

## Monthly Report

Grantee: Rural Urban Development Initiatives (RUDI)

Report for the month of: August 2011

Based on your grant agreement implementation timeline, the project accomplished the following activities over the past month:

s/n	Activities	Activity Status
1	Conduct strategic planning to Mangalali, Magubike and Lumuli Associations	<p>3 years Strategic planning for Mangalali, Magubike and Lumuli was conducted. After the training the Associations leaders were assisted to develop 3 years strategic planning. The following was the outline of the training:</p> <p>Basic characteristics of business associations. What are the greatest needs of the <u>members' businesses?</u></p> <p>SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis of the association: List the association's internal strengths and weaknesses List the opportunities and threats--forces and situations outside the association that are likely to help or hurt. Review the association's current plan. Identify the most important issues based on: 1) the needs of the members' businesses, 2) the SWOT analysis, and 3) the current plan.</p> <p>Discuss challenges and develop plans with Association leaders and members. Total number of participants: Lumuli, Mangalali and Lumuli 114. Amani:</p>
2	Training on Access to credit	<p>During the month the financial Consultant continue to train USAID COMPETE assisted farmers on how to access credit to SUWA, Amani, Magubike, Mangalali and Lumuli Associations. During the training farmers were sensitized on how to access credit from various institutions such as Banks, Saccos, private individuals etc. The trainees were also enlightened on how to calculate the interest rates as well as analyzing risks involved in borrowing. The trainees were also brought bank officials to discuss the types of loan available for small farmers.</p>
3	Analyze/Collect daily price information	<p>Consultant continues to collect daily price information for rice and maize from urban Dar es Salaam markets and disseminate the information to all warehouse managers by sms</p>

4	Cont. awareness on government farmers support program	Cont awareness training to Suwa Mangalali, Amani, Magubike and Limuli
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#### Status of the installation of milling machine:

s/n	Association name	Status	District	Expected date to start operation
1	Mang'ula "A" (rice)	Completed	Kilombero	
2	Mkasu (rice)	Machine has been installed. Wait to be completed.	Kilombero	Middle September, 2011
3	Ifakara (rice)	Completed.	Kilombero	
4	Mbingu (rice)	Completed	Kilombero	
5	Idodi (rice)	Completed	Iringa Rural	third week of August 2011
6	Mangalali (maize)	Engineer is on the site.	Iringa Rural	Middle of week of September 2011
7	Suwa (maize)	Engineer is on the site.	Handeni	Second week of September 2011

#### Status of the commodity in the warehouse:

s/n	Association name	Status	District
1	Mang'ula "A" (rice)	500 bags	Kilombero
2	Mkasu (rice)	60 bags	Kilombero
3	Mbasa (rice)	50 bags	Kilombero
4	Mbingu (rice)	200 bags	Kilombero
5	Idodi (rice)	360 bags	Iringa Rural
6	Mangalali (maize)	450 bags	Iringa Rural
7	Suwa (maize)	300 bags	Handeni
8	Magubike	50 bags	Iringa Rural
9	Lumuli	200 bags	Iringa Rural

#### Additional comments/results:

This year prices of both rice and maize is quite high. Farmers hesitate to put their crop in the warehouse worrying that the prices may fall.

NMB has given loan of Tshs 228 million to Kilombero Apex to pay advance to farmers when they bring their produce to the warehouse.

Stanbic Bank gave a loan of Tshs 600 million to USAID COMPETE Associations in Iringa and Handeni to and pay advance to the farmers.