



The Bi-Monthly Newsflash from AICAD Tanzania Country Office



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FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear readers, welcome to this 14th Issue of the bi-monthly newsflash from Tanzania Country Office. It covers activities that were carried out at the country office in the months of March and April 2010. Topics covered include NERICA Varieties release in Zanzibar, Community Empowerment Programme at AICAD's Model Area of Kibaha and other topics. Please read on!

1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D)

1.1. New Rice for Africa (NERICA): Launching of Varieties in Zanzibar Marked the end of AICAD's Support for NERICA

The task of the NERICA Seed Registration Committee came to a conclusion with the successful registration of three NERICA varieties in March 2010. A ceremony to mark registration and release of the NERICA seeds (**NERICA No.1, No. 10 and No. 12**) to farmers in Zanzibar and Pemba was held on the 5th March 2010. Incidentally, this also marked the end of AICAD's intervention for NERICA in Zanzibar & Pemba.

Post-registration activities of Seed-Multiplication and Extension (Dissemination) will be taken over by TANRICE Project from Tanzania Mainland.

The ceremony was officiated by the Zanzibar Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment. The Assistant Country Director, Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo delivered a keynote speech at the ceremony on behalf of AICAD.



On the top-left picture, the Hon. Zanzibar Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment addresses the NERICA Seed Registration and Release Ceremony held at Kizimbani Agricultural Research Station Documentation Centre. On the top-right picture, TCO Assistant Country Director, Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo delivers a keynote address on behalf of AICAD. Bottom: More pictures taken at the Launching Ceremony on March 5, 2010.



1.2. **KTDP: Low Cost Housing Technology Dissemination**

Dr. Makunza of UDSM and Mr. Tweve of NHBRA met and held talks on a joint proposal for conducting a workshop and a demo for Dissemination of LCH technology. Further discussions and preparations are on-going.

2. COUNTRY PROGRAMME REVIEW (CPR): Working with Consultants to Complete the Exercise

After making field visits to various sites in Tanzania, the consultants from Innovative Enterprise Support Company (IESCO) Limited of Kenya produced a draft report on Tanzania CPR. At a meeting held at TCO on 22nd March 2010, the CPR draft report was presented and reviewed for improvement. The final report was further presented to AICAD Headquarters alongside with CPR reports from Kenya and Uganda Country Offices for further deliberations by the AICAD Secretariat. A final CPR Report was expected to be produced and submitted by the end of April 2010.

3. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (CEP)

3.1. **CEP Survey for Data Collection from 27th – 30th April 2010**

AICAD TCO undertook a field survey at Kibaha District to collect data from five women groups which were already selected for CEP. The groups visited were Hekima, Tumaini, Jitegeme, Proper Food for Health and Kweda Women group. In general the groups were characterized by low income due to small volumes of production which were inadequate for the available market of agro-processed products.



Proper Food for Health Group



Tumaini Women Group



Kweda Women Group

3.2. **Community Empowerment Programme (CEP) Expert Visit**

A short-term CEP expert from JICA Headquarters in Tokyo-Japan, Mr. Satoshi Chikami, visited AICAD TCO from 11th -20th April 2010. During this time, Mr. Chikami and Mr. Yamamoto from JICA-Tanzania, witnessed the CEP participatory planning with twelve Kibaha Women groups. Mr. Chikami's expertise was a valuable resource for guiding AICAD TCO staff in the exercise.



Japanese short-term expert, Mr. Satoshi Chikami (right) and Mr. Yamamoto of JICA-Tanzania (left) admires some food products made by the women groups of Kibaha.



Japanese short-term expert, Mr. Satoshi Chikami (left) admires some food products made by the women groups of Kibaha during Participatory Planning Workshop.

3.3. CEP Participatory Planning Workshop at Kibaha Mlandizi

AICAD TCO is now implementing community empowerment programme for women groups engaged in food processing and value addition in Kibaha district. The CEP centres focus on capacity development through training, however it also includes some other activities such as modeling of good practitioners through input assistance and min-research on technology development and /or product marketing. It also takes the bottom-up approach to the targeted community through participatory planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The one day CEP workshop aims at identifying opportunities and problems facing women groups engaged in food processing and Value addition. Although food processing and value addition is set as an entry point to the targeted community, CEP shall address community issues as much as possible within its implementation capacity. During this participatory planning workshop, twelve women groups (with more than 80 members) were met and PCM techniques/approach was used to carry out problem analysis (Causes-effects).



In the picture, Mr. Ayub Matumbo, the TCO ACD, opened the workshops on 12th April 2010 at Kibaha Mlandizi. Mr. Chikami (right) and Mrs. Bahati Malangalila of SIDO – Pwani (Centre) looks on.



Participants singing for self motivation at the start of the CEP participatory planning Workshop.

3.4. Courtesy Call to District Executive Director (DED) Town Council- Kibaha district

On 20th April 2010, AICAD TCO officers together with CEP expert and AICAD TCO Advisor, visited Kibaha town council to meet and share with the DED some of problems identified during the participatory planning workshops. The workshops had divided the problems into three categories, namely, problems that can be intervened by the local government, problems that can be handled by participants themselves and those to be assisted by AICAD TCO. On the part of the local government, the DED agreed to collaborate with AICAD TCO and she instructed the town council community development Officer to take seriously the problems of the women groups.

The team also visited the District Commissioner's office on the same day. The team met District Administrative Secretary (Acting DC), and shared with her the same problems of the women groups. The major problem of the women groups was to get a communal building where they could install simple processing machines to be accessed by whole group members. The DAS was very pleased with these developments and promised to refer the issues to the regional level for awareness and for more assistance.



Left to Right: Dr. Murakami (AICAD-TCO Advisor from JICA); Mrs. Bahati Malangalila (SIDO Pwani Business Development Officer); Mrs. Margaret Nyalile (District Executive Director-Kibaha Urban); Mr. Sitoshi Chikami (CEP Expert from JICA); Mrs. Mwanaidi Kiongoli (Chairperson of District Counselors- Kibaha Urban); Mr. Richard Bruno (AICAD-TCO Programme Officer)



Left to Right: Ayub Matumbo (AICAD-TCO Assistant Country Director); Dr. Murakami (AICAD-TCO Advisor from JICA); Mrs. Bahati Malangalila (SIDO Pwani Business Development Officer); Leah Lwanji (Kibaha Town Council Community Development Officer); Sitoshi Chikami (CEP Expert from JICA).

4. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4.1. Interview of Internship Students

AICAD TCO normally receives internship students from Various Universities/Institutes who wished to learn and gain experience in AICAD activities. This year four applications for internship were received. As there was only one vacancy, a selection interview was conducted on 1st April 2010. The interviewee panel selected Ms Margaret Kinyau, a 3rd year undergraduate student from Sokoine University of Agriculture.

4.2. New Administrative Assistant

A new Administrative Assistant, by the name of Ms. Anita John Ngaga, is expected to join the Country Office staff, at the beginning of May 2010. We are all looking forward to receive her.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10th – 14th May Assisting JICA Mid-Term Review Activities by Japanese Consultants
- 17th – 21st May Collaboration meetings with SIDO Morogoro on Grassroots proposals in Value Addition.
- Meetings with Marketing Research Consultants at SUA to develop proposals in relation to Food Processing Women Groups of Kibaha
- 24th – 28th May A series of Community Empowerment Programme (CEP) Workshops for five women groups in Kibaha aimed at developing the Groups' Action Plans
- June CEP data compilation and analysis
- June Finalising Proposals for joint Knowledge and Technology Dissemination of Low Cost Housing between AICAD-Tanzania Country Office (TCO), University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and the National Housing and Building Research Agency (NHBRA)
- Preparation of the 15th Issue of Newsflash

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