

Senior Fellowship for Dr. Saudah Namyalo: "A comprehensive bilingual talking Luruuli/Lunyara-English dictionary with a descriptive basic grammar for language revitalisation and enhancement of mother-tongue based education"

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The project will contribute towards the revitalisation of the endangered and mainly oral Luruuli/Lunyara language. Luruuli/Lunyara (ISO 639-3: ruc) is a Bantu language of the Niger-Congo family, spoken in the central region of Uganda. It is one of the most endangered indigenous languages of Uganda and will face extinction if not timely documented. The contribution towards the revitalisation of Luruuli/Lunyara will be achieved through writing a bilingual corpus-based Luruuli/Lunyara-English dictionary. It will be made available as a printed version, an online talking dictionary and a dictionary app for mobile devices. Since Luruuli/Lunyara is not described yet, the dictionary will include a grammar sketch with an overview of grammatical aspects of Luruuli/Lunyara necessary for compiling a dictionary. In addition, the project will undertake capacity building efforts among Luruuli/Lunyara community members and Makerere University staff. This will be achieved by offering training to community members in basics of recording and digitalization skills, transcription, dictionary making techniques as well as basics of computer literacy necessary for lexicographic work.

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