

# Sustainable Cities International Network - Africa Program

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## Demo Project Review Meeting

**Date: 29 May 2012**

**Venue: Iceland Hotel, Manzese, Kinondoni**

## Objectives

1. To share experiences and lessons on implementation of current community demonstration projects among beneficiaries
2. To appraise Dar es Salaam City Council and Municipal Council on the progress of implementation of community demonstration projects

## Meeting discussions

The demo project progress review meeting was officially opened by Mr. Nicodemus Lyimo, Dar es Salaam City Council Town Planner; on behalf of the City Planner. The Dar es Salaam City Council observed that SCINAP organizes periodic progress review meetings to give feedback to local government authorities on the progress of their projects which is important to ensure coordination of local government and activities implemented by partner civic society.

## Community Demonstration Project updates

**1. Kisiwani Environmental Group (KEG)** – is a community group of 10 members (7 men and 3 women) collecting waste in Buguruni Kisiwani sub ward by hiring trucks in passable areas and pushcarts in unplanned areas to a transfer station at Buguruni Kisiwani. KEG additionally cleans storm water drains and disinfects pit latrines. KEG is funded by Sustainable Cities International Network Africa Program (SCINAP) and the Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA) for waste recycling and composting. KEG employees 10 youths, has a bank account; procured protective clothing, and equipment for recycling such as sieve, shredder, windrow, constructed a shed and simtank; prepared a database and procure a laptop.

## Aims

- To generate additional revenue for KEG group members through the selling of plastics, bottles, and compost

- To reduce truckloads, and therefore the cost of transporting waste, to the Pugu dumpsite by the Ilala Municipal Council.

#### Outcomes

- 1) Started waste separation from April 2012. From 1 trial pushcart of 500kgs, KEG proved that they can reduce waste by 300kgs and thus send only 200kgs to the dumpsite.
- 2) KEG started selling plastics for 1 May 2012 and made a loss of Tsh20,000/= and sold the second consignment of plastics on 20 May and made a profit of Tsh70,000/=
- 3) Developed a database for the Kisiwani sub ward
- 4) Training in waste management
- 5) Signed an agreement for waste collection with Buguruni Ward for collection of waste for the next 2 years

#### Challenges

- Many residents do not pay for waste collection
- Unplanned areas difficult to access

#### Looking into the future

- Raise awareness on payment for waste collection
- Enforcement by municipal council on payment of waste
- On composting – KEG, SCINAP and BORDA needs to involve the Municipal Agriculture and Livestock officers on determining and testing its nutritional content.

**2. Investours** – is a charity organization with operations in Dar es Salaam and Mexico. In Dar es Salaam, Investours operates mainly in Mwenge and runs cultural tours for tourists; companies, embassies and expatriate groups. The tours showcase ordinary Tanzanian life around the city and include a local meal prepared by *mama lishes*. Working in collaboration with Maisha Finance, a micro credit institution, Investours provides interest-free loans of about US\$200 to local entrepreneurs, with the loans coming from tour fees. Loans are repaid over a three-month period. The project grant from Sustainable Cities International – Network Africa Program (SCINAP) covered administration costs, registration fees, initial tours and costs associated with the development marketing materials. Investours use 70% of all loan repayments (30% are withheld by Maisha Finance in exchange for their services) to cover operating costs and tour costs, as well as to issue further loans.

#### Aims

1. Establish a sustainable method of providing interest-free loans to small-scale entrepreneurs in Dar es Salaam.
2. Promote cultural tourism in Dar es Salaam.

#### Outcomes

- Registered as NGO in Tanzania
- Tours are giving loans mostly to women entrepreneurs around Mwenge area involved in crafts, retails, raising chickens and food vendors, tuck shops etc
- Collaborating with hotels to market Investours business such as Serena and Kilimanjaro Kempinski
- Collaborating with tour operators e.g. Triple Africa in Moshi and share customers with Investours for Dar tours

- Collaborates with Afri-Roots on organising tours and sharing customers and experiences
- Developed a marketing plan

#### Challenges

- Organising more tours to cover operating costs
- Loan non payment is not a big problem because the burden is borne by Maisha Finance

#### Looking into the future

- Open investours branches in Arusha, Moshi and Zanzibar
- Partnering with more microfinance e.g. Pride Tanzania in northern Tanzania
- Collaborate with Kinondoni Municipal Council; community development department especially on the loan scheme to entrepreneurs. Sharing list of beneficiaries will help KMC target some of the Investour loan beneficiaries with support such as training
- Implementing a marketing plan

3. **Vijana Mazingira Ubungo** - is a community waste collection group of 18 members (18 men and 0 women) collecting waste in Ubungo area by pushcarts and hiring trucks from the transfer station to Pugu dumpsite. Vijana Mazingira (VM) is funded and supported by Sustainable Cities International Network Africa Program and the Bremen Overseas Development for waste recycling and composting at the previous Kigogo dumpsite. The KMC formally gave VM authority to use the Kigogo dumpsite. VM has procured protective clothing for the recycling project at the previous Kigogo dumpsite.

#### Aims

- To reduce truckloads, and cost of transporting waste to the Pugu dumpsite
- To generate additional revenue for VM group members through the selling of plastics, bottles, and compost
- Create a database for the area served by VM

#### Outcomes

- 1) Started procurement of protective clothing
- 2) Secured a waste recycling site at Kigogo from Kinondoni Municipal Council

#### Challenges

- Non payment by many residents
- Cost of transportation to the dumpsite

#### Looking into the future

- Close collaboration between Vijana Mazingira and Kinondoni Municipal Council
- Promote collaboration of sub wards and wards in payment for waste collection by inviting them to demo project review meetings
- KMC will provide a grader to level and put gravel on the site before erection of temporary structures.

4. **Jitihada Group** – a farmers group started in 2007 and was settled in one of the formalised zones in KMC, Kawe; the other zones are Malolo and Mpiji River Basin. SCINAP and 3 Municipal councils have been collaborating on formalising urban agriculture (UA) in Dar. Following submission of KMC strategic plan on UA to the

MLHSD gave a go ahead to start projects in areas that are surveyed and belong to KMC such as Malolo and Kawe.

#### Aims

- To build the capacity and improve productivity of urban farmers settled on formalised zones

#### Outcomes

- 1) Jitihada is producing tree seedlings on the site
- 2) KMC has allocated plots to individual farmers; who are stumping trees on their plots
- 3) A training program on good farming practices has been produced
- 4) A farming calendar and list of farming equipment has been produced

#### Looking into the future

- KMC has secured installation of water and will follow up with DAWASCO
- KMC is undertaking site suitability assessment of the area
- KMC will be training Jitihada farmers on good farming practices

**5. Tanzania Food Gardening Network (TaFoGa Net)** – this is a farmers network formed with the support of SCINAP to promote experiences and information sharing and give a voice to urban farmers in Dar es Salaam. To date, TaFoGa Net has 6 members in Dar es Salaam, such as the Dare es Salaam Botanical Gardens; Drive In Group, Mikocheni A Post Primary and Vocational Training Centre, Regency State Senior Women Organisation, Sokoine Youth Development Group and Strategic Community Assistance Network.

#### Aims

- To promote experiences and information sharing among urban farmers in Dar es Salaam
- Create a platform and give voice for urban farmers to influence policy and practice on urban farming and collaborate with government; civic society; research and training institutions and like minded on organisation on promoting urban agriculture.

#### Outcomes

- 1) Registered as NGO in Tanzania and has office at Mikocheni Vocational School
- 2) Held meetings with 3 Municipal Councils of Ilala, Temeke and Kinondoni, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement to explore opportunities for closer collaboration.
- 3) Attended a similar network training and Forum in Nairobi in February; the Nairobi and Environs Food Security, Agriculture Livestock Forum (NEFSALF)

#### Challenges

- Attracting urban farmers to join TaFoGa Net
- Funding for TaFoGa Net program activities

#### Looking into the future

- Participating in forums that increase awareness of urban agriculture such as Agriculture Shows.
- Fundraising for TaFoGa Net activities

- 4) **Fasta Cycle Messenger Services** – a messenger service by a group of 16 unemployed youths. Fasta received from SCINAP for administration such as office hire, procure office equipment such as furniture, computers, mobile phones, reflective jackets; establish website and marketing. Fasta is registered with the Tanzania Communication and Regulation Agency (TCRA), has a license from the Tanzania Revenue Authority and trading license from Kinondoni Municipal Council.

#### Aims

- To establish a cycle messenger services that creates jobs and income for members.

#### Outcomes

- a. Secured an office and procured equipment
- b. Registered by the TCRA
- c. Has secured contracts with 12 customers
- d. Established a website
- e. Received training in computers, English Language and Marketing
- f. Developed a marketing plan for messenger services

#### Challenges

- Attracting more customers to cover costs

#### Looking into the future

- Gathering comments on the marketing plan and implementing it

Stakeholder had a tour of Fasta Cycle Messenger Services business premises and gave advice on how Fasta can improve their services.

#### Lessons

Municipal councils should promote more close collaboration with community groups such as community waste collectors and urban farmers. However, community groups themselves should be proactive and approach local governments and work closely with their lower level structures such as ward and sub ward.

#### Action Plan

1. TaFoGa Net will meet with KMC to get current bye laws on UA and understand on the process of settling farmers in formalized zones.
2. Invite sub ward executive officers and chairpersons from project site areas in next review meetings

Some photos from the review meeting



Participants to the last SCINAP funded demo projects review meeting



Yahya Mkanga from Kisiwani Environmental Group – showing shredded organic waste from their project - ready for composting