

## EXPANSION OF WAREHOUSE RECEIPT PROGRAMS FOR RICE AND MAIZE



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## **1. Introduction:**

This is the first report of the USAID COMPETE Expansion of the Warehouse receipt Programs for rice and maize project implemented by RUDI.

Expansion of the Warehouse receipt Programs for rice and maize project implemented by RUDI aims at assisting small farmers in three districts in Tanzania to establish storage facilities, increase smallholder producers' access to finance; increase income of smallholder farmers through the sale of rice produce, reduce transaction costs through collective marketing, reduce post harvest losses of rice, and facilitate a favorable rice trading environment.

## **2. Project Implementation Progress**

In order to achieve objectives the following activities were implemented during the quarter with encouraging results.

### **2.1 Conduct baseline survey in 3 districts.**

All the 3 USAID – COMPETE assisted village associations/districts were visited during the month of January and February 2010 to identify existing farmer groups, project briefing, assess the warehouses, assess production, milling machines etc. The following villages were visited: Mangalali (Iringa), Kaning'ombe (Iringa), Mbingu (Kilombero) and Amani (Handeni)

In total 120 farmers were interviewed: 50 Mangalali, 60 Handeni, 10 Mbingu

The detailed baseline reports are attached in Annex 1

### **2.2 Local leaders awareness and training**

During the quarter the project sensitized farmers and local leaders on the project. Three villages/districts were sensitized and a total of 830 local leaders and farmers were sensitized on the project: 300 Mangalali, 215 Handeni and 315 Mbingu.

The detailed report Annex 2

### 2.3 During the quarter the following training was conducted:

s/n		Mangalali	Kaning'ombe	Mbingu	Amani	Iringa	Total
1	Warehouse Receipt Sensitization	130 (50 F)	102 (46 F)	118 (98 f)	150 (120 F)		500 (216 Female)
2	Husbandry training	300 (81 f, 137m)	298 (111 F, 187 m)	133 (80 F)	218 (88 F)		675 (360 F)
3	Post harvest training	On going. Expected 280 (120 F)	300 (140F)				580 (260 f)
4	Training standards training as per EAC	240 (122 f)	180 (89 F)			47 (22)	467 (211 F)
5	Create awareness amongst farmers on government farmer on farmers support programs			Ongoing expectation 233 (89 F)			233 (89F)
6	Conduct training on grades and standards				298 ( 122 F)		298 (122 F)
<b>Grand total</b>						<b>2,753</b>	<b>(1,258)</b>

### 3. Other activities implemented during the quarter

3.1 Repair of six warehouses ( two supported by USAID COMPETE) Mangalali and Mbingu, Three supported by AGRA - Mbasa, Kiberege, Mgudeni, and Mang'ula B

3.2 Make pallets 50 – Amani (Handeni), Mbingu

3.3 Purchase 5 weighing scales

3.4 Purchase 2 Rice milling machine, 1 destoner, 1 grading machine

3.5 Purchase 2 moisture meters

3.6 Purchase tarpaulins 20

3.7 Purchase PPP bags – packing material 2,500

3.8 Translation of Maize standardize manual in swahili ( Annex 4)

3.9 Prepare three business plans – Amani (Handeni), Mangalali and Mbingu ( see Annex 5)

### **Critical operation issues**

Introduction of RUDI as the project implementer of the project and a brief contractual agreements background, between USAID COMPETE project and RUDI were discussed. The background to the project including the expected results of the project was discussed in detail with the potential beneficiaries of the project.

RUDI is implementing another project with Agriculture Green Revolution (AGRA). The AGRA project is in Kilombero district and focuses in paddy. The Associations supported by AGRA are quite different from the COMPETE. AGRA does not support infrastructure for WRS. Since the aim is to increase income for small farmers, we use some of the money from COMPETE to repair 4 warehouses in Kilombero: Kiberege, Mang'ula B, Mgudeni and Mbasu.

EAC maize standard training was conducted for Iringa maize stakeholders. The training was not earlier planned. We use the same resources to conduct the training to maize stakeholders of Iringa and to members of USAID COMPETE supported Associations.