

Annual Report

'IMARIKA' Phase 2 Project (Tanzania)

Mobilizing churches, building livelihoods, improving the environment

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INTRODUCTION

The IMARIKA project is a multifaceted rural development project in the Iringa region of Tanzania, run by Emmanuel International (EI) in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Ruaha (DR). Imarika impacts rural households who are subsistence farming families struggling to make a living on increasingly depleted soils affected by environmental degradation and climate change. The IMARIKA Project addresses these real needs to improve local agriculture, environment, and livelihoods through several complimentary activities.

The first phase has run successfully for 3 years by EI/DR. Phase 2 started in 2020 for a further 3 years, scaling up the project to ultimately reach 15 villages in the Iringa Rural and Kilolo districts, thereby improving livelihoods of 375 households (37,500 indirect beneficiaries) through various livelihood and environmental interventions.

The IMARIKA project has multiple minor interventions in it which are implemented at different times depending on the seasons of the year. We currently have a total of 11 village community groups which are Utengule, Lupembelwasenga, Lyamgungwe, Ikuka, Ibumu, Usolanga, Mangawe, Magozi, Mafuluto A & B and Mlowa. Mlowa is a new village group which we started partnering with in October 2020.

The topics implemented this year have been afforestation, conservation agriculture, beekeeping, village savings and loans, and poultry. Activities under each of these topics is discussed in subsequent sections.

AFFORESTATION

In April we had conservation agriculture activities and in the same month we started inspiring the group's members to start preparing blocks of fruit seedlings including avocado and soil fertilizing trees. The budget for this project for the year 2020 was Tsh 57,859,920 but we actual funds available was Tsh 39,476,390.43.

Tree planting activities started in April and we started with Avocado seeds planting in blocks. We supported some groups with tree pots, seeds and paying the specialist on grafting. So we have used a total of 1,904,050 Tsh on tree planting interventions.

GROUP	FRUITS TREES	AGRICULTURE TREES	WOOD'S TREES	TOTAL
UTENGULE	Avocado - 1,678	223	1,500	3,401
MAFULUTO	Guava - 1,560	2,009		3,569
USOLANGA	Guava - 1,700 Pawpaw - 1,000 Cashews - 100	1,400	-	4,200
LYAMGUNGWE	-	-	-	-
IKUKA (Ukombozi)	Guava - 160 Pawpaw - 167 Avocado - 450	-	-	777
IKUKA (Ester)	Avocado - 1,400 Guava - 2,000	1,010	-	4,410
MANGAWAWE	Pawpaw - 640	-	-	640
LUPEMBELWSENGA	Avocado - 1,798	107	300	2,205
TOTAL	12,653	4,749	1,800	19,202



Rearing and handling of tree blocks



Group members learning how to do grafting



Avocado seedlings ready to be planted



Sisal seedlings and agricultural trees at Mafuluto.

CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

We have six groups implementing conservation agriculture, this year the demonstration farms did very well because there was plenty of rain. Also green manure did well especially mucuna and canavaria. We used a total of **TSH. 2,767,500** for this intervention.



Mafuluto group members in their sesame demonstration farm .



Mucuna demonstration farm with some of the group members.



Lupembelwasenga group



Harvesting while the canavaria are still green.

BEEKEEPING

This year we succeeded in distributing 8 bee hives each to Mafuluto and Usolanga, and materials for honey harvesting. We encouraged them to buy more hives as well and Mafuluto group succeeded in adding 22 traditional hives and the group in Usolanga added 6 hives. The total costs for this intervention was **TSH. 1,649,500.**

	
<p>Mafuluto group</p>	<p>Traditional hives for Mafuluto group.</p>
	
<p>Usolanga group receiving the hives in March</p>	<p>The area where the hives have been placed at Usolanga village</p>

Both groups harvested in November in 4 hives for each village and got 10 litres for each. The yield of honey was limited because the season was not friendly for bees to produce honey.

VICOBA (Village Savings and Loans)

The VICOBA activities are continuous throughout the year, we are doing this intervention with 7 groups, some groups are doing well and some are not. The groups are **Mafuluto**(KILIMO UFUNGUO 'A' and KILIMO UFUNGUO 'B'), **Lupembelwasenga**(PAMGUNDA), **Ikuka**(ESTER and UKOMBOZI), **Mangawe**(AGAPE), **Usolanga**(TUMAINI), **Lyamgungwe**(MORIA), **Magozi**(EBENEZA). The total amount of project funds used for facilitating VICOBA was **TSH.1,271,100**.

CURRENT SITUATION IN VICOBA GROUPS

GROUP	WEEK NO:	NO. OF GROUP MEMBERS	NO.OF SHARES, TSH.	SOCIAL FUND TSH.	TOTAL TSH.
KILIMO UFUNGUO 'A'	30	50	8,309,100	1,988,600	10,297,700
KILIMO UFUNGUO 'B'	28	20	2,014,000	208,500	2,222,500
PAMGUNDA	47	34	10,340,000	690,000	11,030,000
KILIMO ELEKEZI	44	32	10,010,000	670,000	10,680,000
ESTER	44	27	4,060,000	600,000	4,660,000
AGAPE	11	32	1,379,000	70,000	1,449,000
UKOMBOZI	47	9	520,000	140,000	660,000
TUMAINI	38	20	1,600,000	300,000	2,560,000
MORIA	18	26	1,830,000	137,000	1,967,000
EBENEZA	-		-	-	-
			36,002,100	4,804,100	44,866,200



Tumaini group in Usolanga village



In their VICOBA meeting



Mafuluto (Kilimo ni ufunguo) group opening the VICOBA box



Kilimo ni ufunguo members in a VICOBA meeting.

In this year four groups completed their rounds in December, Mafuluto (Kilimo ni Ufunguo) group was leading by completing their round with TSH.13,000,000/= And this same group had an exceeding number of group members and so they decided to create another group KILIMO NI UFUNGUO 'B' ,this has never happened to any other group. The first group is now taking care of the new group which has 20 people.

KILIMO NI UFUNGUO group has been a blessing to the Mafuluto village, when they were distributing their shares they decided to distribute their social fund to different institutions as follows; a primary school TSH.60,000, T.A.G church TSH.25,000, Anglican church TSH. 25,000, Orthodox church TSH.25,000, Roman Catholic church TSH.25,000, village government office TSH.60,000.They had a total of TSH.220,000 in their social fund.

POULTRY

Last year we started poultry project to two groups, Magozi and Lupembelwasenga. We built one poultry yard for each village group and we gave them two cocks each group. This project was not successful because it has been difficult for them to handle the chickens as a group, so we have changed the system, now we give the chicken to every group member to take care of it at his or her home. . The total costs for this intervention was **TSH. 1,195,000.**



OTHER SUCCESSFUL STORIES

For this year in Imarika Phase 2 we planned to add one new village community for IMARIKA project. After discussing this with Bishop Joseph he advised that we work with Mlowa village. In September we started doing seminars for the Mlowa church members to have ability to give wholistic mission to the community. We are glad that the church has gone to the community and now we are waiting for the results.

Iringa Rural District Council funded for one group member to go for zonal Nane (Farmers Day) demonstrations in Mbeya region. There we had the opportunity to show the IMARIKA activities and products like fuel-efficient stoves, soil fertilizing seeds, sesame and chia seeds. Some group products were also sold, raising TSH. 270,000.

Lyamungwe village group has started a soap making small industry, we are in the process of helping them with good packaging and their logo. Their soaps are good and sought after by many people.

CHALLENGES

This year our projects were affected by COVID-19 restrictions as we were not able to go to the villages regularly for project's activities. As an alternative for our project's activities supervision we appointed supervisors in the respective groups, and they have generally done a good job in providing us information on how the activities were going on.

Also total funds available from our donors was less than we had budgeted for our project , so we have had to postpone some of the activities until when we receive the funds.

This year there was too much rainfall which caused floods at Magozi village and destructed farms and many group members were affected. So the group's activities had to stop for a while.

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Financial report for year 2020					
ITEM	BUDGET YEAR 1	BUDGET YEAR 1	Actual to	Actual to	% of Budget
	(TZS)	2020 (GBP)	September 2020	September	
	(Exchange rate)	2850	(Exchange rate)	3147.39	
Income					
EIUK funds raised for IMARIKA Project			8,886,845	2823.56	
Christchurch Purley			12,589,560	4000.00	
OperationAgri			18,884,340	6,000.00	
Total Income	57,859,920	20,301.73	40,360,745	12,823.56	70
Expense					
administration	9,480,000	3,326.32	3,856,500	1,225.30	41
staff	20,832,000	7,309.47	19,485,860	6,191.12	94
transportation	13,200,000	4,631.58	7,879,600	2,503.53	60
networking	4,699,650	1,649.00			
church mobilization	760,000	266.67	219,800	69.84	29
group formation	842,000	295.44	983,400	312.45	117
savings and loans training (VICOBA)	560,000	196.49	1,271,100	403.86	227
fuel efficient stoves training		-	-	-	
afforestation training	1,210,000	424.56	1,904,050	604.96	157
conservation agriculture training		-	2,767,500	879.30	
beekeeping	1,990,000	698.25	1,649,500	524.09	83
poultry		-	263,500	83.72	
EIUK Admin	4,286,400	1,504.00	3,222,465	1,023.85	
TOTAL EXPENSE	57,860,050	20,301.77	40,280,810	12,798.16	70

FUTURE PLAN FOR IMARIKA PROJECT

Next year we plan to add two more villages if we receive sufficient funds from our donors. Intervention activities planned are beekeeping, tree planting, conservation agriculture, poultry and VICOBA. The budget for year 2 is as shown in the table below.

BUDGET (TZS/GBP)		YEAR 2 (2021)		
		# OF GROUPS	YEAR 2 (TZS)	YEAR 2 (GBP)
administration	9,480,000	n/a	9,480,000	3,326
staff	20,832,000	n/a	29,088,000	10,206
transportation	13,200,000	n/a	13,200,000	4,632
networking	3,170,000	2	3,340,000	1,172
church mobilization / core training	760,000	2	1,520,000	533
group formation	842,000	2	1,684,000	591
savings and loans training / VICOBA	560,000	2	1,120,000	393
fuel efficient stoves training	990,000	0	0	0
afforestation training	1,210,000	1	1,210,000	425
conservation agriculture training	1,465,000	1	1,465,000	514
beekeeping	1,990,000	1	1,990,000	698
poultry	1,195,000	1	1,195,000	419
SUBTOTAL			65,292,000	22,909
EIUK administration (8% of subtotal GBP)			5,223,360	1,833
TOTAL			70,515,360	24,742

THANKS GIVING

We thank God for helping us in each and every work we have been able to do for the IMARIKA project groups. The village communities where IMARIKA is running are seeing lives transformed, their environments improved, and new business opportunities – ultimately hope for the future. Our thanks to all the donors who make the work possible.