



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

### 1. FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Happy New Year 2009 dear readers, this is our 7<sup>th</sup> issue of our Bi monthly News flash covering the period from January and February 2009 and as always all Members of the AICAD family worked together to give you updates on AICAD activities. I wish to take this opportunity to welcome everybody to this edition.

This issue covers implementation of activities for the period of January to February 2009 and outlines planned activities for the period March to April 2009. You will read about the report on evaluation of five research projects of 4<sup>th</sup> call research proposals, preparation of AICAD roll-up banners, preparation of various multimedia materials on DVDs and of low cost housing brochures (KTDP), visitors, departures and expected arrival of new AICAD staffs.



Prof. B. Tiisekwa TCO Director

### 2. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

#### 2.1 Report on Evaluation of 4<sup>th</sup> Call Research proposals

From 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009 AICAD commissioned follow up evaluation of five research projects which we want to share with you in this seventh issue. Like in the previous evaluation, the current evaluation was carried out by Dr. Damian M. Gabagambi from the Department of Agricultural Economics of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA). He was accompanied by AICAD driver Mr. Abdul Salum and the respective principal researchers. Five research projects were evaluated:

***Rehabilitation of degraded watersheds to improve food security in Baray and Mang'ola wards, Eyasi division, Karatu district, Tanzania.*** The objective of this project was to restore and conserve degraded watersheds in the Eyasi Division. This was to be achieved through addressing specific objectives such as improving household food and nutritional security through improved land productivity, reducing poverty through income generated from the introduction of new cash crops, increasing fuel wood energy supply and introducing better land management options.

***Development of integrated water pumping and electricity generating wind system for remote applications,*** the objective of this research project was to develop integrated water pumping and electricity generating wind system for remote applications. This is an endeavour to replace existing wind turbine designs that have vertical and horizontal axis and their applications are limited to electricity generation or water pumping only.

Other projects visited were, ***Towards domestication of indigenous, local orchids (orchidaceae),*** with the overall goal of conserving the orchids of Southern Highlands of Tanzania. The project was implemented in their natural habitats Makete districts. The project ***Empowerment of communities for poverty reduction strategy in Tanzania: the case of rural communities in Bagamoyo, Manyara and Makete district,*** aimed at empowering the community to undertake poverty reduction initiatives to be measured by attitude change and improved application of skills in project initiatives and implementation. The project activities are located in Bagamoyo in the Coast region. Finally, project ***Application of Effective Micro-organisms (EM) technology for the development of improved use of local organic resources as fertilizers in irrigated rice cultivation in Zanzibar,*** had the overall goal of developing an alternative fertiliser in the production of rice in Zanzibar.

### 3. INFORMATION NETWORKING & DOCUMENTATION

#### 3.1 Preparation of AICAD Banners and DVDs

AICAD Country Office in collaboration with JICA prepared AICAD banners which display the Vision and Mission of AICAD, what AICAD is, the location of the institute, and its collaborators. There are three DVDs which are available now at AICAD TCO in Morogoro, the first DVD contained information on Nanenane (Farmers) exhibition conducted by AICAD last Year (2008) from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of August. The second DVD contained all information concerning AICAD, its vision, mission, activities

and its scope of operation and these were aired by local TV (SUA TV) last year. Third DVD contained information of the 6<sup>th</sup> In Country Training on Irrigation and Water resources management (ICT6-IWRM) in Kiswahili language so that more farmers can read and understand.



AICAD Banners prepared by TCO



AICAD DVDs prepared by TCO

### 3.2 Preparation of Brochures for Low Cost Housing (KTDP).

The Tanzania Country Office is coordinating implementation of dissemination of the low cost housing technology with respect to interlocking bricks. The low cost housing technology has saving potential in machine, time, quality control and shuttering. The brochures will be disseminated to all AICAD stakeholders' in both languages of Kiswahili and English. This will be done on the next quarter so as to make this paramount information on Low Cost Housing accessible and useful to all its stakeholders.

## 4. DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS

The AICAD Deputy Executive Director made a visit to Tanzania office on the mission to finalize the Community Empowerment Programme (CEP) and streamline Tanzania activities for the period between 2009 to 2010.



Deputy ED Prof. Mwatela (right), the outgoing Program Officer Mr. Mghwira, Intern Student Miss Elizabeth, Country Director Prof Tiisekwa and JICA advisor Dr. Murakami during the meeting.

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

### 5.1 Departure

In the period of January and February 2009, AICAD TCO has experienced a huge staff shortage that has even caused some of trainings to be postponed. Two staff members, namely, the Programme Officer Mr. Daniel Mghwira and the Administrative Assistant Miss Salome Sida left the AICAD TCO. The AICAD TCO thanks the outgoing staff for the valuable contribution they made in the service of AICAD and also wish them success in their future endeavours.



Mr. Daniel Mghwira



Miss Salome Sida

## 5.2 Arrivals

AICAD TCO warmly welcomes Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo - Assistant Country Director and is expecting the arrival of Mr. Richard Bruno – new Programme Officer in early March 2009. We wish them good luck in their new positions and pledge to work together as a team to build AICAD.



Mr. Richard Bruno



Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo

## 6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Community Empowerment and Networking Programme (CEP)
- Preparation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Issue of Newsflash

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