

Library background

The Library of the Centre for Foreign Relations came into existence, when the Centre for Foreign Relations was established in 1978 by an agreement between the governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the People's Republic of Mozambique. In its establishment, the University of Dar es Salaam provided technical assistance by seconding a full time professional librarian, with a small collection of books based on Management of Foreign Relations. Initially the Library of the Centre for Foreign Relations catered for a small number of 23 diplomat trainees (16 Tanzanians and 7 Mozambicans) and staff. Most of these diplomat trainees were Foreign Service Officers and some officials from Statehouses of the two countries.

Thus, the number of library clientele increased tremendously from mid 1990s where the number of users grew numerically from tenth to thousands in 2018. This was a response to the expansion of Foreign Policy Constituency and the broadened interpretation of each country's requirements arising out of global changes; and the Centre was able to admit students from other countries, ministries, organizations and private sector. Following the massive transformation the Centre was undergoing, it envisages offering degree awards so as to reflect the constitutional provision.

The library offers its information services through various units namely Reader Services Unit, Technical Services Unit, Cataloguing and Classification Unit, Periodicals Services Unit, Acquisitions Unit, Electronic Resources (ICT), and Administrations.

Library Vision

To contribute to the Center's aspirations of being the most dynamic learning environment for Diplomatic and Strategic Studies within the regional.

For the purpose of achieving its future goal, the library of the Centre for Foreign Relations performs the following tasks:-

1. Provides current awareness on available resources to potential users and immediate accessibility to library collections
2. Ensures that its resources stay innovative, varied in breadth and type, open to access, and of high quality

3. Preserves different information resources, and maintains an excellent storage and retrieval system for the purpose of serving prospective library users.
4. Responds to the changing needs of library users so as to deepen the library best practice and to increase the ways in which clients can pursue inquiry.

To provide wide-ranging resources and services that support learning, teaching, and research requirements of the Centers' community.

Library mission

The Library strives to fulfill its mission through the following strategic approaches:

1. Determining the learning, teaching, and research needs of its users.
2. Maintaining collection development and creating tools which facilitate learning, teaching, and research activities.
3. Ensuring proper preservation and long-lasting availability and accessibility of library resources.
4. Creating friendly and collaborative environment for learning, teaching and research.
5. Build up, promote, and maintain expertise, skills, dedication and an inventive character in library's workforce