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List of Abbreviations

NDC	Ngorongoro District Council
DC	District Commission
PALISEP	Pastoral Livelihood Support and Empowerment Programme
CSOs	Civil Societies Organization
RF	Result based Framework.
VEOs	Village Executive Officers
CAS	Community Art Space
DCDO	District Community Development Office

1. Executive Summary

In response to fighting extreme poverty among marginalized poor women and youth from pastoral and semi-agro communities of Ngorongoro district, PALISEP through Oxfam in Tanzania support has successfully facilitated youth and women group from five villages of Naan, Enguserosambu, Ng'arwa, Orkiu Juu and Sale with basic business skills, entrepreneurship knowledge, self-employment skills, social media marketing, financial support and management trainings and hide and skins processing.

PALISEP normally involve her core partners like Oxfam through strategic engagement such as monitoring visits, meeting, mentoring and coaching to ensure both parties adhere partnership term, and achieve intended program results. The local government machineries are also key players in this regards, for endorsement, implementation, collaboration and ultimately for sustainability of projects.

The program is working with 360 (180F:180M) marginalized women and youth directly in a space of six month. As of now 330 (175F, 155M) marginalized Women and youth were reached through mere consultations, trainings sessions, Practical learning visits, and youth and women economic grouping.

The collaboration between PALISEP potential partners, donors, stakeholders, primary beneficiaries and local governments contributed the success in the delivery of these project activities. Direct community participatory and local government engagement during the operation and performance of project activities guaranteed the sustainability of the project by the exit phase. PALSEP appreciate the contribution made by responsible stakeholder and partners for the great achievement made by the project by this reporting time. PALISEP hope to continue working with all potential parties so as to continue enjoying their support and contribution to the successful implementation of the project end results.

2. Context Analysis

In response to challenges of fighting extreme poverty among marginalized poor women and youth in Ngorongoro district, PALISEP has successfully availed basic knowledge and skills like business skills, access to employment, technology, market and finance to poor women and youth groups through trainings, mentoring practical learning experiences through learning visit, orientation and practical demonstration on a given lesson.

For the purpose of hide and skin values chain development, PALISEP through the country strategic vision in enhancing development of livestock sector given sectoral policies and regulation such as the National livestock policy 2006, The hide, skin and leather trade act, 08 of 2008 deliberately decided to create space for poor women and youth in Ngorongoro to take part in harnessing low hanging fruits in leather trading sector of their economy.

3. Partnership Approach

To insure that the project output and results are delivered PALISEP incorporate a partnership approach at all levels of implementation. We normally involves our core partners like Oxfam through strategic engagement such as monitoring visit, meeting, mentoring, coaching to insure both parties adhered partnership term, and achieves intended program results. The local government machineries are also key players in this regards, for endorsement, implementation, collaboration and ultimately for sustainability of PALISEP projects. We encourage the bottom-up approach in all stages of our project cycles in order to insure full community participation, engagement and ownership.

4. Engagement at Different Levels

PALISEP's focus on creating appropriate space for community to bring about their own development requires engagement at various levels. The concept of development is complex and multi-facet, that it is an interdisciplinary process, thus, we engage different actor for collective action. Our beneficiaries being the main actors facilitated by individual, institutions, and organization, state and non-state actor.

4.1 Village leaders and community

Every single intervention of our work starts from the village. To make it happen village leaders assist our work with that mandate of mobilization, linkage and communication information down to community beneficiaries. In the first place, village leaders have prior information before intervention.

4.2 Ward level.

At this levels government official just like community development officers and political leaders like ward counsellors are vital for collaboration in implementation, recognition, monitoring and sustainability of project.

4.3 District

The NDC being a key local government agent for delivering social services and PALISEP being a non-state actor to compliment that role of the government in services provision, both of us therefore shall always need a reliable mechanism for sharing information and collaborating in sharing both human and material resources to address community need, which is much more than a partnership approach.

4.4 The office of the DC

Although PALISEP is a non-partisan, non-political organization, at various levels we do also engage political leaders in their respective areas of their jurisdiction. The DC office endorse project and our visitor from aboard for security purposes, very often in special occasion and events declares launching of new project for our proper collaboration and recognition of our work.

4.5 Region to National Levels.

We also engage media houses both print and electronic media with an intention to advocate for critical policy changes and practices.

5. Project Updates And Results

During the month of November through December 2019 the Ngorongoro district experienced rainfall above average. Despite the hopes and values to pastoralists, the infrastructure has been severely destroyed/damaged , roads for almost a whole week are impassable, Food situation in many areas of our project is still a challenge due to high food prices. For Sale Village alone maize prices sell at the price between TZS 800 and 1,000 /Kg while beans sold at price of TZS 2,000/kg

5.1 Support mentoring of VICOBAs at Sale, Naan, Orkiu juu,Ng'arwa and E/sambu to enhance credit and saving

Back to 2015 PALISEP in collaboration with LGA/NDC has facilitated the formation of COCABA/ VICOBA Sale and Enguserosambu wards, In FY 2019/20 PALISEP planned to continue to build capacity for such groups to ensure that they diversify their business profitably and takes other opportunities from financial institutions especially the local government authority (LGA)/ NDC. Apart from the existing strengths in these groups, they also face various challenges but mostly lacking knowledge leading to a lack of proper coordination of their groups, all groups lacking knowledge of equitable distribution of their income. PALISEP together with the COCOBA/VICOBA expert from NDC conducted mentoring workshop in their respective villages based on the identified shortcomings/challenges which includes records keeping, marketing strategy, monetary trading, entrepreneurship skills, COCOBA concepts and financial management. PALISEP also assisted these groups with heavy metal boxes as well as all other tools needed for the VICOBA /COCOBA operations .The groups also trained the proper use of the equipment available in such boxes such as the use of books of shares as well as other important documents in required for operation of VICOBA/COCOBA. A total of 125 groups members were reached during mentoring process. These groups includes SOTWA group from Orkiu Juu with 25 members (F24: M1), Naserian group from Ng'arwa village with 30 members (F28: M2) NOSOTWA from Enguserosambu village of 15 members (F10: M5)TURISHIRANIE from Sale village with 30 members (F27: M3) and RAMAT group from Naan villages with total of 25 members all of them are women. During reporting period, LGAs using 4%, 4% and 2% has facilitated loans for 5 groups of women in Enguserosambu and Sale Ward. For the 2018/19 financial year 3 groups from Enguserosambu (SOTWA FROM ORKIU juu, NOSOTWA from Enguserosambu and RAMAT from Naan) received at total TZS 15,000,000 each group TZS 5,000,000. In Sale Ward a total of TZS 5,000,000 given to TURISHIRINIE women group. These Loans from LGA/NDC created and increased their saving, which then gave an opportunity to provide loan to individual members, Member pay back a loan with little interest and keep on rotating to other members.

CHALLENGES FACED DURING MENTORING PROCESS

1. **HIGH ILLITERACY LEVEL AMONG THE GROUP MEMBERS**- PALISEP works with women whose education level is very minimal This has a major impact on the delivery of training promoted by PALISEP, they cannot keep written records for future reference, most of them do not read or write but at least they knows how to count in the Maasai /Batemi languages.

Mitigation Measures:

PALISEP will continue to build the capacity of these groups but in the FY 2020/21 PALISEP will conduct specific training to ensure that this challenge is resolved at a large scale.

2. Support VICOBA /COCOBA groups to attend Nanenane agricultural Exhibition at Arusha

For the Financial Year 2019/20 PALISEP planned to enable women to participate in the Agricultural exhibition (NANE NANE) with the aim of ensuring that products produced by our groups reach internal external market. One of the key tasks undertaken by the PG 2 project is the presence of income generating groups and access to market, Some of these groups are running a bee keeping projects in their respective villages, Thus PALISEP felt that there was a need to facilitate some of the group members to attend one of the local trade show to expose their product to the wider market, some of the

group members were therefore facilitated to attend the trade show at Njiro''. Area in Arusha city commencing 6th- 8th Aug 2019

ACHIEVEMENTS

PALISEP managed to facilitate five women representatives from two VICOBAs groups to attend Nanenane agricultural Exhibition from Loliondo and Sale divisions .The VICOBA groups that were represented were 1). Turishiranie groups had two representatives while Ramat group from Naan had also been represented by two women. Also present and facilitated by PALISEP was the Ngorongoro district representative who was a Hon Councilor from Sale ward

Apart from that we managed to achieve the following as the result of implementing this activity:

- The VICOBA groups representatives managed to sell their 500Kg of honey worth Tanzanian Shillings four millions (TZS 4,000,000= USD 2,000)
- The groups were able to learn from other honey producer across the country by comparing the quality of their product to others
- Through the show the groups were able to connect with other future potential buyers and market their bands “Lucinia batemi and Sidai masaai honey” Among the potential buyers who were identified were individual persons, hotels and supermarkets and since then the groups managed to sell more honey to this individuals and middle men .The hotel identified as potential buyers are TAASA tented Camp in Ololosokwan and Wasso super market in Loliondo.
- The groups were also able to learn other new modern technologies especially in value chain addition in other areas such as agricultural products.



From right Penina Israel from Naan village addressing the media after final Sale of her products at the Nanenane exhibition at Arusha August 2019

6. Challenges

The following were the few challenges faced during the implementation of this activity;

- The groups' representatives brought very few pieces of their product to show in that by the half of the second day we were already out of stock- This was a good gesture that our group's products were of good quality but also a lesson for improvement in future on what quantity of honey we should come with.
- The honey price varied a lot especially the one from NCAA was sold at very low price ,we saw an opportunity as an organization to organize all producers in the district as an association in order to control or regulate the pricing as well as the quality in the years ahead

6.1 Procurement of honey processing machines, packaging material and branding of honey products

During the reporting period 2 honey press processing machines were purchased for 2 groups of Enguserosambu and Sale, These machines helps to filter/process the honey and put it in special cans in different sizes like 1kg, 1/2 kg and 1/4 kg. A total of 1000 Kg were processed /filtered and placed in special cans for sale. Over 500 kg was sold where by the amount summing TZS 5,000,000 were generated .Technology is central to our operations, we were able to create packaging and Brand name for our products. Groups agreed on brand names where Sale brand name was **Lucinia Batemi** Honey

and Enguserosambu **Sidai Masai** Honey. Sale and Enguserosambu set up centres to sell their products (honey).

6.2 Support irrigation scheme/gardens for women and youth at Sale villages – Ngorongoro.

For the financial year 2019/20 PALISEP planned to implement a greenhouse project aimed at empowering youth and women economically by growing vegetables and earning a living, This was aimed at ensuring that the technology helps women and youth to farm profitably and reliably since it is more dependent on irrigation system and not seasonal rainfall. Until we submit this report the greenhouse has been delivered to the village of Sale waiting for installation. PALISEP has signed an agreement with Erick Investment Company, one of the leading greenhouse suppliers in Arusha and agreed that the greenhouse installation exercise to take place whenever rainfall is reduced. Ngorongoro district is experiencing rainfall above the average which destroyed road infrastructure and making transport from Arusha to Loliondo to Arusha so difficult.

6.3 Institutional Capacity Building

This activity was intended to raise funds from other donors with the aim of expanding the services provided by organisation

7. **Success**

For 2019 alone PALISEP has been able to enter into agreements with various national and regional organizations. This is through signing of the agreement (LOA) between PALISEP and TWAWEZA, PALISEP and the African Conservation Center (ACC) to facilitate joint ventures with UNDP through the Indigenous Conserved Areas Consortium (ICCA) and Tanzania Natural Resources Forum

7.1 Administration and Program support

This activity was meant to ensure smooth implementation of the project activities, Staff salaries/allowances were paid accordingly, the staff paid by this Program are Executive Director, Program Officer, and Program Accountant, Rent and office consumables for PALISEP were paid according to the budget allocation.

8. Activities Summary:

S/N.	ACTIVITIES	STATUS
1	Support mentoring of VICOBAs at Sale, Naan, Orkiu juu,Ng'arwa and E/sambu to enhance credit and saving	Completed
2	Support VICOBA /COCOBA groups to attend Nanenane agricultural Exhibition at Arusha	Completed
	Procurement Of honey processing machines, packaging material and branding of honey products	Completed
2	Support irrigation scheme/gardens for women and youth at Sale villages -Ngorongoro district	On Progress
6	Building capacity of exiting women and youth serving and credit groups (Vicoba and Cocoba) and linking them with financial institutions for soft loans – Enguserosambu and Sale	Completed
	Institutional Capacity Building	Completed
7	Administration and Program support	Completed

9. General Challenges

Despite the great achievements achieved in the implementation of these project, there are still many challenges, this including the lack of reliable transport (Program Vehicle), Program staff often walk a long distances to monitor and implement our projects especially during this rainy season where the price of car rentals has doubled. PALISEP requested a vehicle from Oxfam to help implement the program's activities; Oxfam is requested to look into the implementation of the long-term request Car support in months ahead to make smooth implementation process of the program activities

10. Conclusion

Generally; the gender equality and youth and women empowerment project under Irish Aid grants has successfully reached and benefited the youth and women groups in respect to gender balance. At his very initial point the project has successfully reached a reasonable number of beneficiaries in Ngorongoro district and impacting positively on their livelihoods whereby at this reporting period the total number of 330 [155f:1165M] beneficiaries were directly engaged through different project interventions ranging from mere consultations, training sessions, practical learning visits, and workshops. The project field monitoring reports projected even the greater number of people impacted indirectly so far by the project, these reports shows that more than 1000 people has been reached very indirectly by this project. The primary indication of our successfulness in project delivery is not only through timely attainment of the

milestone from the RF but also through very immediate positive impacts brought by the project to our honoured beneficiaries. The on-fields monitoring report shows that entrepreneurial and business education sessions facilitated to youth and women beneficiaries led to the establishment of small businesses by the youth of women from the grass root levels. PALISEP and potential partners Oxfam consider this as very important achievement. The is a great hope that as the project continue to kick off the livelihood of the beneficiaries becomes more better and there is chance of double increment of incomes for youth and women groups.

Great collaboration build on the principle of mutual trust between PALISEP and her potential partners, donors, stakeholders, honoured beneficiaries and local governments become the catalysis to the success in the delivery of this project. Participatory approach in implementation and execution of project activities is our great stronghold to the sustainability of the project even after the donor grants comes to an end. PALSEP hopes to continue working with all potential parties so as to continue enjoying their support and contribution to the successful implementation of this and other projects.

Concerning on the challenges and risks encountered during the project implementation, PALISEP has put in place and effected strategies to overcome these challenges prioritizing those very immediate while allowing space for dialogues with key partners on how to improve the delivery of the project results and developing mitigation measures for the risks encountered during the process.