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JOINT MISSION BY EMBASSIES OF IRELAND AND SWEDEN TO KIGOMA REGION

A joint monitoring mission from the embassies of Ireland and Sweden visited Kigoma Region to monitor the progress of implementation of the Embassy of Ireland and Embassy of Sweden funding to the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP) and humanitarian support in Nduta Refugee Camp and to meet with the Government officials, UN agencies, local stakeholders, and beneficiaries in Kigoma Region.

The mission started on 29 November 2021 by paying a courtesy call to the Kigoma Regional Commissioner, followed by a KJP briefing in Kigoma Town.

This E-Journal takes you through the training in pictures. Enjoy!

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Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHND).

A total of 148 villages have been supported to implement Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHND). Villages leaders and Community Health Workers (CHWs) have been oriented to conduct VHNDs activities in their respective areas.

To date, Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHNDs) has reached 84,337 under-five children, 3,846 pregnant women, and 4,019 adolescents.



Mr. Said Magoma, Head teacher of Mwibuye Primary School, who is also a member of the of Women and child protection committee explaining to the delegation how the committee works to promote protection of women and children in the community.



Ms. Upendo Bilafumba explaining to the Irish Embassy Delegation on the different stations that are found in a Village Health and Nutrition Day (VHND) setting and several services found at each station.



Mr. William Baseka, one of the Community Health Workers, providing health education to community members and the Irish delegation on the 5 food groups that make a balanced diet. This was during the Village Health and Nutrition Day in Mwibuye street, Kasulu TC.

Community Based Health and Cash Plus Programs

Community-based health program is implemented in five project LGAs to operationalize the national Community Health Workers (CHW) policy guide.

To date, 388 CHWs have been identified, trained, mentored, and equipped with knowledge and skills to support vulnerable pregnant women, adolescents, and under-five children.

Also, 365 CHW supervisors (Street /Village Executive Officer and Health care workers) have been capacitated to oversee the community-based health programme in their respective areas.

The Cash Plus Program covers 186 villages in 5 councils in Kigoma Region. So far, 50 TOTs, 372 mentors, and 372 peer educators have been trained in 5 councils to support adolescents in their respective councils.

The program has reached 3491 adolescents with Livelihood enhancement and Sexual reproductive health and HIV training. Also, 3,145 adolescents (M:1228, F:1417) have been supported to develop business projects to improve adolescents' income and 1,776 adolescents received productive grants (each \$80 equiv. TZS 170,000) to start income-generating activities or pursue livelihood training



Miss Odes Dominico Gondo, a community health worker from Mwibuye street in Kasulu Town Council proving health and nutrition education to a breastfeeding mother during household visits.



A beneficiary of Cash Plus Programme briefing mission members on positive impact of the programme in improving adolescents' income. So far, the Cash Plus programme has reached a total of 3491 adolescents with Livelihood enhancement and Sexual reproductive health and HIV training.



Beneficiaries of a Cash Plus Programme exchanging ideas with the Irish delegation.



Beneficiaries of a Cash Plus Programme displaying a hand sewn bed sheet to mission members. 3,145 adolescents have been supported to develop business projects to improve adolescents' income and 1,776 adolescents received productive grants (each \$80 equiv. TZS 170,000) to start income-generating activities.

THEME: HEALTH, NUTRITION AND HIV/AIDS (HEALTH+)

Nduta Refugee Camp

Nduta Refugee Camp as of 31 October 2021, hosts a total of 66,315 Burundian Refugees. UN-HCR and other partners conduct Protection, Camp management and camp coordination, Education, Health and Nutrition, Water Sanitation Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH), Livelihoods, Registration, Energy and Environment, Shelter Solutions, Voluntary Return and Resettlement Services to the Persons of Concern in the Camp.



Irish Embassy delegation had an opportunity to visit Biomass Briquette production site in Nduta Refugee Camp to mitigate environmental challenges as refugees rely on firewood as a primary source of energy.



Mr. Said Johari, WFP Head of Kibondo Sub Office (second - left), briefing the Irish Embassy delegation on food distribution process in Nduta Refugee Camp. Currently, WFP supplies 68% of food basket to refugees due to funding challenges.



A Nutritionist from World Vision and a Refugee Parent demonstrating preparations of a super cereal plus to parents with children with severe malnutrition as part of a supplementary feeding programme to treat moderate acute malnutrition, prevent severe acute malnutrition, prevent chronic malnutrition (stunting), and addressing micronutrient deficiencies amongst children.



Dr. Deogratus Dyumurushi, UNHCR Public Health Associate (second - right) informing the Irish delegation on Health & Nutrition services at MSF Health Center. MSF Health Center provides medical services to both Refugees and neighboring villages.



Ms. Sabina Luoga, UNHCR Associate Protection Officer briefing the delegation on the ongoing Voluntary Return exercise for Burundian Refugees. As of 30 November 2021, a total of 139,305 (70,004 females and 69,301 males) Persons of Concern have been facilitated to return to Burundi from Tanzania.



Ms. Sarah Ayubu (center), Nurse in charge of Nyarugusu Dispensary briefing delegates from the Embassy of Ireland on how the newly constructed maternity wing operates. Nyarugusu Maternity ward is one of nine maternity wards constructed in Kigoma region to improve maternal health in the region.



Ms. Sesilia Amon Gwinyembe (center), a community health worker from Nyarugusu village in Kibondo district explaining on how they plot Village Health and Nutrition Day data on the charts and findings from the previous VHNDs' Conducted in the village.



Delegates from the Embassy of Ireland and UN agencies getting updates on the ongoing construction of the maternity wing at Mtego wa Noti in Uvinza District.



Kigoma Regional Commissioner (center) commended the Kigoma Joint Programme for its support to Kigogo village. "Apart from providing safe and clean water, the Kigogo project also improves protection of women and children against violence by bringing water supply near their houses," he said.



Delegates from Embassy of Ireland along with District government officials at the Police Gender and Children Desk in Uvinza District, Kigoma



Dr. Emmanuel Michael from Maweni Referral hospital briefing delegates from the Embassy of Ireland on the core functions of Maweni One-stop Centre during the visit at the centre. The One-Stop center provides Police Form no. 3 services, medical observation and treatment, counseling and psychosocial support and Child protection against violence services.



Dr Stanley Binagi- Medical Officer In-charge (MOI) of Maweni Referral Hospital briefing delegates from the Embassy of Ireland on the use of the newly constructed isolation facility at Mawen referral hospital. The constructed isolation facility has a capacity of 24 beds

Sofya Market

The construction and rehabilitation of floor and stalls which accommodates 1120 traders in the market improves hygiene and cleanliness at the Sofya market. Prior, the women would sell their products on the ground while other infrastructures such as drainage system were unfunctional. The market has attracted customers to visit while guaranteeing a safe and clean environment, especially during rainy seasons.



Ms. Lina Palmer (center), Lead Economist from Sweden Embassy, inquiring on the market price and sales of consumables before and after construction of the market, during conversation with one of the women entrepreneurs at the market.



"Now we have an improved and hygienic environment to sell our vegetables and fruits." said one of the women entrepreneurs at Sofya market while briefly explaining the benefits gained after construction of market stalls.



Women entrepreneurs displaying their products on the new stalls which provides a clean and safe environment.



Ms. Zawadi Balaile, Sweden Embassy Controller, visiting Sofya Market.

Mvugwe Aggregation Center

Mvugwe aggregation centre which was constructed as part of the Kigoma Joint Programme (KJP), is capable of storing 640 tonnes of crops and will help farmers in Mvugwe village reduce post-harvest losses. The center will benefit more than 4000 women and 3000 youths are engaged in selling and cultivating maize, beans, rice, banana, cassava, and fruits.



The delegation touring the completed Mvugwe Aggregation Center



Ms. Lina Palmer (center) sharing a testimony from the Sweden embassy driver, "while driving towards the building, our embassy driver was shocked and testified that few years ago while passing through the village, the area was empty with no sign of activity, now that has all changed." "And it was great hearing a pleasant testimony from someone outside of the Programme."



Ms. Zawadi Balaile speaking with members of Mvugwe AMCOS at Mvugwe aggregation center. The AMCOS group consists of 87 members (50 women and 37 men), with 9 board members (5 women and 4 men).



Some members of Mvugwe AMCOS in a group photo with Embassy delegation.

Tujikomboe Youth Katonga

Katonga youth group consists of 21 youths involved in poultry and egg farming through the use of incubators. Installation of incubators have increased group's income from Tsh 40,000 to Tsh. 200,000 per month.



Due to challenges with power connection, the group has invested in a smaller solar incubator with a capacity to harvest 8 to 10 trays per week (240 to 300 eggs).

Youth Social Economic Development Center



The delegation touring the Buhigwe Youth Center which is constructed to improve youths' skills to become self-reliant.

Bukuba Group (Kinazi Palm Oil Processing Factory)

The Kinazi Palm Oil Processing factory addresses the poor hygienic practices, environmental pollution, and reduces time to extract palm oil. Prior to the factory, the women processed palm oil through hand driven machines.



Member of the Bukuba women group demonstrating the process of making palm oil. The machines reduce the palm oil process from 8 hours to 2 hours.



Bukuba group member showing the delegation the raw palm fruit used to make palm oil. Before, the group used to make 200kg of palm oil, per day, without machines. After the installation of the machines, the group makes 400 kg per 1 hour.

Start and Improve Your Business

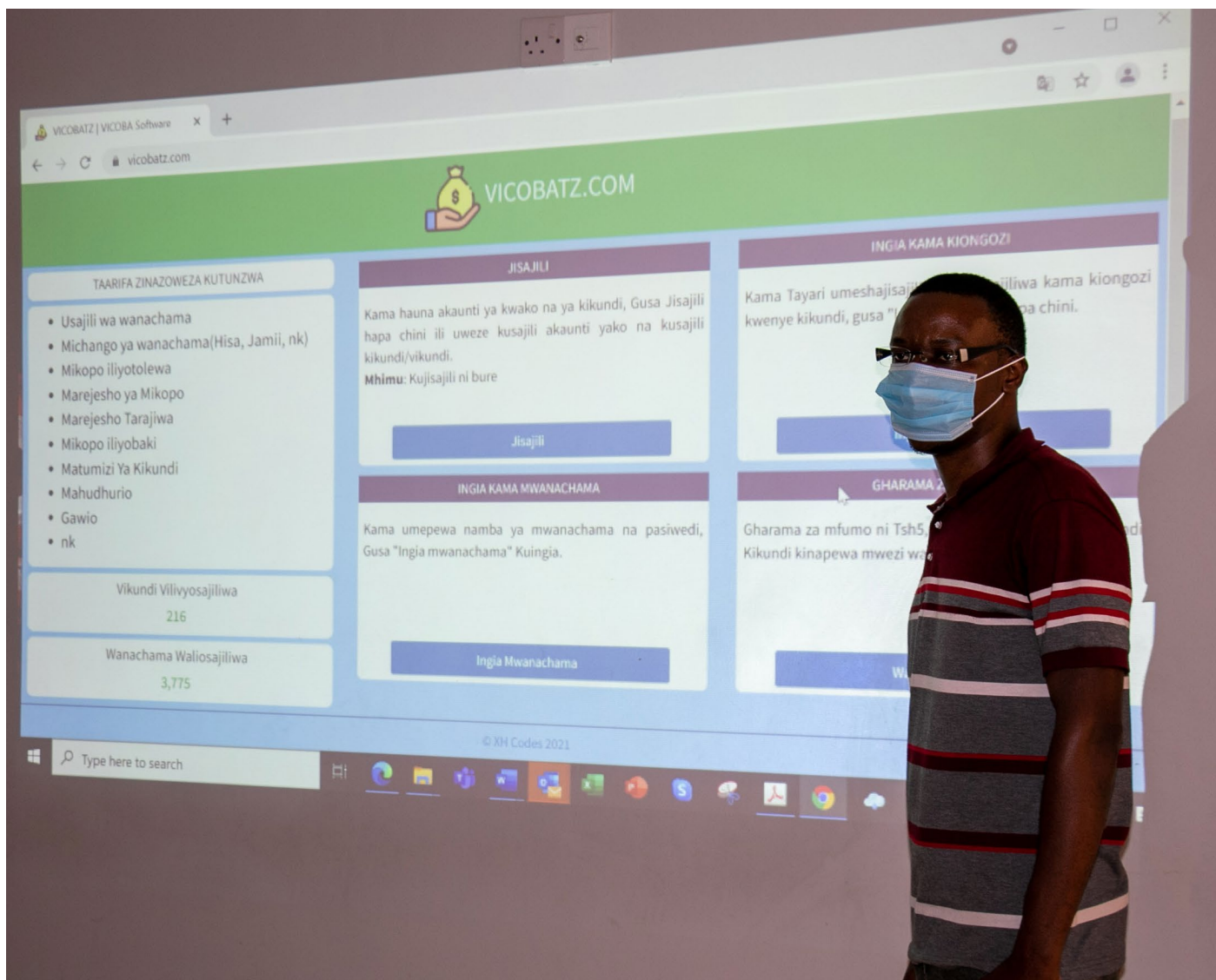
The business development services providers (BDS providers) deliver up-to-standard trainings to youth and women entrepreneurs. The trainings focus to enhance capacity of youths by providing programmes such as Start Your Business (SYB) and Improve Your Business (IYB) designed to support owners of small enterprises to expand or improve the efficiency of their operations.



Mr. Joseph Migunda briefing the delegation on the services provided. The groups are supporting 23 youths and women who managed to obtain additional funding, in terms of loans, of TZS 48 Million to improve their businesses.

Kigoma Innovation Challenge

The Kigoma Innovation challenge is designed to identify and promote grassroots different sectors in the region and beyond to strengthen youth and women economic empowerment. In response to the call, 165 individuals expressed their interest through submission of application and 10 candidates were chosen and awarded.



Mr. Casbert Chobanka, first winner of the Kigoma Innovation Challenge who was awarded tsh 10 million for developing an on-line platform known as VICOBA TZ that collects and keeps financial records of VICOBA. The platform increases transparency between members of VICOBA and so far there are 598 VICOBA groups are using the platform.

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