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Enterprise Programme

Smallholder Farmer Training - Pilot

Summary of Report on the Managhat Community



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### Project Summary

*“Before the training I never grew tomatoes. It was the best thing Marceli taught me. Growing tomatoes has changed my life, I can pay my daughter’s secondary school fees, I have improved our home and built another house.”*

**Emanuel Barhe**

The Livingstone Tanzania Trust (LTT) recognises the complexity of the poverty problems faced in rural Tanzania. Government initiated community development projects require contributions at the household level where great conflict already exists on the household purse with so many competing priorities. This conflict can result in insufficient food, poor health, a lack of medication, poor living standards, children not going to secondary school and households being unable to bring about positive changes to their lives. In addition the householders face poor access to health care, poor schooling, and have limited access to financial institutions and suffer from low levels of resilience. Living in rural areas the farmers have no effective voice with authorities and so are unable to affect change through political means. Many feel they live in a hopeless state.

LTT’s Out-Grower Pilot Project sought to demonstrate that by providing applicable agricultural training, combined with health and well-being awareness workshops, financial training and micro-loans, the farmers could bring about changes for themselves in such a manner that they are able to not only meet their obligations but also improve their quality of life and that of their families. LTT’s track record of working in the local primary school and in other communities around Babati generated the trust needed for the community to believe in our long term commitment to them and the project.

With financial support from donors and together with our sister organisation the Manyara Community Development Organisation (MCDO), community leaders and the 25 small holder subsistence farmers we developed the project which was then delivered over a 2 year period.



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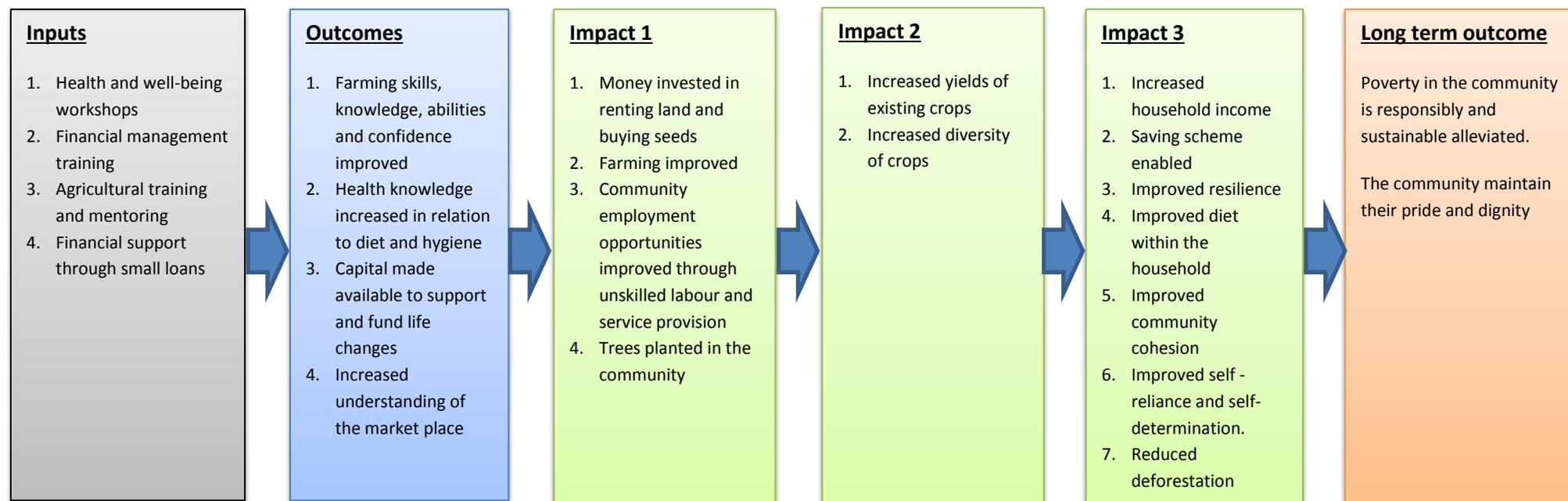


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LTT are excited to reveal that the investment has had a very positive return; with every £1 invested in the 2 year project it has, to date, generated an additional income to the farmers of £1.50. This means that the farmers are doing better with the knowledge, skills and opportunities that have been created due to the project than if the money had been given to them directly. In addition they have improved their self-reliance, improved community engagement with each other; improved income diversity and security as well as improved physical income. All of which has resulted in better living conditions, greater opportunities for secondary and further education for their children, better family health, greater resilience and a paradigm shift within the individual psyche from passive participants in a future determined by others to being active participants in a future they can determine for themselves. The farmers have retained their dignity and pride by achieving this for themselves; and most importantly they now have hope for a brighter future.

The wider community beyond our 25 targeted farmers have also benefited. By watching and engaging with our farmers some of the lessons taught have been shared, diets have been improved which will result in better health. Additional employment opportunities have been created as some of our farmers have increased their employment footprint be it through tractor or plough hire, farmhand work or transportation. Our farmers now have greater disposable income some of which they spend in the local community. All of which contributes to a healthy multiplier effect for the initial investment and an excellent investment impact ratio.

### Impact Summary



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### Quotes from Beneficiaries

*"This project has enabled me to move from a rented home to a new home that I now own together with ½ acre. Last year I grew maize and beans along with Chinese Leaf and Okra but the market was not good and my returns were poor. This year I have rented land and planted maize, pigeon peas and black beans and may later retry the greens."*

**Fillister Iddi**

*"The loans and training have enabled me to rent land and increase my farming income. With this extra money I have bought cows and this year I plan to build 3 rooms to rent. Without this project I would never have been able to afford this."*

**Musa Bua**

*"Growing vegetables was new to me, before I used to go to the market and buy them but now I need never go again. Cassava is my back up crop in case the rains fail. The leaves are chopped up and boiled for 5 minutes and the roots can be cooked like potatoes and the stalks are great for firewood. But what is best is that they grow from cuttings and self-sprout and provide me with a regular monthly income. I have one cow at the moment which I use for ploughing; soon I shall get another and go into the ploughing business with another person with a plough."*

**Elizabeth Lala**





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*“Before working with LTT I had never grown vegetables but since learning from Marceli I have turned into a real farmer. I am planning what to plant and when and plant a variety of things including beans, tomatoes, peppers, maize and pigeon peas. I has 2 milking cows that provide manure to help the soil and it boosts my yields. With my profits I have refurbished and expanded my small shop.”*

**Paulo Kundasi**

*“The training was good and produced good results, my income has improved and I now have a better diet which has stopped some of my stomach problems. I know now to wash my hands and never eat cold food. I also have a larger network of friends than before. I have built a proper toilet and put ceiling boards in my living room which I also plastered. I have bought a tv”.*

**Constantino Dagharo**

*“The training was good, it has improved my income from low to high and I have added a roof to my house and built 4 more rooms and bought 3 males cows for ploughing, I only need one more for a full team- the ploughing will provide further income and reduce my cost on ploughing. I have also rented more land for farming”*

**Juma Hussien**

*“I learnt to grow vegetables on small amounts of land and now my production has increased and next year will increase further. I had never grown them before, just maize and pigeon peas. I learnt from Marceli about compost and manure, contour farming and better spacing of plants. Water remains a problem being over 200 metres away; it is time consuming and hard work. With the loans I invested in farming and with my profits bought cows. I now have 4 adults, the 2 males join with 2 from a neighbour and we run a ploughing business, the 2 females have had calves (one male and one female) and so are currently providing milk for home consumption. With this year’s profits I plan to buy 2 more male cows and a plough and run the business alone. I have two rooms in my grandfather’s house that I rent out. I want to connect them to TANESCO so I can double the rent.”*

**Petro Frances**