

### MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS: PROGRAMME

#### < FtMA > - Lucy

- Maize aggregation ongoing by farmers in Singida, Dodoma and Morogoro (expected to continue until the end of September)
- Farmers in Dodoma & Manyara (Kiteto) are now linked with NFRA as a new buyer

#### < SAEMAUL & FFA > - Ally, Renson, Saleh

- Successfully completed monitoring planned for this month on fishery, boreholes, piggery, poultry and irrigation projects
- Quarterly meeting with GNI & district officers  
→ Agreement made for the district to take full responsibility and prepare for the handover

#### < Nutrition > - Steyne, Renson

- Successfully supported the second Boston mission (21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, Aug)
- Visited Mwanzo Bora projects in Bahi to observe their good practices, achievements and gaps; in preparation for the kick start of the nutrition project with Save the Children

### < Photos of the month >



Top: Marcus Flanzungu (second left) visits

Champumba fishery project site

Bottom: Irrigation project in its final stage in Suli

### Honey from Suli and Chiboli: Labeled and ready to go! (Saemaul)



### Plans for September

#### < FtMA > - Lucy

- Aggregation monitoring and follow up
- Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) training preparations

#### < SAEMAUL & FFA > - Ally, Renson, Saleh

- Follow up on the monthly meeting – to be organized by Chamwino district (11<sup>th</sup> Sep)
- Provide support to the district on their M&E activities / conduct regular WFP monitoring

#### < Nutrition > - Steyne, Renson, Serena

- Post-dispatch monitoring
- Collecting stories worth telling from beneficiaries and health centres





Top: view of the Dodoma warehouse from above / Bottom: a snap of the monthly physical inventory by the warehouse staff

## **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS: LOGISTICS**

### Dispatch:

- MML (Maize Meal) sent to Nyarugusu camp
- Vegetable Oil sent to Burundi
- Total dispatch amount: 1,178.982 Mts to CP (Nutrition) and PRRO (Statistics as of 30<sup>th</sup> Aug)

### Received:

- M.E biscuits, CSB+ and Vegetable oil from Dar port and Mombasa Kenya
- 1,116 Mts in total of various food commodities received this month (Statistics as of 30<sup>th</sup> Aug)

### Other activities:

- Inspection of damaged food by health officers (350kg of Maize and Pulse)
- The pre-cleaners' machines tested, still need some further repair before the handover

## **Plans for September**

- Maize from Zambia, expected to arrive by next week (currently being stopped at the Tanzania/Zambia border due to customs issues)
- Two staff from Burundi to be at the warehouse on TDY, to support receipts of Zambian maize

## **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS: FINACE & ADMIN**

- Organised a First Aid Training, to all Dodoma Sub Office staff in understanding the necessary actions to take in an emergency situation (10<sup>th</sup> Aug)



Left - Dr. Moshi, from Dodoma General Hospital, giving advice to staff

Right - Nima Sitta HoSO, listening in on the training provided (Photo credit: William Dalushi)

## Success stories from the field - Jumanne Kipalo, Saemaul beneficiary

Jumanne, 30 years old has lived in Suli village all his life; he was born and raised in Makwaka hamlet with his two siblings, where he now resides with his own family of four. After finishing primary school in 2002, he began to work as a farmer - *'I didn't pass the national exam to proceed on to secondary school. I was a little disappointed but I always thought I'd be a farmer just like my father and grandfather anyway, it's the life of our family'* he says. His life had an unexpected turn in 2014, when he became involved in the Sesame Block-farm Project - 'Shamba darasa la ufuta' in Swahili, one of the IGAs (Income Generating Activities) under the Saemaul Zero Hunger Project. Jumanne first heard about this new project from the Suli village leaders, and instantly felt he wanted to be part of it; *'this was a big opportunity for me, and it was an exciting decision for me and my family'*. He has gone through three harvest seasons with fellow members of shamba darasa, all of whom received training from GNI prior to the kick-start.

However, it was not all smooth sailing for the project beneficiaries, *'it took a while to see real changes happening with our lives.'* Suli village, located in Chamwino district is a drought prone area, with very little rainfall. *'The first year, we had hardly any rain and our harvest was poor. Some even dropped out of the project because our yield was so little.'* *'But I could not give up',* says Jumanne, *'I didn't want the training to go to waste and I was determined we would succeed!'*



In 2015/2016, they were able to produce 2500kg, and 4000kgs in 2016/2017, drastically improving their income status and livelihoods. *'Some of us were able to buy cattle or iron sheets for our houses, it was a happy moment for us!'* He continues, *'but I wanted to use my money*

*wisely. I decided to open a small shop, so started building my shop in April last year. It cost around 190,000 Tanzania shillings (around \$85), but I had enough from the money I made from the block-farms, it wasn't too difficult.'* By June 2016, his shop was full of goods to sell, and his dreams are becoming a reality - *'there are still minor challenges in running the business, but me and my family are excited for the future. I hope I can continue this shop and make it the biggest shop in the village!'*

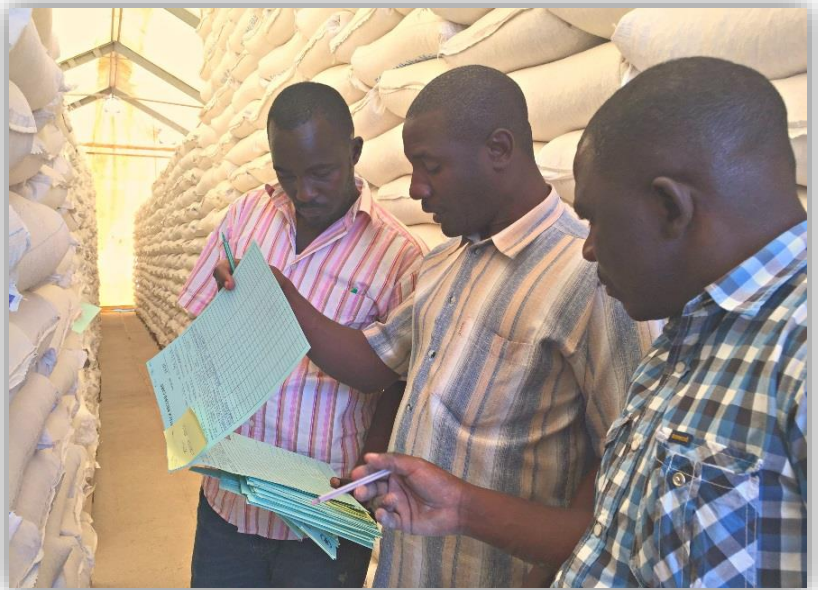




# Hapa kazi tu!! ~ Dodoma Staff in Action ~

## Logistics:

WFP storage keeper Robert Gregory (right) conducting the monthly physical inventory in one of the 30 food tents. Alex (center) and Mayunga (left) are staff from Marine Company which assist the Dodoma warehouse activities.



## Saemaul & FFA:

Ally Ngombesazi (right) speaking to the contractor on the final progress of the irrigation project in Suli Village, which is due to be completed this month. This irrigation construction is part of the Saemaul IGA sesame project. The same edifices are expected to begin in Fufu and Chiboli villages.

## Collecting stories worth telling:

Monitoring assistant, Saleh Abdullah (left) supports JICA volunteer Serena Okawa conduct interviews with beneficiaries. They have been able to collect over 40 success stories until now. Serena is also the author of the Dodoma monthly newsletter.

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