



The Bi- Monthly News-flash for AICAD Tanzania

1. FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear readers, stakeholders and collaborating institutions, I wish to welcome you again to our 9th issue of the Tanzania Country Office (TCO) Bi-Monthly Newsflash. This issue provides you with yet another opportunity to learn what the TCO has been doing during the two months of May and June.



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Country Director, TCO

Activities intended for implementation in the subsequent months of July and August will appear in our 10th Issue of the newsflash to be released at the end of August 2009.

NERICA promotion in Zanzibar and Low Cost Housing dissemination in Mainland Tanzania, features under Research and Development. Preparation for T&E activities on In-country Training Courses in Irrigation and Water Resource Management (ICT7-IWRM) and Export Trade of Commercial Crafts (ICT1-ET) are covered in details, as well as some administrative matters.

2.0 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

2.1 NERICA Long Rain Adaptability Trials in Good Progress in Zanzibar

The contract for the final NERICA Long Rain Adaptability Trials was signed in Dar es Salaam on 8th May 2009 between the principal researcher, Mr. Khatib Juma Khatib and the TCO Advisor, Dr. Masahiko Murakami.



Signing of NERICA Contract for long rain season in Dar. On picture (L-R): Abdul Salum of TCO, Mr. Khatib Juma, Mr. Ayub Matumbo and Dr. Masahiko Murakami

TCO Assistant Country Director Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo, together with two AICAD/JICA Project Advisors, Dr. Jiro Nozaka from AICAD Headquarters-Nairobi and Dr. Masahiko Murakami from TCO Morogoro, visited Zanzibar on 28th May 2009. The aim of their mission was to inspect progress of the on-going NERICA Adaptability Trials and to pave the way for NERICA Registration and Variety Release that was intended to take place towards the end of this year. This delegation held fruitful discussions with collaborating institutions and stake holders in Zanzibar, particularly, the Commissioner for Agriculture Research and Extension, Mr. Mbirk Said, the Director of Policy & Planning in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Environment, Dr. Islam S. Salum, the Head of Kizimbani Agricultural Research Station who is also the Chairman of National Seed Registration Committee, Mr. Haji Hamid. Thanks to the Principal investigator of NERICA Mr. Khatib J. Khatib, who coordinated the tour and the meetings (see pictures below)



L-R: Dr. Murakami, Mr. Khatib, Mr. Matumbo, Commissioner Said, Dr. Salum and Dr. Nozaka



Second left is Mr. Haji Hamid, Head of Kizimbani Agricultural Research Station



NERICA Trial Field at Kizimbani Agricultural Research Station

2.2 Addendum to Low Cost Housing (KTDP) Brochure

On 8th May 2009, AICAD officers met the Researchers at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Dar es Salaam to discuss dissemination of Low Cost Housing Technology.

It was agreed that researchers would update the brochure by adding information about formulae for mixing soil, cement and water for different types of soils. Any construction site could then use local soil for making interlocking brick, hence reduce costs.

The brochures are currently being distributed to interested Individuals, Builders Groups, Contractors, Small Industry Development Organisation (SIDO) and Vocational Education Training Authority (VETA) Technical Schools.

3. INTERACTION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

3.1 Visit at Kibaha District

AICAD TCO is currently in the preparation phase for implementation of Seventh In-Country Training Course in Irrigation and Water Resource Management (ICT7 – IWRM) and the First In-Country Training in Export Trade of Commercial Crafts (ICT1 – ET). In so doing, AICAD TCO has collaborated with other organisations in the district; particularly District Irrigation & Agricultural Officers and SIDO Officers in the identification of villages with big numbers of potential candidates for both ICT1-ET and I&WRM. The identified villages will be visited at later dates to meet those potential candidates and for their selection.



AICAD TCO Officers visited SIDO Kibaha on 19th May 2009. Centre is Mrs Bahati Malangalila



On 19th May 2009 AICAD TCO ACD and PO paid courtesy call to the DED of Kibaha, Mr. Vestus Kangómbe. Also in the picture is Mr. Costa Kiuki, a District Development Officer.

AICAD TCO participates in each year's farmer's exhibition in Morogoro known as Nanenane. On 2nd June 2009 AICAD Officers visited active Women groups who were ICT3-VA ex-trainees. Success stories were picked from Upendo and Umoja groups of Kibaha Mlandizi and were invited to participate at Nanenane from 1st August to 8th August 2009 and display their products produced as a result of AICAD training.

3.2 Visit at SIDO Morogoro

On 16 June 2009, the AICAD Country Office Advisor and Programme Officer visited SIDO Morogoro to share with them ideas about Community Empowerment Programme (CEP). Since SIDO had lots of experiences on the grass root level, by interacting with them, AICAD hopes to gain such information as may lead to successful identification of sites and NGO's that AICAD can collaborate with in the implementation of CEP activities.

SIDO Morogoro is now collecting data to implement their own program of ODOP (One District One Project) in Morogoro Rural district and they will provide AICAD TCO with a copy of the report. The report will help AICAD TCO to make a rational decision on site selection after getting the same information from Kibaha district.

During the same visit, AICAD TCO collected some information about an organization dealing with renewable energy, namely, Tanzanian Traditional Energy Development Organization (TaTEDO). This NGO is dealing with renewable energy of various kinds ranging from charcoal to solar power.

4. ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

Country Programme Review (CPR) Mini-Workshop at HQs

Two Country Office Staff, the ACD and the PO, were at AICAD Juja Headquarters on 29th and 30th June, 2009 where they took part in the CPR mini-workshop and represented Tanzania Country Director in the 2nd Management Committee Meeting. The workshop, which was also attended by ACDs and POs from Kenya and Uganda Country Offices, prepared the COs on the implementation of an important activity at the end of the year. CPR will review all training and research activities which took place since the beginning of AICAD/JICA project for the purpose of gauging the achievements and shortcomings of the TCO programmes.

Arrival

AICAD TCO had received one internship student (Mr. Noel Madalla) from Institute of Rural Development Planning. He will be with us for 45 days till 10th August 2009. He will be assisting Programme Officer on day to day activities at the AICAD TCO.

Resignation

Mr. Kennedy Lyova who was Accounts Assistant at AICAD TCO resigned on 26th June 2009. He joined RTI International in Bukoba. AICAD TCO staff worked well with him and wishing him all the best in his new organization.



Kennedy L. Kenan – Left
AICAD



Mr. Noel Madalla – Student Intern
at TCO up to 10th Aug 2009

6.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Further Preparations for the 7th In Country Training Course on Irrigation & Water Resource Management (ICT7-IWRM)
- Further Preparation of the 1st In Country Training Course on Export Trade of Commercial Crafts (ICT1-ET)
- Community Empowerment Programme: Needs Assessment Survey (Knowledge and Technology needs)
- Preparation of the 10th Issue of Newsflash

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