



The Bi- Monthly News-flash for AICAD Tanzania

1. Message from the Country Director

On behalf of AICAD Tanzania, I once again welcome you to the second issue of our bi-monthly news flash. In this issue we present to you progress on two core activities of AICAD, namely, Research and Development as well as Training and Extension. You will read about the implementation of Third In-Country Training on Enterprise Development, NERICA Adaptability Trials – Zanzibar, Knowledge Transfer and Dissemination Project, Progress Report Presentations of 4th Call Researchers and upcoming activities. We are glad to be able to implement the activities as per the schedules and wish to share the same with our stakeholders. We have received a number of comments and suggestions on how to improve this communication tool. I wish sincerely thank all who gave us their inputs.



Prof. B. Tiisekwa,
Country Director

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PAST ACTIVITIES

2.1 Third In-Country Training on Enterprise Development (ICT3-ED)

The 3rd In-Country Training Course on Enterprise Development was successfully held from 3rd – 14th 2008 at VETA Training Centre in Morogoro Municipality. The course was officially graced by the Regional Commissioner for Morogoro, Major General Said Kalembo and closed by the District Commissioner for Morogoro Mr Said Mwambungu. The course attracted 29 bee-keepers from selected villages of Rubeho, Gairo and Chakwale Wards of Gairo Division in Kilosa District. These were carefully identified, screened and selected by the country office in close collaboration with Kilosa District Council, the Office of the District Commissioner Kilosa and SIDO Morogoro regional office. Field selection exercise carried in Gairo, Kilosa from 2nd to 4th February 2007. SIDO availed preliminary data on the bee-keeping sector in Kilosa, joined the AICAD selection team while the District Council assisted in community mobilization for interviews and availed one officer to join the selection team.



Major S. Kalembo in a group photo with
ICT3 participants



Guest of honour for closing Dr. Mtei, on his left is Mr. T. Oikawa and right side is Prof. B. Tiisekwa

The course attracted core trainers from Sokoine University of Agriculture, SIDO Coast Region, College of Engineering and Technology CoET of the University of Dar es Salaam, Business Incubation Project and SIDO Morogoro. To foster participants linkages to potential private sector supporters, a few relevant institutions were invited to present and discuss with participants on their various offers, benefits to participants, accessibility and eligibility criteria. These included the SIDO – Morogoro (loans for SMEs), Private Agriculture Sector Support (PASS)-Morogoro (credits to small holder farmers), Honey Care Africa (T) Ltd - (best bee-keeping practices) and the Turkish Association of Beekeeping Products & Equipment producers -Turkey (market and buyers requirements for honey).

2.2 NERICA Adaptability Trials - Zanzibar visit (10th - 11th March, 2008)

A team of two AICAD staff Dr. Benson Odongo (from AICAD Headquarters) and Dr. John Stephen and two AICAD advisors Dr. Jiro Nozaka (also from AICAD Headquarters) and Dr. Masahiko Murakami visited Zanzibar from 10th to 12th February 2008. The main purpose of the visit was to hand over NERICA project activities from AICAD headquarters to Tanzania Country Office effectively 1st April 2008.

The AICAD team held discussions with the Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment; Ms. Rahma Mshangama and her team. The team also visited the research sites together with the Principal Investigator Mr. Khatib J. Khatib and JICA Volunteer Dr. Nobuto Sekiya. The team visited three NERICA experimentation fields, one at Mwera where NERICA varieties have grown to an advanced stage, two sites within Kizimbani Agriculture Research station; one with just soil tilled and another one with NERICA seeds just planted.

It was observed that research work is still at experimentation stage and will have to go through some stages before variety release and the whole exercise is expected to be completed by year 2010. AICAD team at Mwera research site.



From left to right Dr. John Stephen, Dr. Benson Odongo, Dr. Jiro Nozaka and the principal Investigator Mr. Khatib J. Khatib

2.3 Knowledge Transfer and Dissemination Project at UDSM (12th March, 2008)

The meeting was held on 12th March 2008 at the University of Dar es Salaam following recommendations by AICAD Knowledge and Technology Dissemination Programme committee meeting that was held on 18th February 2008 at AICAD headquarters, Juja – Nairobi, KENYA. The KTDP requested TCO to meet low cost researchers at University of Dar es Salaam and deliberate the way forward.

AICAD was represented by Prof. B. Tiisekwa (TCO Country Director), Dr. B. Odongo (Research and Development Director), Dr. J. Nozaka (Programme Advisor), Dr. M. Murakami (TCO Advisor) and Dr. J. Stephen (TCO Assistant Director) at the meeting Dr. J. Makunza who is the researcher on low cost housing technology project represented the University of Dar es Salaam.

After lengthy discussions on preparations for dissemination of the low cost housing technology it was agreed that researchers prepare a short proposal to justify low cost housing technology and submit to AICAD Tanzania Country Office for consideration. Once it is endorsed then the researchers will be asked to prepare the full low cost housing technology proposal that will lead to implementation of dissemination activities.

It was also agreed that the action plan of the activities for dissemination of the low cost housing technology will be availed upon endorsement of the proposal by AICAD.

2.4 Progress Report Presentations of – 4th Call Researchers

The Tanzania Country Office organized one day seminar for fourth call researchers to present progress reports of the research projects they have been doing over the past one year at SUA – SCSRD on 28th February 2008. Five researchers attended the seminar which was chaired by the AICAD Tanzania Country Director, Prof. B. Tiisekwa.

There were live discussions during the seminar and areas for improvement were identified. It was advised to have rehearsal presentations before attending the seminars. It came out clearly that most of the projects were lagging behind the schedules but researchers promised to work hard during the third year to catch up with time.



Fourth Call Researchers together with AICAD Tanzania Secretariat. From left Dr. M. Murakami, Dr. J. Stephen, Dr. D. Gabagambi, Mr. D. Mghwira, Prof. F. Magingo, Mr. J. Kihedu, Prof. B. Tiisekwa, Mr. B. Bussu and Dr. S. Mafu

The researchers also raised a concern of delays in disbursements of funds from AICAD and a need of having a field visit to the research sites by the evaluator. The Country Office promised to make a close follow up of research activities and promised to organize a field visit to all five research project sites.

3 Previous/Upcoming activities

- Third In-Country Training Course in Value Addition (ICT3 - VA) June, 2008
- Mid term Reviews for 4th Call Researchers – Karatu and Bagamoyo

– We invite Feedback & Comments –

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