



The Bi- Monthly Newsflash from AICAD Tanzania Country Office

FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR

Dear readers,

The Bi-Monthly Newsflash Issue 20 from Tanzania Country Office reports on activities that were accomplished during the two months of March and April 2011. Usually these two months coincide with Japanese ending and starting months of their fiscal year. Hence activities that rely on funds from this development agency would somehow slow down. Also, some key personnel at the country office usually schedule their annual leaves during these months to take advantage of the low tide. Nevertheless, the reports show substantial activities implemented during this time.



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TRAINING AND EXTENSION

1. Fourth In-Country Training on Value Addition (ICT4 –VA) Closed at Ngerengere Ward in Morogoro Rural District

The 4th in-country training on Value Addition of agricultural produce, which started on 21st February 2011, was closed on 4th March 2011 at Ngerengere Roman Catholic Hall by Mr. Denis Lihepa, the Morogoro Rural District Trade Officer. Mr. Lihepa officiated the closing ceremony on behalf of Mr. Eden A. Munisi the guest of honour, also the Rural District Executive Director. Thirty (30) beneficiaries from small scale food processors and farmers were awarded with AICAD Certificates of accomplishment. The 11 men and 19 women trainees were selected from the Morogoro District Wards of Gwata, Ngerengere, Mvuha, Kisemu, Mkuyuni, Kinole and Kiroka.



ICT4-VA participants, resource persons, AICAD Officers, Village Chairman, JICA Advisor and Guest of honour Mr. Denis Lihepa, outside Ngerengere Roman Catholic Hall, at the closing ceremony closed.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (CEP)

2. CEP Progress at Kibaha: Process of Purchasing of machinery started

Appropriate machines and equipments to be purchased by AICAD/JICA were chosen through a selection process during a CEP workshop and by members of the women group. The machines were a grain milling machine Size No. 75, a grain milling machine Size No.5 for grinding spices and an industrial standard Juice Extractor.

The task of seeking and obtaining quotations or proforma invoices was carried out by the women themselves, sometimes with logistical assistance from AICAD-TCO. Taking into consideration of the available budget of USD \$5000, selected members of the women group visited manufacturers in Dar es Salaam, Arusha and Morogoro.



On 10th March 2011, representatives of Kibaha Women Groups visited manufacturers of food processing machines in Arusha, namely, TEMDO - Left photo, CARMATEC – Centre photo, Mr. Hashim's Workshop - Right photo and SIDO-Arusha

3. Procurement of Selected CEP Machines

The manufacturers of the food processing machines demanded some percentage of advance payment to commit them to start production. AICAD/JICA Project made the initial payment for juice extractor at TEMDO Arusha on 21st April 2011 whereas a similar payment advance was made at Intermech Engineering – Morogoro for the milling machines on 28th April 2011.

4. Upcoming Events

- CEP continuation at Kibaha
- Preparation of the 21st Issue of Newsflash
- University Outreach Activity Proposal from SUA

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