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The CEO's welcome note



Mr. Mbarwa Kivuyo - IFTz Managing Director

Dear esteemed reader,

WE ARE thrilled to introduce our brand-new newsletter, *The Livelihoods Herald*, designed to keep you informed and engaged with all the incredible work happening within our organization, Inades-Formation Tanzania. As we embark on this exciting journey, we aim to provide you with regular updates on our activities, partnerships, and initiatives that are driving positive change in our community.

At Inades-Formation Tanzania, our mission is to contribute to the social, economic advancement of the people with specific emphasis on their free and responsible participation in the transformation of their societies. We strongly believe that transparency and effective communication are vital in creating lasting impact. With this newsletter, we aim to strengthen our connection with you and ensure you are well-informed about our progress, events, and opportunities for involvement.

Each edition of our monthly newsletter will be packed with insightful articles, success stories, interviews, and important announcements. You can expect to find in-depth information about our ongoing projects, the impact they are making, and how your support directly contributes to making a difference in Dodoma, Singida, Iringa, Njombe, Kagera, Mara and other parts of Tanzania. Additionally, we will be highlighting our partnerships, as they play a crucial role in amplifying our impact. Our partnerships with like-minded organizations, volunteers, and individuals allow us to collaborate, share resources, and achieve greater outcomes together.

Through this newsletter, we will showcase the power of collaboration and the incredible results we can accomplish when we work collectively. We want this newsletter to be a valuable resource for you, our dedicated supporter of our initiatives. Your feedback, suggestions, and ideas are essential in shaping its content and making it relevant to your interests. We encourage you to reach out to us with your thoughts, questions, or ideas for future topics. We are here to listen, learn, and grow together.

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Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey. With your continued support, we can create a positive and lasting impact in our target group. Together, we can make a difference.

Enjoy your reading!

A handwritten signature in blue ink.

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Inades-Formation Secures a Grant to Establish Agroforestry Training Centre

VI AGROFORESTRY, a renowned Swedish organization with expertise in agroforestry, has awarded Inades-Formation Tanzania (IFTz) a prestigious grant that will allow IFTz to establish a pioneering Dryland Agroforestry Training Centre in Dodoma region, Tanzania. This remarkable initiative aims to promote sustainable farming practices, combat climate change, and empower communities to thrive in arid environments.

Dodoma region, characterized by low rainfall and arid conditions, often suffer from desertification, soil erosion, and reduced agricultural productivity. Agroforestry, a practice that combines tree cultivation with agriculture, offers a sustainable solution to combat these challenges. By integrating trees into farming systems, agroforestry helps improve soil fertility, conserve water, and protect against wind erosion.

Additionally, it provides valuable ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration and biodiversity conservation. IFTz recognizes the potential of agroforestry to transform dryland landscapes and enhance the livelihoods of local communities.

IFTz has been a frontrunner in promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development across Tanzania. With a strong focus on capacity building and knowledge sharing, the organization has empowered countless farmers with innovative techniques and practices.



By partnering with Vi Agroforestry, IFTz aims to further expand its impact and create a legacy through the establishment of the Agroforestry Training Centre.



The centre to be called “Inades-Formation Dryland Agroforestry Training Centre (IFDATC),” made possible by the Vi Agroforestry grant of SEK 500,000, will serve as a hub for knowledge exchange, training, and research in agroforestry practices tailored to dryland environments.

The IFTz Managing Director Mbarwa Kivuyo says: “Our centre aims to equip farmers, extension workers, and policymakers with the necessary skills and knowledge to implement sustainable agroforestry systems.”

Through practical demonstrations, workshops, and seminars, participants will learn about tree species selection, water management, erosion control, and income diversification. This comprehensive training will enable communities to build resilience, restore degraded landscapes, and improve their livelihoods in the face of climate change and environmental degradation.

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Join the Seeds of Change in Chemba District

IN THE heart of Chemba District, Dodoma region, an inspiring initiative is taking root – the promotion and establishment of a community local seeds bank for conservation of agrobiodiversity by Inades-Formation Tanzania (IFTz). This pilot project is supported by Inades-Formation International and financed by Bread for the World (BftW) and the Basque Agency for



A display of locally available indigenous seeds during the assessment of crop diversity in Waida and Daki villages of Chemba district.

Development Cooperation (ABCD), aims to strengthen traditional seed system that are resistant to climate change and to conserve agrobiodiversity through promotion of community seed banks in Chemba District.

Seeds are the fundamental basis of agriculture and the lifeline of food production. However, in many regions, the availability of diverse, traditional, and locally adapted seeds is diminishing. The consequences of relying solely on commercial seeds can be detrimental to farmers. Community local seed banks play a vital role in preserving and promoting indigenous seed varieties, ensuring their availability, and supporting smallholder farmers to maintain food sovereignty.

Through this project intervention the community seed banks will capacitate farmers to right owners, access seeds and grow crops during the next growing season or they can be used as an emergency seed supply during crop failure or when crops are damaged by pests, diseases, flooding, drought, or other natural calamities.

IFTz, a non-profit organization committed to sustainable agriculture development, believes that

empowering local communities is the key to achieving food security, promote food nutrition, poverty alleviation, and environmental sustainability and eventually becomes prosperous and influential. With the establishment of the community seed banks in Waida and Daki villages of Chemba District, IFTz envisions a future where farmers have access to a wide range of locally well adapted seed varieties, fostering crop diversity, and enhancing resilience to climate change. The project target to reach a total of 200 Smallholder farmers (113 women and 91 men) direct beneficiaries and indirect beneficiaries will be 1,196 community members (683 female and 513 male). The success of this pilot project relies on collaboration and support from various stakeholders.

IFTz invites individuals, organizations, and stakeholders passionate about sustainable agriculture, agroecology, and community development to join hands with us and support this transformative and inspiring initiative in the following ways:

- Investing in the local seed banks will ensure its sustainability, expansion and readily availability of once endangered seed varieties.
- Donations and grants will be crucial in procuring essential equipment, infrastructure, and training materials. Your support can make a tangible difference in empowering local smallholder farmers and safeguarding traditional or local seed varieties.
- If you possess expertise in seed-saving techniques, agricultural research, or sustainable farming practices, your knowledge and guidance can greatly benefit this initiative.
- Volunteering your time and skills to train local farmers and promote best practices in seed conservation will create a lasting impact.
- Spreading awareness about the importance of local seeds promotion and establishment of community seed banks and advocating for policies that promote the conservation and utilization of traditional or indigenous seeds is vital. Collaborate with us in organizing workshops, conferences, and awareness campaigns to bring attention to the significance of preserving agricultural biodiversity.

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Enhancing Community Livelihoods through Donkey Welfare

WITH FINANCIAL and technical support from Brooke East Africa, IFTz is embarking on a one-year project in Singida, Iringa, and Dodoma regions of Tanzania.

The IFTz Managing Director Mbarwa Kivuyo told the Livelihoods Herald that the initiative is focusing on promoting donkey welfare, adding that “this initiative aims to empower local communities and uplift their livelihoods.” Kivuyo added: “By recognizing the immense contributions of donkeys to rural economies, IFTz strives to create sustainable and compassionate practices that benefit both animals and humans alike.”

Donkeys have long been invaluable companions to rural communities worldwide. In Tanzania, these humble animals have played a crucial role in supporting livelihoods, serving as reliable means of transportation, hauling agricultural produce, and aiding in various rural activities. Unfortunately, donkeys often face neglect, abuse, and poor welfare conditions due to a lack of awareness and resources.

The IFTz one-year project renewable annually, seeks to tackle these challenges by promoting donkey welfare at the community level. By providing education, training, and resources, the project aims to raise awareness about the importance of treating donkeys with care and respect. Through targeted workshops and awareness campaigns, community members will be empowered with knowledge about proper donkey management, nutrition, health care, and appropriate harnessing techniques.

To ensure the success and sustainability of the project, IFTz will conduct comprehensive capacity-building programs. Local communities will receive training on various aspects related to donkey welfare, including animal husbandry, handling techniques, and the implementation of sustainable practices. These efforts will empower community members to become advocates for donkey welfare, leading to long-term positive change.



Donkeys at work in Singida rural district.

In addition to enhancing donkey welfare, the project aims to enhance community livelihoods through income generation activities. IFTz will provide support and resources for the establishment of donkey-related enterprises such as transportation services, donkey milk production, and the production of donkey-derived

products like soap and leather goods.

By diversifying income streams and creating



Dr. Charles Bukula from Inades-Formation Tanzania (in a white T-shirt) attends a wounded donkey during routine community sensitization visit in Magori village, Iringa rural.

entrepreneurial opportunities, the project aims to reduce poverty and enhance economic resilience within these communities.

IFTz recognizes that long-term success relies on collaboration and sustainability. The organization will actively engage with local stakeholders, including community leaders, veterinary experts, and government agencies, to ensure the project's sustainability.

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