

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

**1. MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

It's always a pleasure to have the opportunity to brief you on the progress of implementation of our activities through this fifth issue of bi-monthly news flash. This issue covers implementation of past activities of Research & Development, Training & Extension as well as Information Networking and Documentation. We also outline the planned activities for the period (November-December) 2008. You will read on the implementation of activities outlined in the 4<sup>th</sup> issue which include implementation of the 6<sup>th</sup> In-Country Course on Irrigation and Water Resource Management (ICT6- IWRM), Dissemination of Low Cost Housing Project, Report of Monitoring and Evaluation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> In-Country Training Course on Value Addition (ICT2-VA). While we

appreciate the positive comments and feedback from some stakeholders, we believe there is more to be done to improve subsequent issues; and your valuable comments are always welcome.



Prof. Bendantunguka P. M. Tiisekwa, Country Director

**2. RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY**

**2.1 Progress on the Dissemination of the Low Cost Housing Project**

The country office received the report of the proof on the low cost housing component from researchers at the College of Engineering and Technology (CoET) on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The report enables the country office to proceed with the next step which is to prepare dissemination materials in collaboration with researchers. Researchers however need to present to the country office, a comprehensive proposal outlining activities and budget for accomplishing this task.

**3. TRAINING & EXTENSION**

**3.1 Monitoring & Evaluation of the (ICT2-VA)**



Ms. Mwantumu Omary (Expert) during data collection in Morogoro

The country office engaged two experts for conducting the Monitoring and Evaluation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> In-Country Training Course in Value Addition (ICT2-VA). The activity involved field interviews to trainees for data collection, data analysis and report submission. Data collection took place between 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in Morogoro Urban, Morogoro Rural and Mvomero District of Morogoro Region; and Kibaha District of Coast Region. Involved in the team were **Ms. Gaudencia Donati** – Food Scientist and team leader from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), **Ms. Mwantumu Omari** - Food Scientist cum Business Development Expert (SUA), **Mr. Walter Mbaula** – (AICAD Training Assistant) and **Mr. Jumanne Habibu** – AICAD Intern student from Institute Rural Development Planning, Dodoma.



Mr. Jumanne Habibu (AICAD Intern Student) in one of the sessions at Mandizi, Kibaha

In-country Training Course on value addition (ICT2-VA) was held at the Institute of Continuing Education and various premises, at SUA Morogoro from 22<sup>nd</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007. The Course involved 31 farmers and small business persons split into Morogoro Urban (12), Morogoro Rural District (2) and Mvomero District (3) in Morogoro Region and Kibaha District (14) in Coast Region.



Ms. Gaudencia Donati (Team Leader) at Ruvu Station, Kibaha

AICAD conducts M & E not as an academic exercise but with practical focus on gathering useful information for planning future interventions as well as developing success stories from our past interventions. The overall goal is community empowerment through identification of opportunities, gaps and challenges for development through assessing the effects of the training in terms of changes in the quality of life and other aspects. Specifically the activity aims to follow up on knowledge practice after training, identify resources and constraints to knowledge adoption, identify technology requirements and gaps to development, and identify potential themes for Researches, identify and document success stories from the intervention, identify useful knowledge and or technologies for disseminations through Knowledge and Technology Dissemination Programme (KTDP) and identifying areas requiring further training interventions.

### 3.2 Consultative Meetings for Preparation for the ICT6-IWRM

In preparing for the 6<sup>th</sup> In-Country Training Course (ICT6) on Irrigation and Water Resources Management (IWRM), the country office held consultative meetings for the purpose of gathering preliminary information necessary for selection of site and course participants. The country office held a meeting with the Zonal Irrigation Office in Morogoro which covers Morogoro, Coast and Dar es salaam regions. The meeting with **Eng. Archord Ruhangisa**, Zonal Irrigation Officer and **Eng. David Chemka**, Zonal Irrigation Technician took place in his office in Morogoro on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008; where the country office was availed data on current as well as on-going irrigation schemes, potential areas for irrigation agriculture, training needs of selected sites in Morogoro, Kibaha and Dar es salaam.

The second meeting was held between the Country Office and Kibaha District Agricultural and Livestock Development Office 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008. The discussion involved Programme Officer Mr Daniel Mghwira and the Country Advisor Dr Masahiko Murakami with the DALDO Kibaha **Mr. Frank J. Mshana** and the District Irrigation Technician Ms. **Anastasia J Mganwa**. The country Office was availed with data on areas with potential for irrigation farming, the on-going and planned Government interventions on irrigation agriculture. The data enabled the country office to identify a site where selection of participants for the ICT6-IWRM course was later carried from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

### 3.3 Field Selection Trip

Field visit for selection of participants of the ICT6-IWRM took place from 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 2008 at Kwala; one of the five wards of Kibaha District Council of the Coast Region, located 18 km from the Morogoro- Dar es salaam highway. The ward has a population of 3,965 split into villages of Kwala (2133), Dutumi (1524) and Mwembengozi (308). Involved in the selection team were **Mr. Daniel Mghwira** – AICAD Programme Officer, **Ms. Anastasia Mganwa**, Kibaha District Irrigation Technician and **Ms. Elizabeth Kiwale** AICAD Internship Student. Three villages of Kwala Ward were covered namely; Kwala, Mwembengozi and Dutumi.

The team interviewed 60 farmers out of which 30 were recommended for participation in the training course. Selection criteria included, age between 25-60 years, good health, sound mind, ability to read and write properly, reachability either by post office or telephones, engagement in farming activities especially irrigation agriculture, ability to attend at least 95% of course duration, demonstrable ability to learn and change (attitude and perception towards a training), previous training courses attended (for the purpose of avoiding duplication), willingness and demonstrable ability to share knowledge with others after training and group affiliation.



Members of AICAD Selection team carrying interviews to farmers at different localities in Kwala Ward, Kibaha. From right, Mr. Daniel Mghwira at Dutumi village, Ms. Anastasia Mganwa at Kwala and Ms. Elizabeth Kiwale at Mwembengozi village. The three villages constitute Kwala Ward of Kibaha District Council.

## 4. VISITORS

### 4.1 JICA Mission to Country Office

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008, the Country office received visitors and held a meeting with JICA mission. The mission team comprised of Ms. Kyoko Kuwajima, Deputy Director General for Governance, Public Policy Department (JICA HQ Japan), Mr. Iwama Hajime, Senior Programme Officer, Public Policy Department (JICA HQ Japan), Mr Hayashi Kenji, Assistant Resident Representative, JICA Kenya Office and Mr Tetsuya Yamamoto, Assistant Resident Representative, JICA Tanzania Office. During the meeting with country office staffs held in the Board room of SUA Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SCSRD) and chaired by the Country Director Prof. B. Tiisekwa, the mission was briefed on the implementation of activities for the period April – August 2008 and planned activities for the period September 2008- March 2009. General discussion focused on successes and the challenges in the implementation process and suggestions for improvement.



JICA mission during the meeting with Tanzania Country Office staffs in the Boardroom of SUA- SCSR, Morogoro



JICA mission at SUA-VC's office. From right Mr T. Yamamoto (JICA Tanzania), Mr. K. Hayashi (JICA Kenya), Ms. K. Kuwajima (JICA Japan), Prof G Monella (SUA- VC), Prof B. Tiisekwa (AICAD- CD), Mr. D. Mghwira (AICAD-PO) and Mr. H Iwama.(JICA-Japan)

Prior to the meeting with the Country office staffs, the mission paid a courtesy call to the office of the Vice Chancellor for SUA and held discussion with the Vice Chancellor, **Professor Gerald Monella**. The mission was accompanied by the Country Director **Prof. B Tiisekwa**, Country Advisor **Dr. Masahiko Murakami** and the Programme Officer **Mr. Daniel Mghwira**. During the discussion, Prof. Monella informed the mission of the continued cooperation between SUA and the Country Office. He cited the community empowerment through knowledge and technology dissemination programmes as a core area for strengthening existing cooperation between the two institutes; and called for more avenues of cooperation. He assured the commitment of the University to the various AICAD activities and promised continued participation to various country office activities in various capacities.

Since its period of existence, AICAD Tanzania has been enjoying the warm cooperation from SUA. Apart from hosting the country office, the top University Management has been involved in ceremonial functions such as opening and closing of In-Country Training courses. This year, the University allocated the Country office within its pavilion, a space for exhibition during the farmers shows which took place in Morogoro from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Nanenane gave the country office an opportunity to enhance its publicity through selling AICAD objectives, activities and accomplishments to the public. The country office however draws many of the experts from SUA for assisting in execution of various programme activities related to research and trainings. These include but not limited to carrying the training needs assessment surveys, delivering specialised training course, monitoring and evaluation of researches, monitoring and evaluation of in country training programmes.



Front view of SUA Pavilion within Nanenane grounds where the Country Office was hosted for exhibition during the farmers show from 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

## 5. ADMINISTRATION

### 5.1 Departures

**Mr. Walter Mbaula**- AICAD Training Assistant resigned from AICAD and parted with AICAD on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008. Mr. Mbaula, the only remained JICA supported staff in the Country Office worked for AICAD since July 2006. During his tenure, he assisted in coordinating activities under training and extension division which includes selection of participants, identifying resource persons and participating in monitoring and evaluation of the in-country training courses. Mr. Mbaula was such a valuable and energetic worker to the AICAD and his contribution to the activities is highly commendable. He has joined the University of Dodoma as a Tutorial Assistant and the Country office wishes him all the best with his new care



Mr. Walter L. Mbaula

## 6. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6<sup>th</sup> In-Country Training course on Irrigation and Water Resources Management ICT6-IWRM (10<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2008)
- Preparation of the 6<sup>th</sup> issue of the Newsflash (December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008)
- NERICA Short Rain Seasons Trials

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