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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is a monthly report covering project activities undertaken for the period from the 1st July to 31st of July, 2016. With start up more or less complete this report focusses on activities and constraints. Fieldwork has commenced in the first of the LTA villages and is now ongoing. A second village will commence in August.

The work of defining and refining operational procedures for fieldwork has been and will continue to be the primary focus of LTA activity at the moment. Much remains to be done in the realm of message development for public outreach, adjudication procedures and screening and dispute resolution. There is also work to be done to ensure District staff buy-in to the changes and are able to effectively manage the resulting datasets.

The next monthly report will be submitted not later than September, 15th and will cover the period 1st August – 31st August, 2016.

2.0 STAFFING

2.1 Key Personnel

Clive English, Chief of Party and Dr Alphonse Tiba, Land Administration Specialist have been in Iringa under the full support of the administrative staff throughout the month. Interviews have been held with proposed staff to fill the positions of

- Public Outreach (now filled)
- GIS/DB – a Company has been identified and a number of individuals interviewed – an appointment needs to be made ASAP
- Monitoring and Evaluation – will analyse statistics for both M&E purposes and to enable effective change in procedures and management as the project progresses.
- Additional Field Assistants – these will only be appointed to enable the work of regularizing land to be rolled out.

2.2 Field Staff

The field manager is now fully operational in the first of the LTA villages (Kinywang'yanga) and is overseeing field activities with District Land Office personnel.

A public outreach designer will be appointed in August. Her primary task will be to de-personalise and package key messages in land to rationalise the processes of outreach. This will reduce the time and costs.

Following village training a proper village team structure has been established for the work of regularising land. The purpose of this is to ensure that for each claim the respective tasks are properly completed. This is an important development as the aim is;

- To reduce errors and constant (costly) returns to the field
- An objections and corrections period will be used to enable villages to manage and improve their own records
- Quality control checks have been put in place using paper recording (at least initially) to enable checks on data capture into MAST.

The model of training trainers from villages and extending their new found skills and services across village boundaries to other villages, to train others, will be used. This is the primary method to be used for scaling up and is dependent on the quality and skill of persons that prove themselves in ongoing fieldwork.

Structures are now in place to enable LTA and the DLO to manage fieldwork and data capture more effectively.

2.3 Subcontractors

DAI and subcontractor Land Equity International have finalised inputs for a capacity building consultant. There will be no other inputs under this sub-contract.

3.0 PROGRAM AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS

This has focused on meetings at District and Village level to progress field operations. The LTA will address the session of the Iringa District Council in early August. The purpose of this will be to brief councilors on the objectives and key tasks of the project in Iringa Rural District.

On 12th of July,2016 LTA Team met with Kinywang'anga Village Council to set agenda for Village Level training on the LTA activities focusing on the land laws, procedures and expected outputs to the project in their village area. An agenda was established for sensitization and the commencement of fieldwork (see below).

On 20th July,2016, a Joint Meeting was held between LTA Team and the Iringa District Land Office Staff to finalise the rules of engagement for project and field operations, all contained in an MOU. Completion of outstanding works on the MAST pilot were also discussed.

On 21st of July,2016, LTA Team attended meeting of the Kinywang'anga Village Council. The Council was presented with;

- The overall LTA objectives and activities. LTA
- Training on the roles and responsibilities of the Village Council and the Village Assembly in the administration of the Village land.
- Summary of the procedures that will be followed during the registration processes and selection of the key adjudication and para-surveyor staff.

Additional training was provided to the Village Land Institutions in;

- the adjudication process and CCRO issuance.
- data capture in MAST and orientation of paper maps in locating properties
- trainings to the Village Adjudication Committee and the Para-Surveyors.

3.2 MILESTONE DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

A draft Gender Plan has been prepared and was submitted on 15th June. This was prepared in advance of commencement of field operations.

Since there is a need to ensure all gender activities are evidence based thus the comments provided are only preliminary. Comments have been received from USAID. The LTA has responded to these but clarifications are still required from AID on issues of pastoralists.

A Donor Coordination Report is now due for submission.

3.3 KEY PROJECT ISSUES

The following project issues are being addressed. These are summarized according to procedures and issues arising.

- **MOU:** On 18th July, 2016 LTA Team finalized the content of the MOU between DAI/LTA and Iringa District Council, District Land and Natural Resources Office. This has yet to be signed but the content is agreed.
- **Public Outreach:** Current public outreach messages at village level are not well developed and work will be needed to bring these to an easily deliverable cost efficient system. Though material is available it is not in a useable format for replicability and scaling up. The LTA have made an appointment to address this and wider issues of public outreach. Gender will also be within her remit.
- **Procedures:** Key procedures in the regularization of land have been reviewed – particularly adjudication and dispute recording and resolution. The implementation of MAST has been found to compromise village adjudication and dispute resolution. Temporary procedures have been put in place to address these key issues. These are currently under field review through work in Kingyang'wanga village. Intense work will be undertaken to refine and develop procedures for roll out, these will include progressive changes to MAST. In the interim the existing MAST will continue to be used.
- **Current Dataset Quality From MAST.** Despite data cleaning the LTA have found several problems with both the cleaning procedure and the final product. Procedures are in place to prevent erroneous data and to improve consistency in the field to reduce costs.
- **MAST Development:** More detailed review of existing MAST data and entry procedures has revealed additional issues that need to be addressed in the software – mainly to reconcile with best practice in land regularisation and the Tanzania Land

Regulations. A comprehensive list of proposed changes has been expanded (from the initial changes prepared during Needs Assessment and summarized in the Inception Report) and the requirements for changes in MAST specified. The scope of the changes required, as identified by the LTA, is considerable and is not consistent with perceptions that little change is required (see comments in the Q&A session for the LTA bids). The LTA will be submitting specific proposals to rectify these issues.

- **Hosting of MAST Data:** The current system of hosting data on a cloud is not sustainable and must be changed as soon as possible. Data will be hosted on a local server. Current systems of data access and interim viewing of records, maps and printing are complex and not easy to use. To achieve real sustainability the systems must be greatly simplified and be more accessible.
- **Business Logic:** To achieve the above the LTA are currently developing business logic for the field procedures – this will quickly move on to post registration transactions. The models developed will be used to develop the software through TRUST – technical register for social tenure.
- **MAST Pilot Close Out (30th June):** More detailed comments on this have been posted in the Quarterly Report. However, it is understood from visits by USAID and Cloudburst in June, a MAST close out report with important implications for the LTA was to have been submitted to USAID. This was to facilitate an orderly transition. The LTA provided data and information to USAID and Cloudburst for this purpose, but the LTA have not received a copy of the close-out report. Issues continue to arise from the MAST pilot and do need to be addressed with the support of LTA. However, it is now understood that funding is ongoing and that the project will not close out until 26th August.
- **LTA Budget Realignment:** Following several changes to the profile of the staffing – mainly to support and facilitate the fieldwork and the monitoring thereof - the LTA are in the process of preparing a revised budget. This will take account of the proposals for changes to MAST and development of TRUST.
- **A Revised Work Program:** Given that fieldwork is now underway, the requirement is to develop a revised work program that will cover field schedules and development of MAST going forward. This will re-schedule from the Inception Report Work Plan and will take into account the later than expected start of field operations. This will be used as a submission for the Annual Work Plan.

4.0 PLANS AND CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2016

Activities shown in **Table 1** are tentatively expected to take place for the month of August, 2016. The key priority for the next two months will be a technical focus on design and implementation of the field program.

Table 1: Plans and Calendar for August, 2016

Planned Activity	Location	Expected Dates
Field operations (parcel demarcations) in Kinywang'anga village. Expected completion of up to 400 parcels	Iringa DC	All weeks of August,2016
Preliminary meetings in Kiponzelo village to commence land use planning	Iringa DC	Mid-August
Meeting with the National Land Use Planning Commission(NLUPC) in Dar es Salaam on the village use planning in the selected villages.	Iringa	Third week of August,2016
Final scheduling of field tasks	Iringa	By First of July
Re programming of work going forward	Iringa	2 nd /3 rd Week August
Work on budget realignment	Iringa	Late August