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The Competitiveness and Trade Expansion Program

I. General Information

Grant Agreement No.: RUD – STA- 008
Grantee Institution: Rural Urban Development Initiatives (RUDI)
Project Title: Expansion of Warehouse Receipt Programs for rice and maize in Kilombero, Iringa Rural and Handeni districts of Tanzania
Type of report: Monthly
Period covered by this report: From 1st February 2011 to 28th February 2011.

II. Background

USAID-COMPETE PARTNER FUNDING SUPPORT TO RUDI

March 2011 report

This report from Rural Urban Development Initiatives (RUDI) is for the 3rd for 2011 covering USAID COMPETE support to RUDI for 2 years period. The report covers the activities achieved in March 2011.

Project overview

RUDI is implementing two years project on Warehouse expansion in three districts of Tanzania. The project is funded by USAID COMPETE.

III Executive summary

The primary objective of the COMPETE grant to RUDI is to assist smallholder rice and maize farmers in three districts of Tanzania – Iringa Rural, Kilombero and Handeni. The grant aims at assisting three Associations in the three districts to establish collective marketing through WRS, procuring milling equipment and convert paddy to milled rice and maize to flour at the source. This is expected to lead to a tripling in the value of the milled rice/flour and contribute to better returns to the farmers. This activity also assists the finished rice/flour product to be traded across the region without further transport to a processor.

Table 1: New warehouses for 2011 in Iringa Rural

Sensitization meetings on the project, WRS and government opportunities were conducted to the new Associations during the quarter.

VILLAGES	LUMULI	MAGUBIKE
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	73	70
MALE	34	43
FEMALE	39	27
SUB-TOTAL	73	70
TOTAL	143	

Activities carried during the months of March 2011

- a) Finalized preparation of business plans and submit to the NMB and Stanbic banks
- b) Conduct training on productivity and quality
- c) Sensitized farmers on warehouse receipt system.
- d) Attended meetings with WFP on 2011 purchase maize from USAID COMPETE assisted Associations.
- e) Identify new warehouses.
- f) Sensitized more farmers to join the Associations.
- g) Purchase of land for constructing shelter for milling machines.
- h) Sponsoring seven farmers to attend key Stakeholders meeting in Dar es Salaam.

Detail activities

- i) Finalized preparation of business plans and submit to the NMB and Stanbic banks

During the month of March RUDI contracted a Consultant Valery Fernando to prepare business plans for machine installation and for Bank loan for our Associations.

- ii) Conduct training on productivity and quality

During the March RUDI contracted trainers to Mary Aloyce and Emmanuel Samile to conduct training on productivity as well as opportunities exist in government program

Figure 1: The training conducted to 453 farmers to different six (6) villages as follows in March 2011

VILLAGES	MANGALALI	KANING'OMBE	LUMULI	KIMANDE	M/GUBIKE
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	100	47	73	23	70
MALE	71	34	34	18	43
FEMALE	29	13	39	5	27
SUB-TOTAL	100	47	73	23	70
TOTAL	453				

- iii) Sensitized farmers on warehouse receipt system
During the month of March the field managers continue to sensitize farmers on WRS: Mbingu, Handeni and Iringa. 2300 farmers were sensitized on WRS and USAID COMPETE project.
- iv) Attended meetings with WFP on 2011 purchase maize from USAID COMPETE assisted Associations.

RUDI CEO attended two meetings with WFP on P4P for USAID COMPETE assisted Associations. WFP asked RUDI to tender for maize purchase for Iringa and Handeni Associations.

- v) Identify new warehouses.

In order to increase the number of beneficiaries to 1,200 in Iringa and Handeni as stated in the proposal, the project identified two new warehouses in Iringa: Magubike and Lumuli. Recruitment of members who will deposit their produce to the warehouses is going well.

- vi) Sensitized more farmers to join the Associations.

During the month of March the project sensitize farmers to join Associations. More members will lead to increase of volume which will attract more buyers.

- vii) Purchase land for constructing shelter for milling machines.

Mangalali and Handeni purchased land for constructing house for milling machines. The construction is going well.

- viii) Sponsoring seven farmers to attend key Stakeholders meeting in Dar es Salaam.

Seven members of USAID supported Associations attended a one day workshop on WRS Multi stakeholders workshop. Among other things the workshop addressed issues raised by farmers on Warehouse Receipt System. RUDI was selected to join a committee to address various issues raised by farmers during the meeting. Draft minutes attached.