



## STORIES FROM THE FIELD JUNE 2009



### Welcome!

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*HDT has been implementing a capacity building for CSOs project for 3 years now.*

*The project has evolved from one off training to hands on assessment, training, mentoring, granting and accompaniment.*

*With support from VSO, this project covers DSM, Kagera (Bukoba & Muleba) to Mtwara (Mikindani municipal & Mtwara rural district).*

*HDT supports six organizations in Mtwara region one of them being MWOLIHA+. As part of mentoring, in June we highlight a success story from MWOLIHA group*

*We present a success story of a group of women living with HIV at Mikindani municipal council.....*

### MWOLIHA+

MWOLIHA received two trainings from HDT, the first training enabled them to understand how to run a healthy and transparent organization. It also enabled them to ensure that they have clear constitution with clear vision and mission that is shared among all members.

The second trainings enabled them to understand the project cycle and financial management as well as how to write a project report.

The organizations were coached and mentored by a team from HDT and coach from Mtwara Mikindani Municipal to ensure that sustainable growth is recognized. After completing two trainings organizations managed to write quality proposal to HDT and managed to receive a grant of Tsh 1,500,000/- to implement IGA projects (cow keeping).

The Group has 8 cows producing 10 litres of milk every day. Part of profit is used by members and other to run project.



Due good track records the group have acquired recognition from different stakeholders. With this, the group have secured a total of Tsh 1,210,000/= from Municipal Council, Tsh. 5,000,000/= from TASAF and they are expecting to get Tsh 10,000,000/= from Coop Africa.

The success above presents a challenge for need of more support from local government and other stakeholders for them to better manage their business.

During the course, we notices conspicuous absence of support from local government and other stakeholders. For such groups to register more results, adequate support is required ranging from organizational management, project management and managing groups. Protection for such groups can not be over emphasized from our experience in Kagera where we supported poor families and when they step up they were stormed and their properties stolen.

The meeting we had with DED and community development was promising and HDT will continue to explore more funding to continue this important work....

Contact HDT for more information on this project