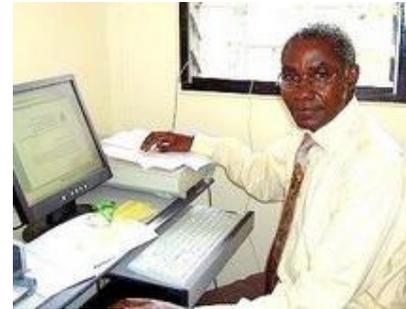


The Bi- Monthly News-flash for AICAD Tanzania

1. MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

On behalf of AICAD Tanzania, I once again welcome you to the third issue of our bi-monthly news flash. In this issue we present to you progress on implementation of Country Office activities related to core AICAD functions namely, Research and Development as well as Training and Extension. You will read about the consultative meetings for preparation of the Third In-Country Training on Value Addition (ICT3-VA), implementation of the ICT3-VA, Country Office support to two training courses in Bagamoyo District Council, Mid-term evaluation of fourth-call researches and AICAD Internship Programmes- 2008. We are glad to be able to implement the activities as per the schedules and wish to share the same with our stakeholders. We continue to receive a number of comments and suggestions on how to improve this communication tool. I wish to once again thank all who gave us their inputs.



Prof. B. P. M. Tiisekwa, Country Director

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF PAST ACTIVITIES

2.1 Preparation of the 3rd In-Country Training Course on Value Addition (ICT3-VA)

2.1.1 Meeting with SIDO Coast Region Management



Officers in a group photo after the meeting. From left Dr Masahiko Murakami (AICAD CA), Ms. Agnes Yesaya (SIDO- RM), Mr. Daniel Mghwira (AICAD - PO) and Ms Bahati Malangalila (SIDO - BDO)

In preparing for the 3rd In-Country Training Course (ICT3) on Value Addition (VA) the country office held consultative meetings at Kibaha for the purpose of gathering preliminary information necessary for developing participant's selection plan. The first involved discussion with the management of SIDO Coast Region and later with the District Executive Director for Kibaha District Council. At SIDO offices, AICAD Officers met with the Regional Manager Ms. Agnes Yesaya and the Business Development Officer Ms. Bahati Malangalila. SIDO officers shared with the country office, the results of the survey carried in all districts of Coast Region for identification of products with high potential for development through the SIDO – One District One Product Programme (ODOP). The officers availed the country office with information on available products with high market potentials after processing as well as community groups in Kibaha requiring training interventions. These groups were later visited, interviewed and qualified candidates identified to participate in the ICT3- VA held in Morogoro from 16th -27th June .

2.1.2 Meeting with the District Executive Director for Kibaha

The country office paid a courtesy call to the Office of the District Executive Director and held discussion with the District Executive Director (DED) Mr. Deogratias Hella. The purpose of the meeting was to share with the DED the planned follow-up activities for activities previously conducted in Kibaha and planned interventions for 2008. Past AICAD interventions in Kibaha include Support for Research on Value Addition of Cassava for Human and Animal Foods for Income Generation and Commercialization by Prof. Faustin Lekule (AICAD 3rd Call Researcher) and the In-Country Training Courses on Enterprise Development, Value Addition, Irrigation & Water Resources Management and Rural Women.



The DED for Kibaha Mr Deogratias Hella (centre) in a group photo with AICAD officers. To his left is Dr Masahiko Murakami (AICAD CA), and to the right is Mr. Daniel Mghwira (AICAD - PO)

2.2 Courtesy Call to the Vice Chancellor – UDSM



Prof. Rwekaza Mukandala (c) in a group photo with AICAD officers. To his left is Dr Masahiko Murakami (AICAD CA), and to the right is Mr. Daniel Mghwira (AICAD - PO)

The Country Office paid a courtesy call to Vice Chancellor (VC) of the University of Dar es salaam Prof. Rwekaza Mukandala on 4th June 2008. The purpose of visit was to share with the VC who is also a member of the AICAD Governing Board, the progress of implementation of country office activities, update him on the current human resources at the country office and request him to officiate the 3rd In Country Training Course on Value Addition scheduled in Morogoro from 16th -27th June 2008. Prof Mukandala was glad to note progress in implementation of country office activities and improved capacity in terms of human resources. However he encouraged the country office to get member universities more involved through improved information sharing. The VC agreed to officiate the training course; however he couldn't make it due to other engagements. Official Opening was done by the VC for SUA Prof. Gerald Monela on 16th June 2008

2.3 Support to Bagamoyo District Council

2.3.1 Food Processing Training Course for 32 Women in Zinga, Bagamoyo District Council.

The country office supported 2 of its former trainees to facilitate the course in Food Processing for 32 members from selected women groups of Zinga, Kiromo and Yombo wards of Bagamoyo District. These trainers were previously trained by AICAD through the 1st Regional Training Course for Rural Women (RTC1 – RW) held in Nairobi in 2006 and the 1st In country Training Course for Rural Women (ICT1- RW) held in Mlandizi, Kibaha in 2007. The trainers included Ms. Gaudencia Donati (RCT1-RW) and Ms. Hadija Shabani (ICT1-RW). The course ran from 12th – 17th May 2008, at the Zinga Village Council Conference Hall in Zinga Ward of Bagamoyo town; whereby 32 representatives of women groups were trained on processing of fruits, vegetables, tubers and fish.



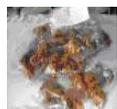
The DED for Bagamoyo District Council Ms. Rhoda Nsemwa admires salted fish made by participants during the official closing

The course was officially opened by the Zinga Ward Councillor Mr. Muhsin Abdallah Mintanga and closed by the District Executive Director (DED) for Bagamoyo Ms. Rhoda Nsemwa. The country office was represented by the Country Advisor Dr Masahiko Murakami and the Programme officer Mr. Daniel Mghwira during the official closing. Other invited guests included the Bagamoyo District Community Development Officer Mr. Athumani Stili, the training course coordinator Ms. Kishimoto Saori (JOCV), Zinga Ward Community Development Officer Ms. Pili Etang'ale, Zinga Village Executive Officer (VEO) Mr. Hassan Jitanibu and the Assistant VEO (Zinga). The 28 participants were drawn from 7 villages of Zinga ward which are Kerege, Kwamatumbi, Mapinga, Pande, Mlingotini, Kondo and Zinga. Others came from Kilomo ward (2) and Yombo Ward (2).



AICAD Rural Women trainers in a group photo with the training coordinator Ms. Kishimoto Saori

A Cross Section of Products made by Participants at Bagamoyo with support of two AICAD Trainers



Cassava Burns



Cassava flour



Cassava bread



Dried vegetables



Smoked fish



Cassava chips



Mixed fruit jam



Salted fish

2.3.2 Handcraft Training Course for Women in Msata, Bagamoyo District Council.

The country office recommended one of its former trainees to facilitate a training course in handcraft production and marketing for 29 members of selected women groups from Msata Ward of Bagamoyo District. Ms. Rovitha Tambwe participated in the 1st Regional Training Course for Trainers in Export Trade of Commercial Crafts held at AICAD, Juja Kenya from 5th November to 23rd November 2007. Ms. Tambwe joined a team of other 9 trainees from Tanzania for the course whose ultimate aim was to build the skills of those who are engaged in commercial craft businesses to ensure that they can compete effectively in the national and international crafts market through development of knowledge, skills in international trade, and the raising of product quality. The Country Office continues to make use of these trainers through linkage to various in-country training opportunities.



Participants of handcraft training from Msata in a group photograph with trainers



Basketry Products made by participants during a training in Msata, Bagamoyo

2.4 Selection of Participants for the 3rd In-Country Training Course on Value addition (ICT3-VA)

Country office staff teamed with one Officer for SIDO Coast Region (Kibaha) for selection of participants of ICT3- VA at Kibaha from 20th -22nd June 2008. Involved in the selection team were Mr. Daniel Mghwira – AICAD Programme Officer (PO), Mr Walter Mbaula – AICAD Training Assistant (TA) and Ms. Bahati Malangalila - SIDO Business Development Officer (BDO) for Coast Region. Three wards of Kibaha District were covered namely, Kongowe, Mwendapole and Misugusugu from which members of 7 different groups were interviewed and qualified for attending the course. These included CHAWAMAMU, Upendo, Tupendane, Upendo Shuleni, Umoja ni Nguvu, Wajasiriamali, Bamba, Tupendane, Tubadilike, Wajane and Juhudi. The team managed to interview 50 farmers and entrepreneurs from targeted villages and selected 30 candidates who attended the course in Morogoro from 16th -27th 2008.

Interview Sessions at Kibaha during Field Selection of Participants for ICT3- VA



Mr Walter Mbaula, AICAD-TA at Misugusugu Village



Mr Daniel Mghwira, AICAD-PO at Mwendapole Village



Ms. Bahati Malangalila, SIDO BDO at Kwa Mfipa Village



Focused group meeting at Zogoale village



Meeting with Ward Executive Officers prior to interviewing

2.5 3rd In-Country Training Course on Value Addition (ICT3-VA)

The 3rd ICT3- VA was held in accordance with the Country Office planned activities for April-June 2008. The Course ran from 16th – 27th June 2008 at the SUA- ICE Conference Hall, Morogoro. The course attracted 29 participants from 3 wards of Kibaha Town Council who were selected on 20th -22nd May 2008. The course covered modules on post harvest handling of agricultural products, introduction to value addition, fruits drying and processing, vegetable drying and processing, costing and pricing, group formation and management, food regulations, standards and quality control; and market planning and management.



Country Advisor Dr. M. Murakami giving a vote of thanks to the Guest of Honour Prof. Gerald Monela (c). Left to the VC is the Country Director Prof. B.P.M. Tiisekwa

2.6 Mid-term Evaluation of fourth call Researches



Acacia neglensis trees at NT Primary School in Jobaji, Karatu, Arusha

Mid term evaluation of fourth call researchers took place from 28th April to 8th May 2008 for the purpose of reviewing progress of the projects and comparing research field results with researcher's reports presented during the progress report presentation seminar held at AICAD SUA on 28th February 2008. The appointed team leader Dr. Damian Gabagambi from SUA was accompanied by the AICAD Assistant Country Director Dr. John Stephen for the field visits to selected research sites at Karatu, Bagamoyo, University of Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.



Rice grown and fertilized using effective micro organisms technology at Bumbisudi area, Western district in Zanzibar

2.7 The Deputy Executive Director and Programme Advisor Visits Tanzania Office

The Deputy Executive Director (DED) Prof. Josphat Mwatelah and the Programme Advisor Dr. Jiro Nozaka visited the country office on 16th May 2008 and held discussions with the members of the country office staff. Under the chairmanship of the DED, the meeting transacted and deliberated on the proposed country office activities related to research, training and information networking for the period April-June 2008 and the country office budget 2008-2009. The executives also shared with the staffs some administrative issues relating to accounting and disbursement of funds.



Country Office Staffs in a meeting with the Deputy Executive Director and the Programme Advisor at the TCO room

2.8 Internship Programmes

Mr. Jumanne Habibu, a 2nd year student pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Regional Development Planning Programme with Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) Dodoma reported to the Office for the 3 months internship programme on 23rd June 2008. The student submitted his application through the college Principal and was interviewed and qualified in February 2008. Mr. Habibu was accepted based on his areas of specialization which is in line with AICAD activities and his demonstrable capabilities to carry out the various activities in the country office particularly those related to trainings. Another student, Ms. Elizabeth Kiwale, a 2nd year Bachelors of Business Administration from Mzumbe University has been interviewed and qualified for the internship Programme at the Country office. She is expected to join the country office for this programme starting October 2008 – January 2009.

3 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Preparation for Participation to Farmers Show in Morogoro - Nanenane
- Implementation of the Low Cost Housing Dissemination Project (results of AICAD Pilot call Project)
- Monitoring & Evaluation of ICT2 – VA
- New Rice for Africa (NERICA) road map up to March 2009

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