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List of abbreviations

DASIP	District Agriculture Sector Investment Project
FFS	Farmer Field School
PFG	Participatory Farmer Group
FP	Farmer Practice
VADP	Village agriculture development Plans
PCU	Project Coordinating Unity
FCB	Farmers Capacity Building
CP	Community Planning
FF's	Farmers Facilitators
BOQ	Bill of Quantities
KIWOSA	Kibondo Women SACCOS
O & OD	Opportunity and Obstacle for Development

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Introduction

This report gives the status of project implementation of the past six(6) months from July 2008 to December 2008. The report starts by listing the activities carried out in the period and goes on giving both physical and financial status of their respective implementation. It should be noted that activities done so far includes implementation of the carried over activities from the fourth quarter of financial year 2007/2008. The report also explains the performance of the FFS`s for the past cropping season by comparing yields under FP and IPPM and all the important information from FFS`s. The component of monitoring and evaluation/verification of the planned activities were carried out in all DASIP target villages in the district. At the end, the report cites problems encountered during the period.

These quarters verification of implementation of the past and activities plans for the financial year 2008/2009 was conducted under field appraisal, which was carried by PCU staff in collaboration with district DASIP staff and the beneficiaries.

2.0 Plan and implementation status

2.1 Farmers capacity building

- Sensitization and formation of six more PFG's for each village under DASIP.
135 PFG's out of 180 target in 2008/ 2009 have been formed.
- Trainig of farmer facilitators.
28 FF's out of 30 targeted have received train on the major principles of crops and livestock production.
- Distribution of agricultural inputs/training materials to villages under DASIP.
135 PFG's formed 2008/2009 have been supplied

2.2 Community planning and investment

Table 1. Community investments 2006/2007/2008:

			FUNDS ISSUED 2006/2007/2008Tsh. (000)				
WARD	VILLAGE	PROJECT NAME	BENEF.	DASIP	TOTAL	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REMARKS
Kibondo	Kibondo	Rehabilitation of rural feeder road.	2,400	9,600	12,000	Completed	
Kibondo	Kibondo	Rice mill & Flour packaging machine.	5,000	5,000	10,000	Co-funded and procurement process begin	Co-funded by KIWOOSA and DASIP after the former Kabwigwa Women Association failed to do so.
Misezera	Twabagondo zi	Construction of 4 box culverts for rural feeder road	2,400	9,600	12,000	Completed	
Misezera	Twabagondo zi	Construction of rural feeder road	1,600	6,400	8,000	BOQ prepared	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
Misezera	Twabagondo zi	Construction of Cattle dip	3,000	12,000	15,000	At initial stage of implementation (Construction)	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
Busagara	Kasaka	Rehabilitation of a Cattle dip	1,340	5,360	6,700	Completed	
Muhange	Muhange	Coffee pulper machine-MUCUPA	5,000	5,000	10,000	Co-funded and it is at procurement stage	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C

Kasanda	Kasanda	Rehabilitation of rural feeder road	1,200	4,800	6,000	BOQ prepared and it is at tender stage	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
Kasanda	Kasanda	Construction of Cattle dip	3,000	12,000	15,000	Construction is at 80% of implementation	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
Kasuga	Kinonko	Rehabilitation of rural feeder road at Katengera Irrigation scheme	800	3,200	4,000	Tender processing	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
Rugongwe	Kichananga	Rehabilitation of rural feeder road	5,800	23,200	29,000	Tender processing	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
Nyabibuye	Nyabibuye	Construction of a Slaughter slab	800	3,200	4,000	Completed	
Gwanumpu	Bukirilo	Construction of a Slaughter slab	800	3,200	4,000	Tender processing	Due to delayed opening Bank A/C
			33,140	102,560	135,700		

Table 2. Community investments 2008/2009:

	WARD	VILLAGE	NAME OF PROJECT	BEN.CONTR. TSHS.`000'	DASIP FUNDS TSHS.`000'	TOTAL TSHS.`000''	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REMARKS
1	Kibondo	Kibondo	Rural feeder road	3,680	14,720	18,400	Transfer of money to respective project a/c	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district head quarter
2	Gwanumpu	Bukirilo	Rural feeder road	5,000	20,000	25,000	Transfer of money to respective project a/c	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district
3	Itaba	Kigogo	Crop storage facility	6,900	27,600	34,500	Transfer of money to respective project a/c	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district
4	Kakonko	Kanyonza	Rural feeder road	5,600	22,400	28,000	Transfer of money to respective project a/c	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district
5	Kakonko	Kabingo	Rural feeder road	5,020	20,080	25,100	At BOQ stage	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district
6	Kakonko	Itumbiko	Rural feeder road	3,000	12,000	15,000	At BOQ stage	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district
7	Nyamtukuza	Churazo	Crop storage facility	6,900	27,600	34,500	Transfer of money to respective project a/c	Compliance delay of VADP action plan to district
	TOTAL			36,100	144,400	180,500		

3.0 Training of DASIP stakeholders

There was no any training conducted to DASIP staff on first quarter. However, the Project Officers, the District Agriculture and livestock Development Officers, The District Planning Officers and the District Executive Directors from all 28 districts implementing DASIP had a workshop in Mwanza. The objective of the workshop was to review the performance of DASIP in the project area for the past two years. They reviewed the performance and find solution to those problems which seemed to be common in the project area in hindering effective implementation of the project. At the end strategies to improve and fasten the speed of implementation were put.

On the second quarter training of farmers facilitators were conducted, 28 FF's from 28 villages under DASIP project were involved.

4.0 Supervision

Supervision activities carried were to monitor and to verify the implementation of the above-mentioned projects. Project beneficiaries were advised open bank accounts, forming six more PFG's and their respective selected farming enterprises for each village under the DASIP project, handing over of their business/project plans attached with the minutes to the DASIP district head quarter for further action before disbursement this project financial year. The Training Project Coordinator from PCU recommended on these during his visit in the district at the end of this first quarter.

5.0 Out put results so far achieved

5.1 Farmers capacity building

- Farmers have shown greater interest in farmers' field school, extension methodology. They have recognized that, training through FFS have more impact than the previous approach. Learning by doing sticks more, and is easier to practice the skills to their field. The Umoja PFG

of Kichananga village under FFS succeeded to produce and yield 336 Kgs of groundnuts alongside the 180 Kgs under prior farmers practices. Tumaini PFG of Kigogo village under FFS also succeeded to produce and yield 15 bags of maize grains alongside the 3 bags under prior farmers practices. Maendeleo PFG of Mugunzu village under FFS also succeeded to produce and yield 14 bags of maize grains alongside the 3 bags under prior farmers practices.

5.2 Community planning investment

- Completion of Rehabilitation of rural feeder road at Kibondo village. There after, accessibility to and from Twabagondozi-Kilalangona have been made easier to be accessible throughout a year by project beneficiaries and other stakeholders in agricultural sector.
- Construction of box culverts for rural feeder road also completed. This has made the feeder road free from been damaged by randomly running water across the feeder road.

5.3 Lesson learned and experience gained

- Village leaders show more commitment in project activities if facilitated (trained in project management as well as monitoring and evaluation).
- Farmers have appreciated FFS methodology as a means of disseminating knowledge to them. They said it is an enjoyable, funny methodology especially when referring to AESA

6.0 Project to date

6.1 Farmers capacity building

- The total of 43 PFG's formed last financial year (2007/2008) having a total of 978 farmers of which 568 be males and 410 be females have been trained on the major principles of some different crops through FFS's accordingly.
- PFG's in each village under the DASIP project for 2008/2009 financial year have been done, so far 135 out 180 FPG's targeted have been formed.
- 28 FF's out of 30 have been trained on the major principles of crop and livestock production.

6.2 Community planning and investments

- Among 13 micro projects for 2006/2007/2008, 4 have been completed and 9 at different levels of implementation not yet completed as described on table 1 above.
- In this 2008/2009 financial year, 7 village micro projects under DASIP have been planned and financed as shown in table 2 above.

Below is a success story from Kibondo village, regarding the Rehabilitated Farm access road about 10 Km.

Kibondo village is among the four villages of Kibondo ward. The village is important for various economic activities such as Food crops production. Most of these activities to the large extent are carried out faraway distance (North-east) from the Village head quarter. According to Mzee Hamisi Omari who is a resident of Kibondo village and is among farmers working at Kilalangona area, said that "Before rehabilitation of the farm access road in the village, accessibility to and from the production area was difficult due to water logging along the way especially during rainy season which made transportation cost of the agricultural produce to be relatively high because initially it was not possible to hire a motor car to carry the products and instead the product was been carried by using human power, which generally was expensive and also too laborious compared to nowadays where the products are easily carried by motor cars". He continued to explain that "Time spent to reach to the farm has been reduced since the road has made a short cut resulting into increased working time and hence working area and production. After completion of feeder road, accessibility to and from the field has become easier and throughout the year. We give much thanks to the project, donor and Tanzania government as a whole". Mzee Hamisi Omari ended that.



Kibondo – Kilalangona road after completion of rehabilitation. .

Farm products are nowadays easily carried by motorcars



7.0 Financial status of budget and disbursement 2008/2009

In these 1st two quarters the money transferred into Kibondo DASIP account was meant for, as described in the table below:-

Table 3: Summary of disbursement and expenditure of funds

SN	Amount disbursed	Activity	Expenditure	Balance	Remarks
1.	24,000,000.00	Mini -projects of participatory farmer groups	11,200,000.00	12,800,000.00	Delay in opening bank a/c- Activity is going on
2.	90,000,000.00	Season long Training of PFG's	5,602,400.00	84,397,600.00	Activity is going on
3.	2,300,000.00	PFG's formation for 2008/2009	2,300,000.00	Nil	
4.	1,800,000.00	Motorcycle allowances	1,800,000.00	Nil	
5.	1,350,000.00	Office operation & maintenance costs- FCB&CP	640,000.00	710,000.00	On going activity
6.	5,025,000.00	District Staff field allowances	280,000.00	4,745,000.00	On going activity
7.	144,400,000.00	Village Micro Project implementation	144,400,000.00	Nil	
8.	10,042,000.00	Training Farmer Facilitators(FF's)	5,102,000.00	4,940,000.00	Activity is going on
Total	278,917,000.00		171,324,400.00	107,592,600.00	

Source: Disbursement record and expenditure report 2008/2009

8.0 Problems and Challenges

The following are the challenges/problems so far encountered.

- Most farmers have low purchasing power the fact that makes them unable to budgets for their farms in the aspect of farm inputs. This made most farmers fail to apply what they learned from FFS in 2007/2008 cropping season. However, they have taken this as a challenge and promised to budget for the farm inputs ready to practice the skill they acquired in FFS in this 2008/2009 cropping season.
- Transport for execution of project activities is still a problem despite the fact that project staffs have been provided with motorcycles. When there is a need to travel as a team the vehicle is highly needed, since we some time need to work as a team with other staffs like, engineers, community development staffs, cooperative officers etc.
- The procurement procedures take so long time, the fact that leads/contributes to delayed implementation of planned activities.
- Most farmers have low income in such that can not afford to organize themselves and ask for 50% Co-funding Micro projects as a DASIP precondition.
- Inflation has interfered with DASIP budgets- rapid raise of farming inputs e.g. Pesticides/ insecticides, fertilizers and building/ construction materials e.g. Cements.

9.0 Way Forward

- To emphasize training and community sensitization so that they can contribute where required and implement their activity planned.
- To facilitate capacity building training to all stakeholders for project sustainability.

- To base on contract, efficiency and time specific to complete implementation of planned activities for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 financial years.
- To carry on monitoring and evaluation of project activities.

10.0 Recommendation

- We recommend the money provided as motorcycle maintenance and fuel allowance to be increased from the current seventy five thousand per month to one hundred fifty thousand due to the fact that, the cost of maintenance as well as the price of fuel increases. The fund allocated as field allowance for staff doubled the current amount. This is because the execution of DASIP activities needs multi-disciplinary technocrats (i.e. engineers, technicians, cooperative officers, etc.) of which the current budget cannot suffice.
- Since that most of the farming enterprises especially crop productions are seasonal, timely need and rain fed, if possible procurement procedures for DASIP activities implementation to be revised by PCU.
- The 50% Co-funding precondition to be revised at least to be 20%.

11.0 Conclusion

Provision of vehicles to the districts under DASIP, reviewing of some preconditions and procurement procedures may increase the adoption and efficiency rates of Implementation of DASIP activities plans. The district has planned to do much better on implementation and supervision of the ongoing village micro projects for the past as well as this financial year. On top of that, monitoring and evaluation for the project activities need to be of paramount importance to charter for efficiency, effective, economical and timely implementation of the planned activities.