CDS

Sub-Saharan Africa - Tanzania

Summary

The State of Cities Report (SoCR) is an internationally established system of reporting on progress, challenges and issues faced by cities in achieving their developmental objectives. The project, to be implemented by the nine Tanzania Cities Network (TACINE) member cities, ARU (SURP) and their stakeholders will establish an SoCR for Tanzania based on information obtained from the nine TACINE member cities. The SoCR is expected to contribute to both City Development Strategy (CDS) - i.e. contributing to strategic city development planning activities and enabling local economic growth and poverty reduction. At the same time it will contribute to Slum Upgrading (SU) by providing an opportunity for information exchange on challenges and initiatives on SU and for preventing the growth of new slums across cities in Tanzania. Furthermore, the SoCR will contribute to both programs by providing an information base on urban development challenges and opportunities. The information will be a catalyst to policy makers, government officials, politicians and the public in general and will complement national policy and progress assessment initiatives.

Objectives

The main objective of the SoCR project will be to:

Regularly examine and analyse the situation in Tanzania's cities and provide a basis for formulation of policies and strategies at both central and local government levels; informing the public about factors that drive the development of their cities; and making the Tanzanian cities known to the outside world with interest in development, investments, commerce, research and other fronts. In specific terms, many other sub-objectives will be achieved by SoCR. These include to:

- Create a baseline system for Cities upon which future progress will be monitored:
- Provide Benchmarks of performance of cities against one another;
- Facilitate capacity building of participating cities;
- Provide a comprehensive assessment of the forces that drive urban
- · Review the impact of government policies on cities;
- Examine the challenges facing cities as well as the opportunities.

Activities

Following the awareness raising and consultation in the SoCR development preparatory phase, the actual development of the SoCR will be implemented in eight components. The components comprise: (i) Project Supervision, (ii) Sensitization of SoCR project at National level, (iii) Review of historical understanding of human settlement in Tanzania and Legal Framework, (iv) Formation of thematic task forces in cities, (v) Developing guidelines for Data Collection, (vi) Capacity building of SoCR secretariats at the cities and national level, (vii) Data collection and compilation of the report, and (viii) Report dissemination.

Submission

Submitted by: Tanzania Cities Network

CA Sponsor:

German Development Service (Tanzania);

UN-HABITAT; World Bank

Implementation

Implemented by:

The Alliance of Mayors in Tanzania

CA Monitor:

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Budget and Time

Request to CA:	\$ 250,000	Duration:
Co-Financing:	\$ 171,703	18 months
Total Budget:	\$ 421,703	

Expected Impacts

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- 1.) Cities drawing lessons on urban development from other member cities.
- 2.) Local and national government decision makers formulating informed pro-urban development policies.
- 3.) Investment contributing to higher productivity and competitiveness promoted in cities.
- 4.) Data available for monitoring and comparing city performance/ benchmarking/ and baseline for future studies.
- 5.) Citizenry better informed about key issues affecting their cities and able to press for appropriate urban development policies.
- 6.) Information on the cities available to potential investors worldwide, local goods and services marketed and tourists attracted.
- 7.) Participation of key stakeholder institutions in cities increased.
- 8.) Urban Observatory Mechanism installed.



Application Summary

Cities Without Slums