



Fondation Eagle : Report on Tanzanian Agriculture grants project
June 2021

Donor Name: Fondation Eagle

Name of Charity and Project: Mondo Foundation, Supporting HIV+ women to support themselves and their families by generating income through small scale farming and animal husbandry

Reference number: FF 0565-50

Date grant accepted: 10th December 2020

Amount: £ 11,407

Number of beneficiaries : 42 families (approximately 200 beneficiaries)

Location of project: Arusha suburbs of Ngaramtoni and Kwa Iddi, Moshi suburbs of Masaranga and Pasua, Tanzania

Period of Project : Jan- June 2021, with six months continued support and follow up to December 2021

Six month progress report

Activities:

The project's aim is to provide training and small grants of around £140 to women living with HIV, most of them widows, who have children and other dependents in their care. Groups of women are trained together and given the skills and ongoing mentoring to ensure they can set up a successful business. Due to the Covid situation and uncertainty of other small business ventures, this project focused on animal husbandry and small scale farming, aiming to help women attain the necessary knowledge and start-up capital to set up thriving businesses and improve their own food security.

During this six months four groups of women were selected and trained. The women were identified by our local community volunteers, through their connections with churches, clinics and women's group. The women selected were HIV+, living in poverty, with two or more dependents and an interest in setting up or expanding a small farming business. An additional 2 women were added to the Ngaramtoni group so 42 women benefited altogether. The farming projects of the women are summarised below:

Location	Date of initial training and grant	Number of beneficiaries	Type of Project
Kwa Iddi	Jan 2021	10	Animal husbandry – 8 cow keeping/ 2 goat keeping
Masaranga	Jan 2021	10	10 rice farming
Ngaramtoni	April 2021	12	Vegetable growing – spinach, cabbage, potatoes
Pasua	April 2021	10	9 rice farming, 1 cow keeping

A two day training was conducted for each group. Mondo facilitators provided advice on business start-up including how to plan the venture, calculate profit and save. Extension workers from the local government office then facilitated training specific to the needs of the group including crop selection and rotation, planting, control of pests, animal selection, care, feeding and disease management. Following the training, the women were supported to use their grants to provide the items needed to start up : seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, animals, materials for animal shelters etc. The women have then been visited every month by the extension workers who conducted the training, together with Mondo staff, to reinforce the training and help to solve any ongoing problems. The extension workers also provided contact numbers to the women so they could be consulted between visits if necessary.

Outcomes:



Follow up interviews were conducted with the women who received their grants in January, to understand the impact of the project on their income and food security, and the knowledge gained from the ongoing technical support. All the Masaranga women reported a successful rice harvest of 8 and 10 sacks earning them 110,000 Shs/ £33 per sack. Prior to the grant, the women had mostly been working as casual labourers on other people’s farms earning 10,000 Shs per week (£3). The women reported that they had learnt a lot both in the initial training and through the follow up visits of the extension workers for example how to apply fertilizer and control pests particularly through keeping irrigation channels clean. Two women who already had small farms reported that they had been able to increase production from 3 bags to 8 bags harvested, having been supported to buy better seed and fertiliser.

All the women had saved funds from their harvest which will allow them to continue the business and replant at the next rainy season. The women reported that they now felt more secure with some capital saved, were able to eat three meals a day and provide all schooling needs for their children.



In Kwa Iddi, the women who selected cow keeping as their business all already owned up to three cows but the animals were unhealthy, not kept in adequate shelters or fed properly to give much milk. Following the training and support all had built better shelters for the animals and were feeding them as advised. 6 of the 8 recipients reported increased milk production, which was being used both for family consumption and for income (they had received less than 2 litres of

milk per cow per day before the training, and now received 4-6 litres). For example, Evaline, pictured above, is now earning 4,800 TZ shs/ £1.50 a day through sale of milk, while before there was no excess milk after family consumption. The remaining two recipients have pregnant cows and are waiting for them to start giving milk. The contact with the extension workers had been helpful for all the recipients. Magdalena reported that she had previously had many complaints from her neighbours about the mess created by her cows, but had learnt from the training to make the dung into fertiliser and was now selling it to others. Another recipient had been able to call on the extension worker when her cow ate some poison, and he helped her to save it. The women engaged in goat rearing have bought young goats which they intend to breed and sell the kids. The women were all thankful to Mondo for the project which is providing them with a regular income and better nutrition for their families.

Remaining activities

We have not yet carried out interviews with the women who received their grants in April as it is too early to understand the full impact. Extension workers and Mondo staff will continue to visit all the women over the next six months. A final impact study will be carried out in December, to assess the women's improvement in agricultural yield and income and to attain stakeholders' views on the project and recommendations for the future.

Expenditure :

Item	Budget	Expenditure	Remaining
Agricultural grants	£5,600	£5,460	£140
Initial training	£1,400	£1,580	-£180
Follow up visits extension workers	£1,920	£816	£1,104
Ongoing supervision Mondo staff	£1,050	£438	£612
Health insurance for beneficiaries	£400	£402	-£2
10% management	£1,037	£432	£605
total	£11,407	£9,128	£2,279

Many thanks to Fondation Eagle for funding this project.

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