



## FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear readers, welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> issue of AICAD-Tanzania Country Office (TCO) Bi-Monthly Newsflash. It covers activities that were carried out in the months of July and August 2009.



Main features include preparations of seventh Irrigation and Water Resource Management (ICT7-IWRM) course and of Community Empowerment (CEP); development of a new training programme course on export trade of commercial Crafts (ICT1-ET) and Low Cost Housing dissemination. In administrative matters, the country office rejoiced at the arrival of a new staff to fill in the two positions of accounts and administrative assistants.

## 1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

### 1.1. Community Empowerment Programme (CEP) expert visits Tanzania

A senior JICA Advisor from Japan, Mr. Satoshi Chikami who is also an expert in CEP visited TCO activity sites from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009. The AICAD/JICA Programme Advisor from Nairobi (Dr. Jiro Nozaka), accompanied the expert. The Programme Officer, Mr. Richard Bruno and the TCO Advisor, Dr. Masahiko Murakami led the team. The team visited the project sites at Mvomero (Mkindo Farmer's Field School) and Mkuyuni (fruit growers and food processors), both in Morogoro Region. The team also visited AICAD's model area of Kibaha Mlandizi in Coast Region and inspected some women groups engaged in food processing for value addition. AICAD considers the CEP activities as critical to poverty reduction in Tanzania. As such the visit by the Japanese expert was highly welcome and any suggestions and recommendations he would make would contribute to the success of our efforts.



From L-R: Mr. Chikami, Ms Joan Stephen (Food Scientist from SIDO Morogoro), Dr. Moses Temi, (the Principal of Mkindo Field Framers School), Dr. Nozaka, (AICAD's Project Adviser) and Richard Bruno, Programme Officer from TCO, Morogoro. Picture was taken at Mkindo Farmers Field School.

### 1.2. KTDP - Low Cost Housing (LCH) Dissemination: A visit to National Housing and Building Research Agency (NHBRA)

As a way of disseminating low cost housing technology, TCO has been distributing brochures to Individuals, Builders Groups, Contractors, Small Industry Development Organisation (SIDO) and Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) Technical Schools. The information contained in the brochures, if applied, would be useful in facilitating the construction of cost-effective houses.

On August 14, 2009 the ACD and TCO-Advisor visited NHBRA at their Dar es Salaam office located at Mwenge along Sam-Nujoma Road. This brief visit revealed that the NHBRA was a lot more advanced in the dissemination of LCH technology. Therefore talks were held with the NHBRA Manager of Consultancy, Dr. Simion H. Kintingu and the Researcher, Mr. Anderson Tweve, to explore possible opportunities for cooperation and collaboration with AICAD-TCO, in order to accelerate access of the technology.

## **2. TRAINING AND EXTENSION**

### **2.1. Baseline surveys for ICT1-ET and ICT7-IWRM from 27 to 28th July 2009**

AICAD-TCO Program Officer, Mr. Richard Bruno visited Dar-es-Salaam and Kibaha areas from 27th - 28th July 2009. The purpose of the visit was to identify potential sites where ICT1-ET course participants could be drawn.

Information gathered indicated that handicraft practitioners in Dar-es-salaam were very active, had high volumes of varieties of products and on average, education level was form IV. There was also gender balance among the practitioners. On the other hand, the varieties and products made by the handicrafts practitioners from Kibaha were limited and the education level of the practitioners was relatively of low standard. Out of a list of 83, only one had form II education, the rest were standard VII leavers and were all women.

Based on the simple baseline survey made, the Export Trade course was more suited to the handicraft practitioners in Dar es Salaam. Eventually Dar-es-Salaam and Bagamoyo were chosen as the best areas where candidates for the Export Trade course could be selected.

Another baseline survey for Irrigation and Water Resource Management Course (ICT7-IWRM) was conducted during the same period. Visits were made to the villages of Mwanalugali-Mpigi, Maili-Moja, Mwendapole, Picha ya Ndege and Mlandizi, all in Kibaha District. The findings of the survey were used to appraise the Resource Person's workshop for the IWRM course of the real situation on the ground and status of the potential participants.

### **2.2. Programme Development for a new In-Country Training Course in Export Trade of Commercial Crafts (ICT1-ET)**

AICAD Director of Training & Extension, Dr. Jane Kembo from Nairobi, visited Tanzania Country Office from 18th to 21st August 2009. During her visit, she carried out two main functions of great importance:

#### **2.2.1. Induction of the new officers into modalities for conducting AICAD training programmes**

The PO and ACD had never been initiated in the specific modalities of conducting AICAD training programmes. The gap was therefore bridged when Dr. Kembo visited AICAD-TCO on 18th August 2009.



From R-L: Prof. B. Tiisekwa (Country Director); R. Bruno (Programme Officer); Dr. J. Kembo (T&E Director); Dr. M. Murakami (Advisor-TCO); Ms J. Kimambo (Accounts & Administrative Assistant) and Mr. A. Matumbo (Assistant Country Director)

### 2.2.2. Development of a new course programme on export trade of commercial crafts for Tanzania

From the 19th to 21st August 2009, Dr. Kembo chaired a meeting of local experts in Dar es Salaam, to develop the first ever In-Country Training Programme in Export Trade of Commercial Crafts.

During an interview with a local Independent Television (ITV) televised in the evening of 21st August 2009, Dr. Kembo explained to the Tanzanian public AICAD's mandate of empowering the African people with knowledge and skills for wealth creation and poverty reduction. She elaborated how AICAD collaborated with various stakeholders to achieve its mission. In the case of this first in-country training in export trade of commercial crafts (ICT1-ET), AICAD was collaborating with the Tanzanian Small-scale Industrial Development Organisation (SIDO), right from programme development through to course execution.



Dr. Jane Kembo, 3rd left, at SIDO HQs in Dar es Salaam. Others in the picture (L\_R) are A. Matumbo (Assistant Country Director TCO); Pius Wenga (SIDO Director of Training & Extension Services) Dr. M. Murakami (TCO Adviser); Mr. Leons Mtana (ET Expert); R. Bruno (Programme Officer TCO); and Mr. H. Mdede (ET Expert).

### 2.3. Selection of participants from Kibaha for ICT7-IWRM: 24 – 29 August, 2009.

The Programme Officer and an intern Mr. Noel Madalla, together with one district irrigation officer visited AICAD's Kibaha model region to select participants for the 7th In-Country Training course on Irrigation and Water Resource Management. The 3-weeks course was scheduled to start on September 28, 2009. A total number of 30 candidates confirmed to participate, of whom approximately one third were women. The participants were selected from the Mlandizi, Ruvu, Kwala, Mwendapole and Maili Moja wards.



In the left hand side photograph, Kibaha District Irrigation Officer Mrs. Anastasia Mganwa is accompanying AICAD Officers in a selection trip at Kwala Ward. This was in preparation for the Seventh In-Country Training on Irrigation and Water Resource Management scheduled to take place in September 2009. On the right hand side photo, Mrs Mganwa and Mr. Bruno are seen interviewing farmers at Mwanalugali-Mpigi.

### **3. INFORMATION NETWORKING AND DOCUMENTATION**

#### **3.1. Nanenane-2009 Participation**

AICAD-TCO participated in this year's farmers NANENANE show in Morogoro, within the SUA pavilion. The show provided an opportunity for the country office to share with stakeholders AICAD's achievements as well as sharing and exchanging experiences in poverty reduction.

Several food processing groups who were graduates of past value addition courses conducted by AICAD were invited to exhibit their products alongside AICAD. Thus AICAD-TCO pavilion was decorated with processed foods such as dried mango fruits, rosella, soya flour, cassava flour, wine made from banana, wine made from rosella, juices from rosella, and many more. The public flocked to AICAD pavilion to learn from the experience of these successful entrepreneurs from Upendo and Umoja Groups of Kibaha; Rahaleo Women Group and Silvester Moshia of Morogoro.

Many visitors were delighted to hear about AICAD and what it was doing to reduce poverty through capacity development.



A Tanzanian Cabinet Minister Mr. Magufuli admires processed foods displayed by former AICAD-trainees at 2009-Nanenane farmers' exhibition in Morogoro-Tanzania.



Mr R. Bruno explains to Morogoro residents about AICAD during Farmers' NANENANE Show.



Irish Ambassador to Tanzania, visits AICAD pavilion at NANENANE Show in Morogoro Tanzania.



Intern N. Madalla explains to Morogoro residents how AICAD links knowledge to application within communities in order to reduce poverty in Morogoro and Kibaha-Mlandizi model areas.

### **4. ADMINISTRATION ISSUES**

#### **4.1. AICAD Internal Auditor visits TCO**

The Internal Auditor from AICAD Headquarters, Mr. Allen Chombo, visited the Tanzania Country Office from 13th – 15th July, 2009. The purpose of the visit was to audit the country office accounts following the resignation of the Accounts Assistant at the end of June 2009.

#### **4.2. A&F Director's Visit to TCO and Recruitment Interview for Accounts Assistant: 23-24 Jul 09**

AICAD's Director of Administration and Finance visited the country office from 23 -24 July 2009. He took part in a recruitment interview to select a new accounts assistant.

### **4.3. TCO gets new Accounts cum Administrative Assistant**

The country office welcomed the arrival of Ms Josephine Kimambo on the 10th of August 2009 as the new Accounts Assistant and Administrative Assistant. With a record of long experience in the financial and accounting fields, Josephine holds two positions, which were left vacant by Mr. Kennedy Kenan in June 2009 and by Ms Salome Sida in December 2008. The two positions of Accounts Assistant and Administrative Assistant have now been merged into one. Ms J. Kimambo holds an Accounting Technician Certificate (ATEC II) and previously worked for TANROADS and for SUA VLIR Project.



J. Kimambo, the new Accounts Assistant and Administrative Assistant.

## **5. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Preparation and Implementation of ICT7-IWRM
- Further Preparation of ICT1-ET
- Community Empowerment preparations
- Preparations for NERICA Varieties Registration in Zanzibar
- Preparation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Issue of Newsflash

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