



The Bi- Monthly Newsflash from AICAD Tanzania Country Office

FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear readers, once again, welcome to our Bi-Monthly Newsflash from Tanzania Country Office. This is the 18th Issue with reports covering the year's closing months of November and December, 2010. In preparing for the fourth in-country training on enterprise development, the Morogoro Municipal Council Welfare and Development Officers took part in the planning and participant-selection process together with AICAD-TCO officers. The Municipality had also paid for the costs of the training venue and hence started a unique collaboration with AICAD in poverty reduction.



Prof. Bendantunguka Tiisekwa,
Country Director.

1. TRAINING AND EXTENSION

Selection for Fourth In-Country Training on Enterprise Development (ICT4 – ED) at Morogoro Municipality

The fourth In-country Training on Enterprise Development was to be implemented in Morogoro Municipality. This was the extended Model Area for AICAD Tanzania Country Office. Selection for course participants started on 10th November 2010 through to 12 November 2010. 37 interested entrepreneurs from six out of 29 wards had sent their applications for the course to the Municipal Director. These applicants were visited and interviewed by AICAD Officers in collaboration with Municipal Welfare Development Officers. Ward Executives Officers (WEOs) played an important role in guiding the interviewing team to where the candidates were located. The wards visited were Kingolwira, Uwanja wa Taifa, Kiwanja cha Ndege, Mzinga, Kilakala, and Sabasaba. Out of the 37 that applied, 30 were finally selected to attend the two-week course.



Selection Interviews at Kingolwira Ward



Selection Interviews at SabaSaba Ward

Resource Person's Workshop for ICT4-ED

Following the selection of participants, a resource person's workshop was held at the Tanzania Country Office on the 23rd November 2010. Four resource persons from Sokoine University of Agriculture's Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness and one from Rufiji District Council deliberated on the course contents and shared the topics among themselves. Finally they agreed on a two-week timetable for course targeting 30 participants from Morogoro Municipality. The workshop was also attended by AICAD's Programme Officer, Mr. Richards Bruno and was chaired by the Assistant Country Director, Mr. Ayub Matumbo, on behalf of the Country Director Prof. B. Tiisekwa.



ICT4-ED Resource Persons Workshop at AICAD-
Tanzania Country Office on 23-Nov-2010

ICT4-ED Successfully Implemented

The Fourth In-country Training on Enterprise Development, organized in collaboration with Morogoro Municipality, was formally opened by Dr. Kama, on behalf of the Morogoro Municipal Director Mr. Jarvis A. Simbeye, on Monday 29th November, 2010. The venue, the Morogoro Social Education Centre, was contributed by the municipality. The enterprise development course which aimed at strengthening participants' entrepreneurial qualities and business management practices, was closed 12 days later by the Morogoro District Commissioner, Mr. Said Thabith Mwambungu. The closing ceremony was also attended by Dr. Jiro Nozaka who is AICAD's Chief Adviser, Mr. Satishi Chikami – a short time expert from JICA Tokyo and was addressed by Prof. Philip Kutima – the Deputy Executive Director of AICAD and Prof. Bendantunguka Tiisekwa, the Country Director of AICAD Tanzania Country Office.



ICT4-ED class in-progress at the Morogoro Social Education Centre: 29 Nov – 10 Dec 2010.



Closing of ICT4-ED at Morogoro: Friday 10th December, 2010.

2. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (CEP)

CEP Progress Meeting: Confirming the way forward for women groups.

At the CEP progress meeting held at Misugusugu on 14th December 2010, the women groups reported that they had hired a private building at Kibaha Kwa-Matias, which they intended to use for a processing unit. AICAD started to explore the best possibilities for future sustainability and maintenance of machinery to be donated by JICA for CEP. As a result various discussions were held over future ownership of the machines, first with the Kibaha women groups themselves and later with the long time collaborator, the Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO). At the meeting on 16th December 2010 with SIDO's Director General Mr. Mike Laiser at SIDO Headquarters, the short-term expert Mr. Satoshi Chikami and the Chief Advisor Dr. Jiro Nozaka took part too.

3. KTDP (LOW COST HOUSING TECHNOLOGY)

The National Housing and Building Research Agency (NHBRA), in Collaboration with the College of Engineering and Technology of the University of Dar Es Salaam, proposed a dissemination project on soil stabilized compressed interlocking blocks for Kilosa District, Morogoro Region. The Tsh. 13,218,975/= proposal was received by AICAD at the beginning of December 2010. Due to constraints of funds and implementation time, this project could not be supported at this time. Alternatively, AICAD has proposed to NHBRA and UDSM to consider partial implementation of the proposal by Developing Narrative technology demonstration CDs and Videos for each geographical zone for disseminating the technology at Trade fairs or as TV programmes.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Preparations and Implementation of ICT4-VA that is to be conducted in collaboration with Morogoro Rural District
- CEP continuation at Kibaha
- Preparation of the 19th Issue of Newsflash
- Development of Kiswahili Training Manuals based on course notes for ICT4-ED

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