

**The Bi- Monthly News-flash for AICAD Tanzania**

**FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

Welcome to the 11th issue of our Bi-Monthly Newsflash covering activities implemented in the months of November and December 2009.

The country office carried out several tasks in November as December is customarily considered a holiday season. This December was specifically of low level activity, not only because the office was closed for Christmas recess in the last one week of the month, but also two key staffs, the Assistant Country Director (ACD) and Programme Officer (PO), were outside the country during the first two weeks of the month.



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**1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**1.1. Community Empowerment Programme (CEP): Preliminary Survey**

AICAD Tanzania Country Office (AICAD-TCO) conducted a baseline survey from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to collect information from 10 food processor women groups in Kibaha District. These groups are producing various types of products, to name a few: tomatoes & chill sauce, Soya drinks, Wine, Pickles, Nutritious Flour, dried fruits & vegetables, Mushroom, Juices, Cashew-nuts, Cassava flour and sweet potatoes flour. The survey team wanted to identify and assess issues related to the following:

- Prevalent problems in the area
- What has been done by others, what is on going in the area and what are the gaps to be filled by AICAD programme
- The number of women groups in the area – their strengths and weaknesses
- Potential for value addition in the area
- Accessibility of the target area
- Available resources and raw materials in the area
- Potential for change by the target groups

The preliminary survey carried out is just the beginning of a CEP to be continued in the days to come.



Umoja Women's Group of Kibaha-Kwamfipa being interviewed by AICAD officers.



Some of the products made by women food processor groups in Kibaha.



Moravian Women food processors group being interviewed in Kibaha.

## 2. TRAINING & EXTENSION

### 2.1. Preparations for the First In-Country Training in Export Trade of Commercial Crafts

The first ever “in-country training course on export trade of commercial crafts” was developed in July 2009 by AICAD in collaboration with SIDO. Prior to implementation of the course, two major tasks were carried out as described below:

#### 2.1.1. Selection of Participants

First, AICAD officers visited the potential candidates to see what they do and observe their real working environment. This has been the strength for AICAD in getting the right participants for its various trainings. Then in a second field visit, the selection interviews for participants were conducted from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 by a team from AICAD Tanzania Country Office together with a counterpart from SIDO, Mr. Henrick L. Mdede, the SIDO Marketing Manager.

A total of 62 potential candidates were interviewed and out of those only 30 participants were selected to join the ICT1-ET training. The following selection criteria and qualifications were applied: - The applicants:

- Should be of the age between 25 and 55 years.
- Should be able to understand, speak and write in Kiswahili.
- Should have education level of Form IV and above (if STD IV should demonstrate higher understanding of commercial handicrafts and has already exported his/her products)
- Should be in good health to effectively participate in this vigorous training.
- Must be a producer or trader of Commercial crafts interested in acquiring more knowledge and skills to export the handicrafts.
- Should have the willingness to educate others after the training. (Thus individuals from the affiliations/groups would be given more priority).



AICAD Training Assistant, Mr. Jumanne Habibu, interviews a curver at Jumba-la-Dhahabu, Bagamoyo



Traders of handicrafts being interviewed at Mwenge Makonde Village, Kinondoni-Dar es Salaam



Mrs. Restituta Mayunga, an entrepreneur of handicrafts and textiles, is being interviewed by AICAD officers at Msimbazi Centre, Ilala-Dar es Salaam.

### 2.1.2. Resource Person's Workshop at Mlandizi-Kibaha

AICAD-TCO organized a Resource Person's workshop at Mlandizi in Kibaha from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. The Facilitator of this workshop was Dr. Jane Kembo, the Director of Training and Extension from AICAD Headquarters Nairobi Kenya. The objective of the workshop was to orient the Resource Persons on their role during training sessions and the communication style that was appropriate when interacting with participants. Furthermore, it was during this workshop that AICAD shared with the trainers the overall aim and tone of the course and the trainers got an opportunity to discuss in detail the course contents and divided the subjects among themselves to produce a course timetable which was suitable and convenient for everyone.



A group photo of the RPs workshop at Mlandizi, Kibaha on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009.

With these preparations, the country office was in a good position to carry out the training effectively.

### 2.2. Counterpart Training in Japan

During the first two weeks of December, (1<sup>st</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009) the Assistant Country Director (ACD) and Programme Officer (PO) of AICAD-TCO travelled to Japan to attend a course on Improvement of Capacity for Project Planning and Management, organised and facilitated by JICA, under the International Cooperation Programme of the Government of Japan. A colleague from AICAD Uganda Country Office, Programme Officer Seruma Andrew Kizito, also joined the course.



The Director General of JICA, Mr. Hiroaki Nakagawa (3<sup>rd</sup> left), presented the certificates at course graduation on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at JICA HQs Shinjuku-Tokyo. Others in the photo are (L-R) Mr. Atsushi Futamura (Researcher Public Adm Div); Mr. Richard Bruno (PO AICAD TCO); Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo (ACD AICAD TCO); Mr. Seruma A. Kizito (PO AICAD UCO); Ms Chie Miyahara (Director Public Adm Div); Dr. Masahiko Murakami (Advisor AICAD TCO); Ms Junko Ogasawara (Training Coordinator).

### 3. KTDP: DISSEMINATION ACTIVITY IN COLLABORATION WITH SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE (SUA)

AICAD-TCO is accommodated by SUA within the SUA Centre for Sustainable Rural Development. Being in such close proximity, it was natural that closer ties should exist in the areas of mutual interest. The University's outreach extension obligation is compatible with AICAD's mission of linking knowledge to application within communities in partner countries in Africa in order to reduce poverty. Hence, the country office has carried out consultative discussions with the various departments of Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro between 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009, in order to identify potential joint dissemination projects. Three proposals produced in this exercise were submitted to AICAD Head Quarters in Nairobi for further processing.

#### 4. INFORMATION NETWORK AND DOCUMENTATION

##### 4.1. **Multimedia Development**

Last year, AICAD TCO published a manual based on ICT6-IWRM course notes of 2008. That manual became very popular and following their requests, it was issued to the ministries of Agriculture in both Mainland and Zanzibar. The manual was to be used by the ministries for reference and training of irrigation technicians throughout the country. An update to that manual is being processed based on course notes of ICT7-IWRM of October 2009. Compilation of the IWRM7 manual was completed on November 7, 2009 and arrangements for editing and printing were underway.

#### 5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- KTDP: Low Cost Housing Dissemination
- Preparation for Country Programme Review (CPR)
- Implementation of ICT1-ET
- Preparation for Registration of NERICA Varieties in Zanzibar
- Preparation of the 13<sup>th</sup> Issue of Newsflash

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