TANZANIA Partnership Program

Our story is unfolding

Our Goal:
Promote resilient communities in Milola and Naitolia, Tanzania and create a model for sustainable prosperity.

Our Strategy:
Acknowledge interdependency and create long-term partnerships among local communities, governments, non-governmental organizations, private corporations and universities to address local challenges and respond to emerging opportunities in economic development, food security, public health and education.
“The sustainable prosperity and well-being of people and nations throughout the world is a moral imperative we are called upon to share.”

— Lou Anna K. Simon, President of Michigan State University
EDUCATION
KEY TO ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
TIP takes a holistic approach to education that reaches across the life span. At the same time, it enhances the quality of education by training teachers and educational leaders and improving the infrastructure of the education system in pilot villages. This year TIP focused its work on education at pre-primary school, young people who have dropped out of school, and teacher and school administrative training.

Accomplishments

Miilia
- Constructed a pre-primary school in the village of Miilia. This is the first opportunity anyone in the village has had to attend school.
- Convened an early childhood education team to assess challenges and make recommendations on best practices for 210 efforts in early childhood education.
- Held a two-day workshop on school leadership and management for over 30 educational leaders.
- Assessed teachers’ learning needs to inform future teacher training activities.
- Installed school clubs for health, environmental education and with 88 students. Students participated in service learning and community projects.
- Began out-of-school youth group with 31 young people to engage in adult education and enhance livelihoods skills.
- Three schools formed friends support school feeding programs. One primary school expanded their farm, the others were planted for the first time.
- Created a school farm account to provide initial funds for purchase of seeds and equipment.
- Provided training for 31 teachers on project management, creating a well-structured and efficient system.
- Trained farm workers on use of new school farm equipment.

Naltotla
- The World Food Programme Tanzania continued its support of the school feeding program using TIP to construct school kitchen and storage aimed to serve about 450 students.
- Villagers contributed funds to purchase water for rinsing masks.
- TIP acted as catalyst to engage the World Agricultural Extension Officer to work with the school on sustainable agricultural projects.

The Big Picture

Core Principles
- Ensures sustainability - increases community strengths, enhances community resiliency and promotes community empowerment while maintaining sustainable economic, environmental health, and social equity.
- Committed to an integrative approach - removes the barriers that impede research, education and development to create a dynamic and synergistic relationship.
- Engage in interdisciplinary research - draw on a range of disciplines and perspectives to address the interrelated and complex nature of challenges faced by communities in the developing world.
- Promote participation - utilize the knowledge, skills and experience of villagers, local government officials, researchers, and development professionals to expand understanding, enhance responsiveness and improve practice.
- Adaptive learning - focus on a process that continually improves the research, education and development activities and involves villagers, schools, development professionals, and local government.
- Establish long-term commitments - create relationships built on mutual trust that welcomes research and innovation while at the same time is responsive to new challenges.

TANZANIA PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PARTNERS

Miilia Village, Lindi Rural District, Tanzania

Naltotla Village, Nachingwea District, Tanzania

Tanzania Partnership Program Partners (TPP) has formed a team of professional and international organizations dedicated to improving local livelihoods in Tanzania. Miilia was selected as the initial location for this initiative.

WATER ACCESS AND QUALITY
WATER IS LIFE
Access to clean water is a necessity for high standards of living. TPP focuses on water projects in both Miilia and Naltotla villages, and on sustainable management of water resources by working with district governments and local communities to improve water access and safety, enhance community water system management, and expand community understanding of the importance of water quality and sustainable water resource management.

Accomplishments

Miilia
- Improved access to water at the secondary school and a primary school for more than 500 students. A school was installed and foundation laid for a water and storage tank.
- Trained Miilia Water Users Association members on water system management, operation, maintenance, and water source preservation.

Naltotla
- Completed Phase I of the water access project. Reestablished a borehole, laid pipe, built a water storage tank, and constructed four domestic water taps.
- Began planning for Phase 2 of the water project with community members and district government. The plan is to add a third domestic water tap and strategic points in the community to maximize access for households.
- Constructed an animal watering trough near the site of future cattle dip.

RESEARCH
WHAT WE’RE LEARNING
TPP research focuses on the generation of knowledge to enhance TPP development activities and community well-being. Research collaboration between Tanzania and MSU researchers promote understanding of the causes and solutions to real-world problems. The goal is to create a model of integrated research and development that expands knowledge while informing the practice of development.

Accomplishments
- TIP awarded 11 research grants - eight Master’s theses from Tanzania students and three MSU faculty proposals. Topics range from education (1), agriculture (2), animal health (1) and natural resources management (3). Approximately half of the research will take place in Miilia and half in Naltotla.

HEALTH
Convergence of Human and Animal Health
We believe resilient communities are able to recognize and address the links between human health, animal health and the environment. Through technical, community and other efforts to use local resources to minimize risk and enhance health.

Accomplishments

Miilia
- Completed a community health education on schistosomiasis symptoms, testing and treatment based on the prevalence found in the TPP-supported study. The study was conducted by MSU’s Health Education Research Team and collaborated with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.
- Developed a community-based health education program for Miilia and Naltotla communities.
- Conducted a health education intervention using the MSU College of Nursing Student Advisory Council and purchased equipment for the health clinic.
- Trained Miilia medical staff on equipment to conduct health education in preparation for the second round of health assessments.

Naltotla
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Financial Highlights

The Tanzania Partnership Program is a public-private partnership supported primarily by individuals, academic institutions and a coalition of diverse partners. The initiative is committed to good stewardship of the resources and assuring the success of the program. We are dedicated to the highest level of accountability.

Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

| Donor Funds/MSU Funds | Income | Expenses | Total Income
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------------|
|                       | $252,260 | $147,875 | $390,135

Tanzania Partnership Project FY2012 Expenditures - External Funds

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Improving Water Access in Naltotla Village

In northern Tanzania, water is life - everything begins and ends with access to water. This is especially true for children who attend school. Tanzania has the opportunity to offer pre-primary education for the first time to more than 30 children in Naltotla village. The lack of basic elements is compensated by the long distances (up to 4 kilometers) many children travel to access water. This year, the only pre-primary school serving a community of more than 400 children in Naltotla was declared non-operational.

The Tanzania Academy Foundation and TIP supported the construction of a new pre-primary school in Naltotla. With construction completed in September 2011, classes are set to begin in the new school in January 2012.
The Tanzania Partnership Program is a multi-college, university-wide program.

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