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and Cooperatives - MAFSC



Call for Submission of Information for Developing a National Farm Machinery Catalogue and Dealers Directory

In January 2010, Research Into Use (RIU) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives organized a one day Stakeholder Consultative Meeting on Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization in Tanzania to discuss key agro-mechanization challenges affecting small-holder farmers and recommend solutions and opportunities that will promote overall agro-mechanization in Tanzania. The meeting brought together dealers/agents in agricultural machinery, manufacturers of tools and implements, financial institutions, RIU officials, government officials from the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives, District Agricultural and Livestock Development Officers – DALDOs and Mechanization Officers from Morogoro region, experts from Center for Agricultural Mechanization and Rural Technology (CARMATEC), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Financial institutions (such as FBME and TIB), tractor owners and farmers.

One of the key issues raised in the meeting is lack of knowledge and poor awareness among farmers on available farm machinery that can be used to increase productivity, ensure timeliness and reduce drudgery for various farm operations. This was linked to lack of information on available farm machinery which hinders farmers' knowledge and choices of appropriate machinery and equipments that can be used in each stage of farm operations i.e. fromland preparation to packaging.

On the other hand, it was evident that some farmers are not aware of manufacturers, importers/dealers and sellers who are involved in the agricultural machinery business in Tanzania. It was emphasized that their contacts and locations can not easily be found or established with certainty.

To address the above mentioned shortcoming and contribute to the KILIMO KWANZA call to modernise and commercialise agriculture for peasant, small, medium and large scale producers, the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives (MAFC) in collaboration with Research Into Use (RIU) is planning to prepare a Machinery Catalogue and Manufacturers/Dealers Directory to create awareness and help farmers and other stakeholders make informed choices on appropriate technologies to meet their requirements. The directory and catalogue will be disseminated at ward and village levels to ensure that target groups are reached. The publications will locate all manufacturers, importers/dealers, sellers and service providers countrywide.

Apart from assisting farmers, the publication aims at making the private sector involved in farm machinery more popular and therefore opening up more business opportunities to make it shoulder its rightful role in the implementation of KILIMO KWANZA.

In view of the above, the MAFC in collaboration with RIU invites manufacturers, importers/dealers, stockists, sellers and machinery service providers countywide to make available information to be included in the Machinery Catalogue and Dealers Directory as shown on the checklist below:



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CHECKLIST

The purpose of the checklist is to provide a guide on the information that should be collected from manufacturers, importers/dealers, sellers and service providers of mechanization technologies in the country. Information will also be collected on the particulars of the institutions concerned as well as description of the technologies involved.

<i>Particulars (repeat the particulars to accommodate branches if any)</i>	
Name of Institution	
Occupation/Activities carried out	
Location	
Contact Person & Designation	
Box	
Phone Number(s)	
Fax Number (s)	
E-mail Addresses (Official & Contact person)	
Website	
Short description of the Company/Institution	
Number of Branches & Location	
<i>Available Technologies for:</i>	<i>Description & picture/s*</i>
Land preparation	
Plowing	
Harrowing	
Planting	
Chemical application	
Fertilizer application	
Weeding	
Harvesting	
Transportation (from farm to homestead, to processing plant, to market)	
Storage	
Processing	
Packaging	
Other technologies (name them)	

*In the description of the technology the following information should be included, where applicable:

- Short explanation of the technology – working principle, application, limitation of use?
- Source of Power - human, draft animal power, mechanical
- Engine/ Motor Capacity (Hp/ kW), 3phase/1 phase?
- Rating: Work input (kg)/output (kg)?
- Machine processing capacity– per hour, per day
- Fuel consumption (at Max. load) – liters/hr?
- Indicative Price (TShs.)



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The technologies should be accompanied with picture/s JPEG. These can be sent on CD or as an Email attachment.

Further information and submission of information should be addressed to:

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