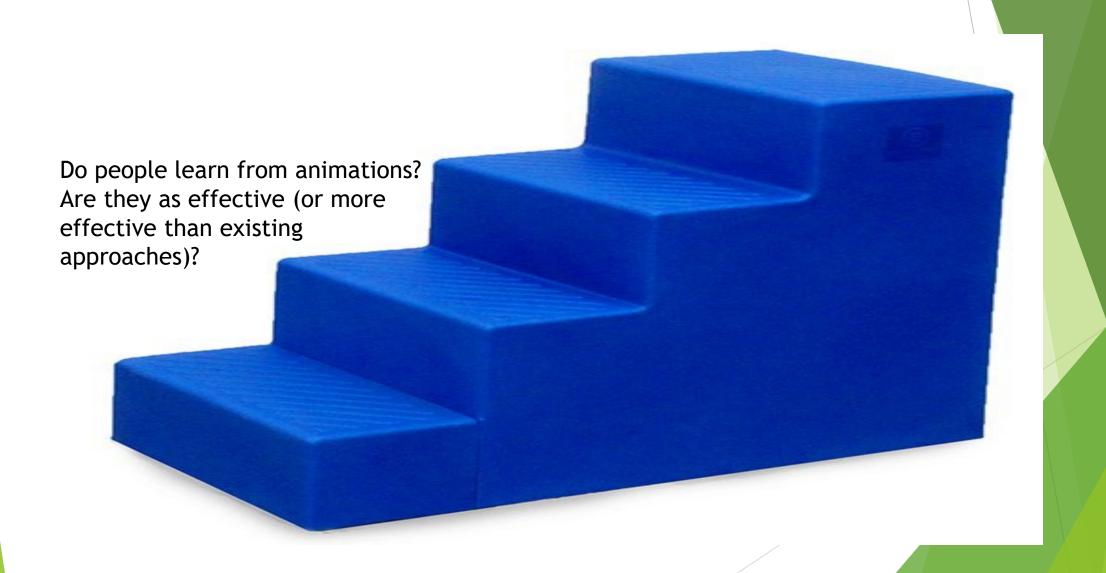
#### RESEARCH - A Decade of Fieldwork





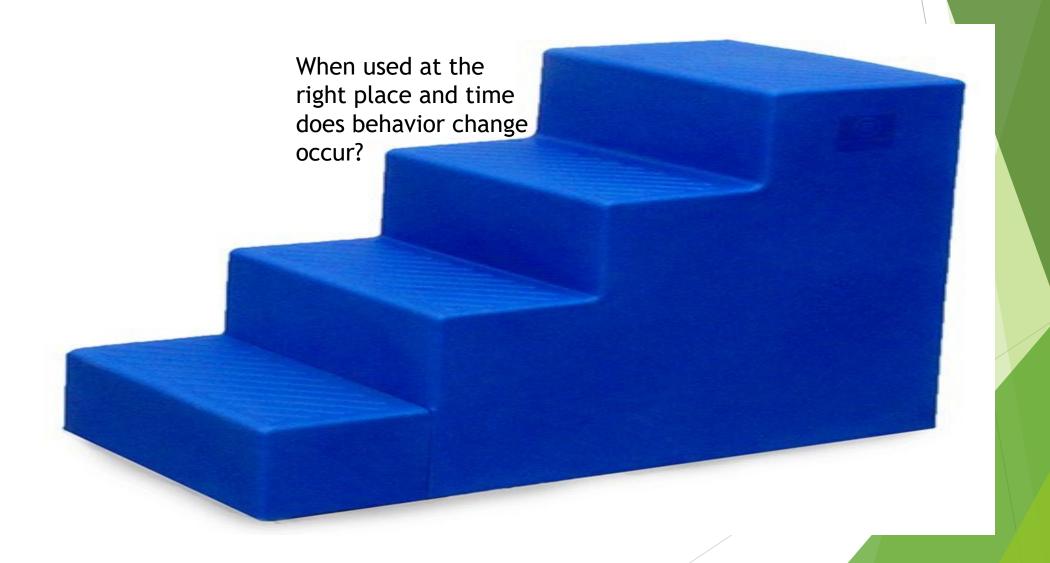


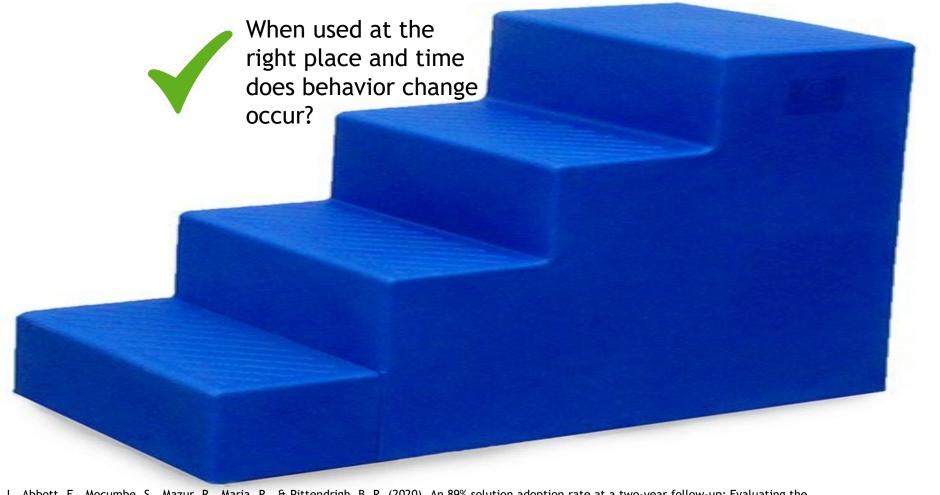






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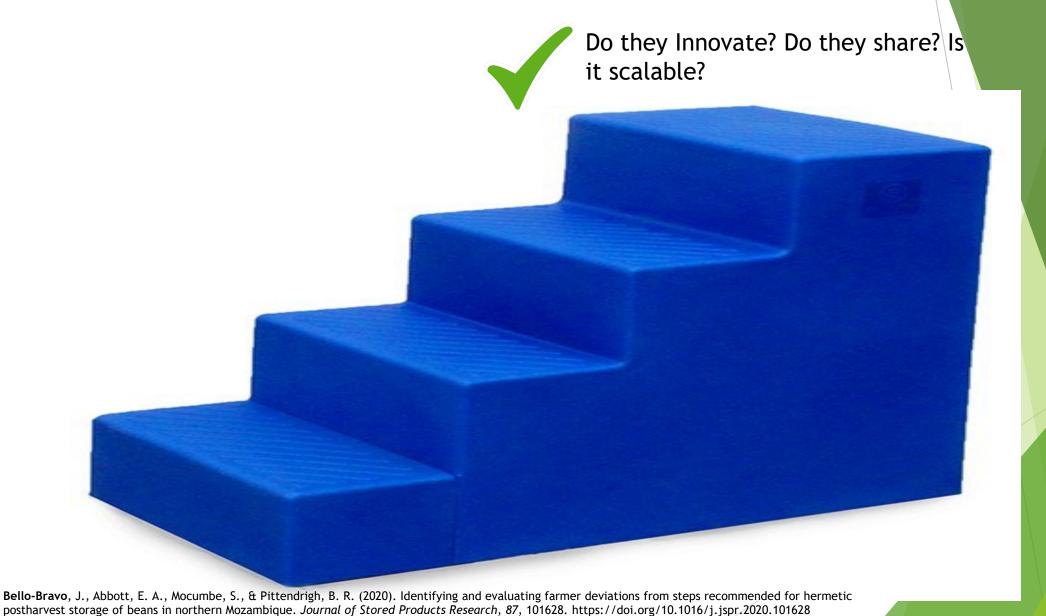




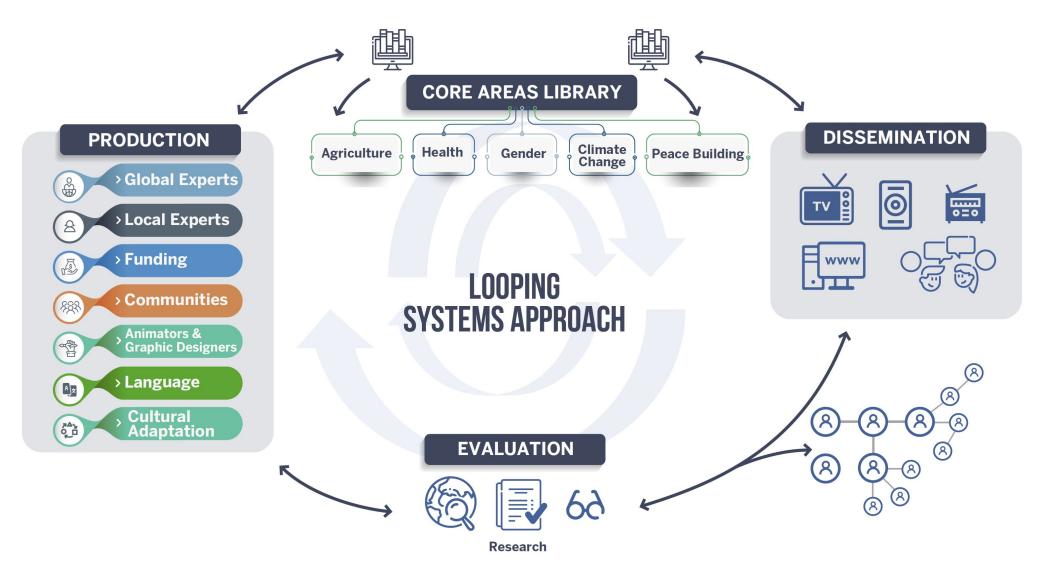
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Do they Innovate? Do they share? Is it scalable?





#### SAWBO'S SYSTEMS APPROACH



#### Where we stand with the system?

- ▶ 120+ topic areas of content, in over 260 languages, with known use in 130+ countries, with over 50 million known to be "touched" by SAWBO content (17 million YouTube views).
- Collaborations with FAO, the W.H.O., USAID, World Food Programme, numerous government and non-government organizations, TV stations, other formal and informal networks and organizations.
- > 35+ Peer-reviewed publications learning gains, adoption/adaptation, scaling
- ► Recent scaling efforts involves larger data sets (e.g., 134,000 farmers) current efforts on machine learning to optimize large-scale dissemination
- Recent 1.6 million dollar USAID grant allowed us to scale to over 10+ million people (online and offline) in four countries

#### Many other Groups Use our Content



College of

Medicine









Ministry of Agriculture Livestock Fisheries and Cooperatives







NIGERIA CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL







CTA

CURE

CRCHUM Creole Inc eGranary Pocket Library Farm Input Promotions Africa (FIPS Africa)

Federal University of Technology OWERRI (FUTO) Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Genomics to Improve Poultry (FTF GIP)

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for the Reduction of Post-Harvest Loss

Feed the Future Integrated Pest Management

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Global Health Institute at Stony Brook University

Global Shea Alliance (GSA) Global TB Program Global Youth Groove (GYG) Government of Canada

Governors State University

Healing Hands International (HHI)

Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer & Environmental Sciences (ACES)

In Tune for Life

Institut de L'environnement et de Recherches Agricoles (INERA) Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (INRAN)

Instituto de Investigacao Agraria de Mocambique (IIAM) International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)

International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-arid Tropics (ICRISAT)

International Potato Center (CIP)

Institut Pasteur de Madagascar

International Rivers Iowa State University

Iowa State University Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication

Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP)

Kansas State University (KSU) Legume Innovation Lab (LIL)

Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)

Michigan State University (MSU)

Michigan State University Department of Entomology Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Mozambique

Ministry of Health, Tonga

MKTV

Nation Soybean Research Lab (NSRL)

Nigerian Center for Disease Control (NCDC)

Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health

Njala University

Northwestern University

Peanut Innovation Lab, University of Georgia

Public Health Institute of Mongolia

Purdue Improved Crop Storage (PICS)

Purdue University (Purdue)

Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University (RCAH)

RONGEAD

Seeds of Change

Societas Entomologica Canadensis (ESC)

Stop TB Partnership TB REACH

SUMAQ Life

Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH)

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs The Guide Project UCSF Department of Medicine United Nations (UN) Universidad de Castilla La Mancha (UCLM) Universidad Nacional de CUYO (UNCUYO) Universite Dan Dicko Dankouloda de Maradi (UDDM) University of Connecticut (UCONN) University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) University of Illinois Cancer Center (UICC)

Texas State

University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System Hematology and Oncology

University of Illinois Hospital Health Sciences System

University of Illinois School of Information Sciences

University of Minnesota Extension

University of Nebraska Lincoln

USCF Institute for Global Health Sciences

World Health Organization (WHO)

YMCA University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

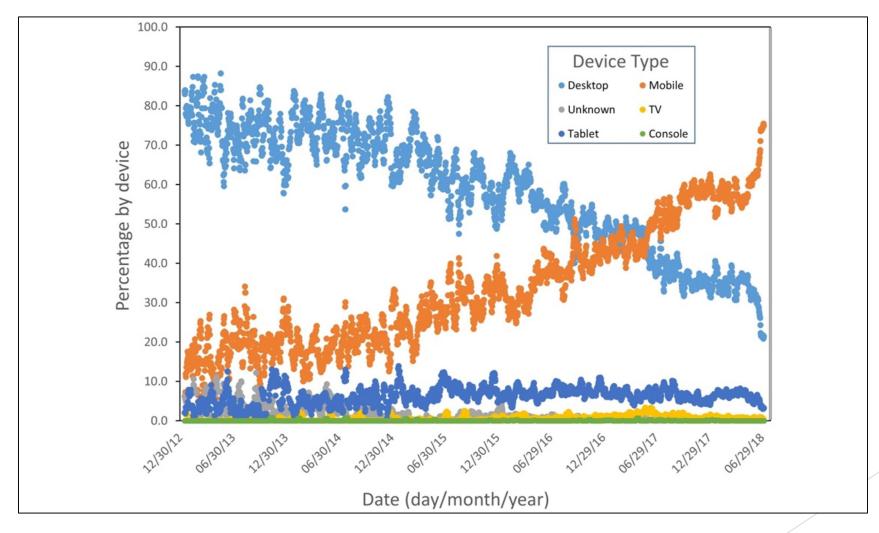






This data allows us to ask questions around diverse issues that drive scaling

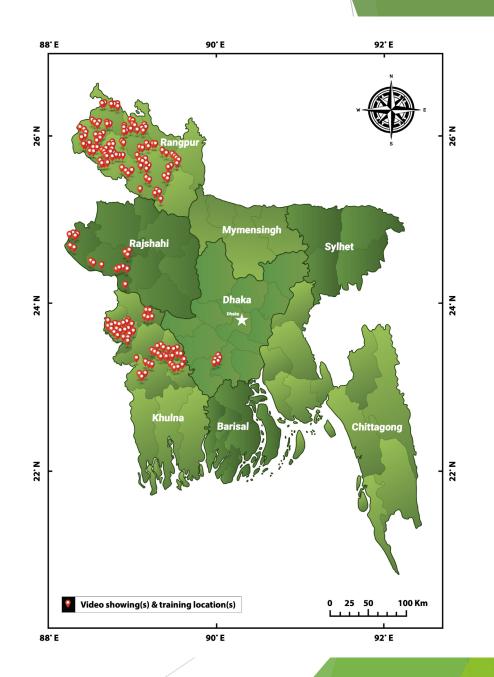
YouTube data allowed us to determine when smart phones overtook computers as the primary mechanism to access video-based educational content globally.



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#### Large-Scale Extension Events

- The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) trained 134,000 farmers in Bangladesh
- Collected data on events
- We looked at which parameters of these events optimized women participating in the trainings (gender balance)

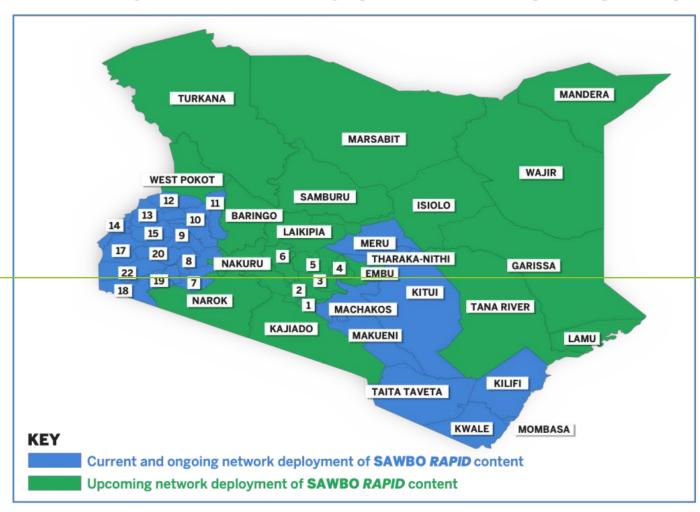


# 1.6 million dollar USAID grant allowed us to distribute content in four countries in 100 languages

- ▶ 10 million plus YouTube views, over a dozen TV stations, and local partner networks
- Whats App User groups
- Pre- and post-intervention studies in three countries to look at country-wide uptake of content

- Numbers do not capture full impact
- We traced movement of videos from networks to those that deployed locally to those that were impacted.

#### Kataru Concepts/SAWBO RAPID Deployment of Content by County in Kenya



- 1. NAIROBI
- 2. KIAMBU
- 3. MURANG'A
- 4. KIRINYAGA
- 5. NYERI
- 6. NYANDARUA
- 7. BOMET
- 8. KERICHO
- 9. TRANS NZOIA
- 10. UASIN GISHU
- 11. ELGEYO
  MARAKWET
- 12. NANDI
- 13. BUNGOMA
- 14. BUSIA
- 15. KAKAMEGA
- 16. VIHIGA
- 17. SIAYA
- 18. MIGORI
- 19. KISII
- 20. KISUMU
- 21. NYAMIRA
- 22. HOMA BAY

## Lessons learned (from our local deployment partner) hosting the WhatsApp groups

- Open communication with the members
- Freedom to ask questions and seek clarification on all relevant process
- Guidance from Kataru Concepts and SAWBO
- Team support
- Need for educative digital content that enhances peer-to-peer education
- Appreciation of individual effort inspire group productivity
- ► Testimonial from James Kataru creator of two WhatsApp group in Kenya
- "I shifted my preference and passion by Kataru Concepts Network from political content to real development. SAWBO content showed a flexibility in our society and proved that communities are constantly seeking knowledge to improve their lives."

Digital Divide (accessible to people without phones)



## Testimonials from one who shared SAWBO videos in the village

- ▶ People were excited to see educational content in their local language.
  - "For people in the villages this was the first time they had received educational information in their own language"

## Testimonials from a woman who watched SAWBO agricultural videos in Kenya

► Janet Adika watched the Jerrycan bean storage video in a training session organized by James Kamuye Kataru in June 2021 at Bulechia village, Kakamega County, Kenya.

"Since then, I have always selected the best from my harvest, and store it as seed for the next planting season less than six months away," says Janet.

#### Janet Adika

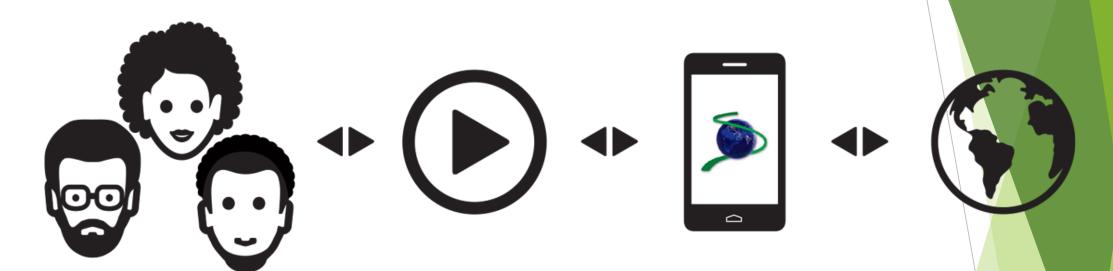
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What is the systems approach used by SAWBO?

## **SAWBO - A Systems Approach**



#### **EXPERTS**

We work with global experts to ensure the accuracy of our content, including:

- Virtual collaborations
- Volunteers
- Language experts
- Content experts

#### CONTENT

We are constantly growing with new content

- Library of Animations
- Over 120 topics
- Over 250 languages

#### SCALABLE DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

- SAWBO App (Android version)
- Extension System in Your Wallet
- TV Stations
- NGO's
- APIs for other groups

#### **END USERS**

- Dozens of Countries
- Dozens of partner groups
- Research studies
- Lessons learned in the field that provide critical input for new animations and new ideas to increase impact

#### **Experts**

- We have worked with hundreds of topic experts hyper-collaboration
- Most collaborations have been in virtual space
- Over 500+ language experts to get content into various languages
- ► Global Talent Student engagement



#### Content

























COVID-19 Pandemic: Marketplace - Market Leader



COVID-19 Vaccine: Protect Yourself and Your Community



COVID-19 Vaccine: Protect Yourself and Your Community -USA Version



COVID-19: How to Sell Safely in the Marketplace during the Coronavirus Pandemic





Dengue Prevention: Variant for Tonga



Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH)



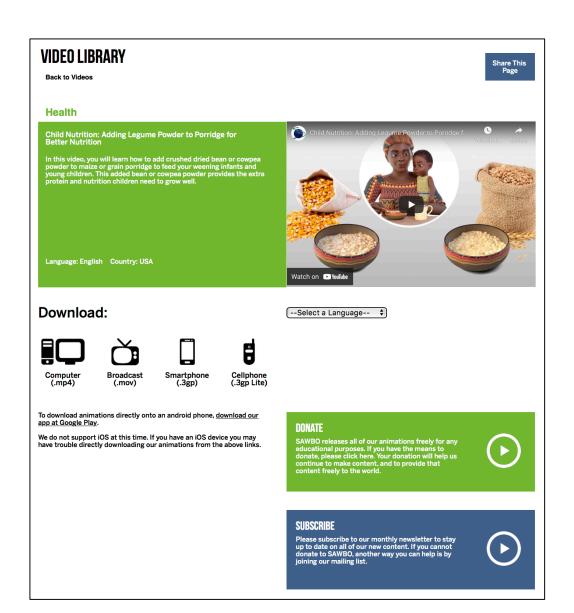








#### Content





#### **CORE TOPIC AREAS**



**HEALTH** 



**AGRICULTURE** 



**WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT** 



**CONFLICT RESOLUTION** 





















#### Scalable Deployment Strategies



- Reducing Transaction Costs/Pass-off to Those that Deploy:
  - ▶ 10 Million NGOs in the world, plus many other "scaling organizations"
  - Our goal is easy pass-off to others that <u>can and do</u> scale
  - Easy access to download from the SAWBO library
  - ▶ Our own App Download any video or combination of videos and use
- We study their scaling:
  - What works and what does not work
  - Innovations in scaling



#### ► Two Target Groups:

- Those that use content for themselves
- ► Those that use it in their educational programs
- People/Groups can choose what makes sense for them in a time/place/etc

#### We study their scaling:

- ▶ What works and what does not work Message and the Medium
- Innovations in scaling

#### **Individuals**

- Easily accessible globally
- Easily sharable locally
- Actionable steps
- ► E.g., Video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyOi7lzbqCU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyOi7lzbqCU</a>





#### **Graduate Students**



Kevin Thierry Affoukou, Doctoral Student



Mavis Akom, Doctoral Student

## Collaborators (Entomology)

Dr. Anne Lutomia

Severina Adames

Dr. John Medendorp

Dr. Christian Krupke

Dr. Barry Pittendrigh

#### Conclusion

- My program is focused on discovery of how to share scientific knowledge across cultures, languages, and literacy levels, inclusive of gender and across digital divides
- Using SAWBO as a system approach to address these questions - and scaling educational content as a practical outcome

## Thank you

