

# BUILDING STRONGER UNIVERSITIES – CHALLENGES AND OUTCOMES



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**Objective:** Strengthen the research capacity of universities in selected Danida priority countries = capacity building

**Thematics:** Natural resources, health, democracy/rights + administrative capacity

**Activities:** Courses/training, mentoring, mobility, limited joint research

**BSU III Partners:**

- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with AU, UC, CG Consult, Access 2 Innovation
- University of Ghana with AU, UC, CG Consult
- Gulu University (Gulu, Uganda) with AAU, RUC, SDU, UC
- Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College with SDU, UC, DTU, DTI
- Sokoine University of Agriculture with AU, UC, CG Consult
- State University of Zanzibar with AU, UC



# THE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY: AMBITION AND RATIONALE

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-Aim is to transform universities from predominantly teaching institutions with limited research, to become **research universities** where academic staff continuously engage in research, where teaching is based on research, and where research contributes to society's advancement

**Intended outcomes:** frameworks, systems, and practices for research, better able to engage with private and public stakeholders for the generation of new knowledge for addressing the social and economic problems.....

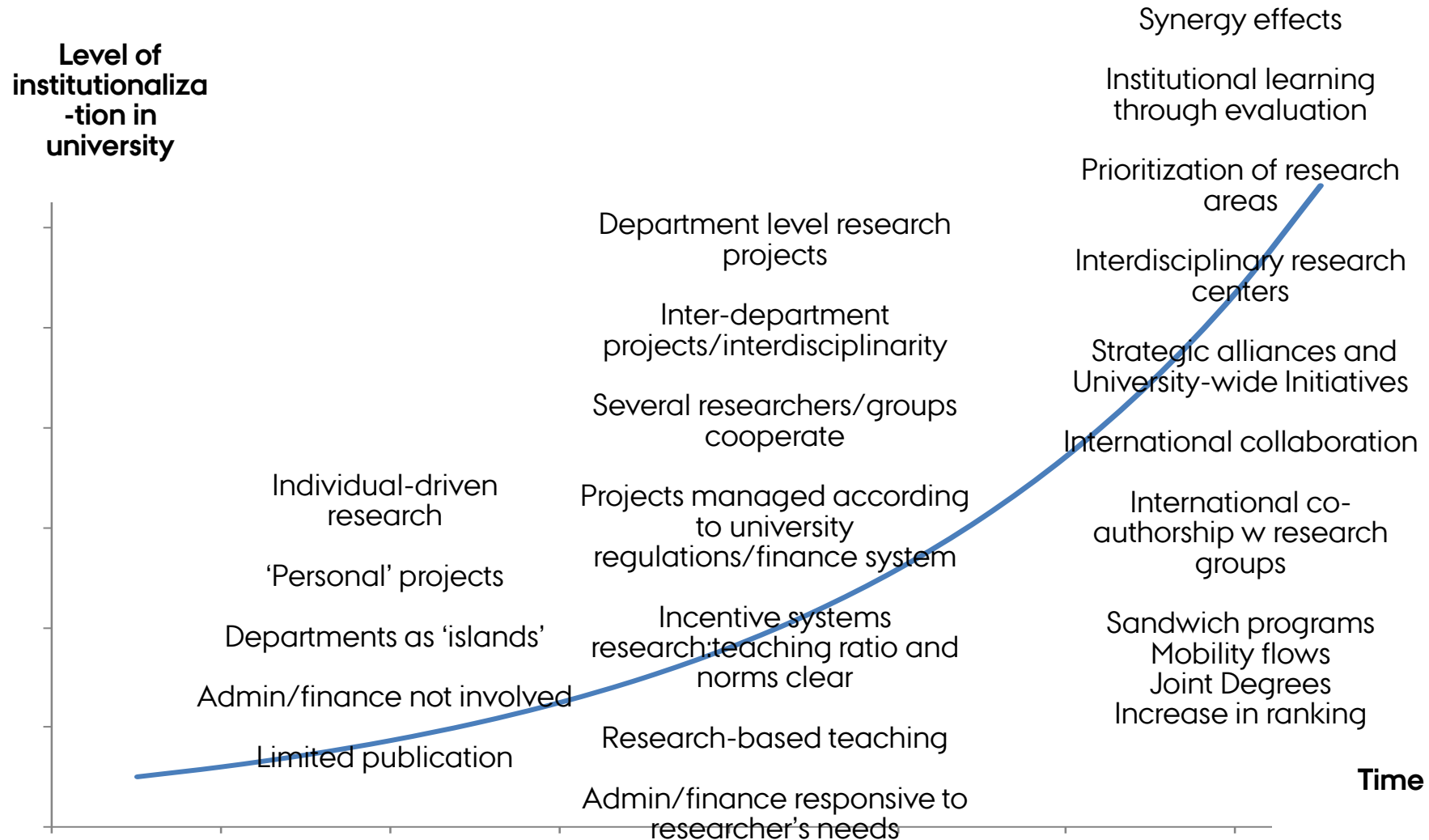
## **Outputs:**

(i) graduates who have been exposed to relevant research, rather than textbook learning, and who approach professional life equipped with critical thinking and problem-solving tools, and

(ii) research results that contributes to solving development challenges



# INSTITUTIONALIZATION AS THE KEY CHALLENGE IN THE SOUTH



# CHALLENGES (DK)

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At Government Level:

- Limited DK ambition: Why not go beyond 2021? Why not BSU scholarships? Why not link with the 'Partnering with Denmark – Danish Authorities in International Cooperation' approach? .....potential to address key structural challenges that are central to the SDC's

At University Level:

- Capitalizing on BSU partnerships as platforms for proposal formulation and consortia preparation
- Low-hanging fruit: Partnering with BSU universities for SDC relevant research and education, not least with respect to food and health challenges... How to achieve such re-orientation?

