

STRENGTHENING CHAANI MCHEZA SHAURI COOPERATIVE'S CAPACITY



Project site: Shehia of Chaani Mcheza Shauri situated in the 'North A' District, Zanzibar(Tanzania)



Some members of Ona Mbele Cooperative Society

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Background

Ona Mbele Cooperative Society, established in 1992, focuses on the elimination of extreme poverty, providing grinding services to the community, and mobilizing the community to create fund-generating activities to increase their income. Ona Mbele has successfully implemented over 4 programmes in Shehia (Shehia being the smallest Administrative level in Zanzibar). It provided financial support to students who qualified to enter Form III in 2007 and 2008, and gave technical support to strengthen the women's cooperative services.

Project summary

The project will provide a grinding machine to Ona Mbele Cooperative in order to extend the scope of work and services they offer the community. It will also improve and increase working capacities, eventually increasing annual income and intends to strengthen Ona Mbele's infrastructure by installing and connecting

electricity to the building and the grinding machine thus transforming the energy source from fuel to electricity. Ona Mbele and women cooperatives members will be provided with training on programme management and financials skills to increase the cooperative's production and capital so as to accommodate the increasing demands for their services. The financial training will include the following: basics on market and marketing strategy, marketing information, success factors, income and expenditure, cost and price, profit and loss, financial records, cash book and transaction recording.

The project will also be renovating two buildings, owned by women cooperatives and used for raising poultry, to improve the building standards and the stock living conditions.

Decent Work Country Programme's priority (DWCP): Reduce poverty through creation of decent work opportunities.



Partners

Chururu Si Ndongondo Cooperative and Tupendane Cooperative will participate in the renovation of their poultry house and collaborate with other cooperatives in conducting financial management training courses, and developing a plan to strengthen the organization's financial system.

Bora Kuwepo Cooperative and Tupendane Cooperative will be helping with the implementation of the project's activities. Bora Kuwepo will have their building renovated with the help of the other cooperatives.

Beneficiaries

The project's primary beneficiaries are the 70 members of the partner societies: Chururu Si Ndongondo, Tupendane, Bora Kuwepo and Ona Mbele Cooperative Societies.

Secondary beneficiaries are the 10800 residents, 4000 farmers and 200 businessmen from Chaani Mechaza Shauri.

Expected achievements

- Procurement of a grinding machine to increase the cooperative's working capacity and income, enabling the members to benefit and create profit from the services they provide;
- Training of 70 members on financial management to improve the cooperative's financial management in record keeping, cashbook, ledger and other financial documents;
- Creation of 10 Jobs in Ona Mbele and women cooperative societies;
- Installing and connecting electricity to Ona Mbele building and grinding machine;
- Renovation of 2 poultry firm buildings.

Project duration and budget

Project duration: 9 to 12 months, Starting June 2009

Total budget: USD 38,460

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