

Habari za Dodoma Sub Office

Monthly Newsletter: September 2017 edition

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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS: PROGRAMME

<FtMA> - Lucy

- Maize aggregation monitoring completed at Mvomero and Kilosa districts in Morogoro
- Participated in the 2-day metal silo quality assurance training by HELVETAS-GPLP project

<Nutrition> - Steyne, Renson, Florian, Serena

- Participated and supported the Joint Multi-Sector Nutrition Review meeting/workshop
- Supported the EU mission in visiting project sites
- Completed the project operational meeting with Save the Children
- Conducted post-dispatch monitoring missions in Chamwino, Bahi, Ikungi and Singida rural
- Attended the Regional Health and Nutrition stakeholders meeting (Singida) and Regional Steering Committee Nutrition meeting (Dodoma)

<SAEMAUL & FFA> - Ally, Renson, Saleh

- Supported WFP/TASAF joint monitoring mission
- Followed up on the final food dispatch (FFA)
- Followed up on irrigation and fishery projects





Top: Mundemu Health Centre, Bahi – Nutrition Bottom: Aggregating harvests at Dumila, Morogoro – FtMA (Photo cred: Lucy Rwegasira)

Tiziana, Sarah & Domina, karibuni Dodoma!





Plans for October

<Nutrition> - Steyne, Florian, Renson

- Organise field level coordination meetings with Save the Children
- Attend project introduction meetings at the village level – Dodoma & Singida
- Facilitate SCOPE/MAPS mission to Bahi
- Participate in the nutrition planning/reporting workshop by TFNC

<FtMA> - Lucy

- Monitor rollout of central region GAP traininas
- Follow up on aggregation activities

<SAEMAUL & FFA> - Ally, Renson, Saleh

- Monitoring the progress of project sites
- Final post food dispatch monitoring FFA



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Top: Offloading of Zambia maize, which have been bought and brought through FtMA Bottom: Re-bagging of maize at NFRA warehouse

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS: LOGISTICS

Overall events

- Maize arrives from Zambia via trucks
- > Two staff from Burundi on TDY

<u>Dispatch</u> (statistics as of 2nd Oct)

- Total amount: 4,712.625 tons
 - o To CP:455.034 MT
 - o To Juba & Tororo: 3,344.100 MT
 - o PRRO: 913.491 MT

Received (statistics as of 2nd Oct)

- Total amount: 3,388.846 tons (maize, veg. oil and CSB)
 - o From Zambia: 2,547.500 MT
 - o From Dar Port: 437.192 MT
 - From Mombasa Port: 404.154 MT

Plans for October

- Fortification kits set at the milling machines, expected to start in late October
- Receiving maize from Zambia to continue, and to be sent to neighbouring countries
- Milling and sending maize for refugee camps in Kibondo and Kasulu

KARIBUNI OFISINI KWETU! - BURUNDI STAFF ON TDY -

Meet Anastasie Bigirindavyi (left) and Patrick Ntagahoraho, two Burundi staff on TDY at the logistics team at the Dodoma warehouse. Anastasie joined WFP Burundi in 2007, where she started as a store keeper, while Patrick joined WFP back in 2009 as part of the Burundi logistics team. When interviewed, they were conducting physical inventory on the FtMA maize arriving from Zambia at the NFRA storage – 'since arriving in Dodoma on the 3rd of September we've been kept pretty busy, it has been a little intense but a great experience!', says Anastasie.

According to Patrick, this is the first time for them to be on TDY, 'it's a great opportunity for us and bring back to WFP Burundi on what we have learned at Dodoma.' Anastasie also expressed that even if there are slight differences in between WFP Tanzania and WFP Burundi, including the arrangement of bags, they have been able to adjust to the environment; 'I hope I can make full use of the time I have here, and learn as much as I can, including Kiswahili!' Interviewed by Serena Okawa



- Success stories from the field - Beekeeping group in Chiboli village, (SAEMAOL)

A beekeeping group, named 'Wilunze' (meaning unity in the local language of the Gogo tribe), is one of the three groups with a focus on beekeeping under the SAEMAUL Income Generating Activities (IGAs). Originally starting with 9 members in September 2015, they have successfully managed to increase 7 new Chiboli villagers each year, reaching to a total 25 members as of 2017.



37-year-old Sarah Mtemi, a mother of six from Makondeko hamlet, is one of the startup members of the beekeeping project, currently the leader of the Wilunze group. 'The village community development committee introduced the beekeeping as part of the new IGA project in the village' says Sarah, 'I didn't know anything about beekeeping until that day, but I remember vividly the way they were explaining how we'll be able to benefit from this project - that was when I decided I want to be part of it.', Bahati Tadato, the minute keeper of the group says he saw this project as an opportunity, a chance to become a beekeeping specialist - 'I heard in Suli village, there were a few people who knew how to keep bees, but not in Chiboli in 2015. I've received training on how to keep bees so we can succeed, even this May we were in Singida. We're so lucky to have such great experiences!'



Their daily activities include; building beehives, monitoring the progress of bees and cleaning the beehives when bees have moved out. 'Our work depends on how busy we are during the season, but we now have 45 hives placed in the fields. The honey season is twice in a year and the peak season continues for about three months, so we're constantly kept busy!' Despite only collecting 10kgs of honey during the first season back in 2015, earning 150,000 shillings (approx. \$66), this season they've been able to

collect 67kgs, raising over 670,000 shillings (approx. \$298). Their products have also been on sale at the biggest agriculture event in Tanzania 'Nane-Nane' this August - 'in the past we've had issues with the hives, we still have equipment missing and all that we've raised is not enough for our income at the minute, but we know we're getting there', Sarah says with a smile.

Team Wilunze are on the road to success. 'Teamwork is the key to our success, each one of us has ownership towards this project and we all work hard together.' 'Before this project started, it was common for us to work individually. But this project has changed our mindsets, I now understand how important it is to work as a group, as a team. The life within the group has changed so much.' Bahati concludes; 'Money is important, but we've found something that matters more - Wilunze is my family, and we have become a family.'



Hapa kazi tu!! ~ Dodoma Staff in Action ~

Nutrition:

Steyne Roggers (left) and Florian Ngali, supporting the WFP booth at the JMNR meeting held in Dodoma on the $6^{\rm th}-8^{\rm th}$ of September

Photo credit: Max Wohlgemuth





FtMA:

Lucy Rwegasira (left) and driver Kidubo Washington (middle), monitoring aggregation activities held in Dumila center, near Morogoro, Kirosa district.

The aggregation in the region is still ongoing, and expected to continue until October.

Photo credit: Lucy Rwegasira

Logistics / TDY activities:

Anastasie and Patrick (left) at the NFRA warehouse conducting physical count of the FtMA maize arriving from Zambia. The maize will be sent to Uganda, South Sudan, Kenya and DRC.

