

In This Job You Need to be Flexible

My name is Carole Ruoro. For the past two years I have been the country representative for More than a Mile Deep (MMD) in Kenya, known locally as the Coalition of Theological Education by Extension in Africa (COTEEA). MMD is Entrust's partner organization in Africa. Besides coordinating the training and being the facilitator for several groups, I have just finished writing a course on *Income Generation*, which is now being edited.

I first heard about the MMD project through a brochure a few years ago. What captured my interest was the emphasis on learning competencies. Not just acquiring knowledge, but developing the skills and gaining the tools to be competent in the area one has studied. I liked the big picture: through God's grace and by using these competencies, we are able to transform society.

In this job you need to be flexible. When things don't seem to move you need to think "out of the box." I enjoy having the freedom to be creative. The most difficult phase has been the initial setup and pilot-testing of the first course, *Pastoral Guidance and Counseling in HIV and AIDS*. But we have already seen many wonderful projects changing people's communities, even before they have finished the first course. Now it is a big challenge to see people capture the vision for this type of holistic training, and then to tell them that we don't yet have all of the curriculum ready.

In five years we would like to see the MMD training program begun all over the country and to have others ask for our materials. I yearn to see the students making an impact on society by becoming leaders who stand up for justice, listen to God's voice and obey it.



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Mary Gardiner Brainard