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INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE CHARCOAL VALUE CHAIN PROMOTION PROJECT (ISU-CHAVPRO)

Community and capacity improvement along the charcoal value chain for sustainable Management of forests and improved livelihoods.



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Implementing Organizations



ISU-CHAVPRO

Charcoal is the main source of income for communities in Pwani Region and main source of energy for cooking in Dar es Salaam. Most of the charcoal is sourced from natural forests, unreserved village lands and farmlands. Sustainable forest management practices are limited and charcoal business is mostly conducted informally contributing to deforestation and forest degradation.

The “Integrated Sustainable Charcoal Value Chain Promotion project (ISU-CHAVPRO)” intends to demonstrate integrated approaches for improvement of forest management and charcoal value chain sustainability while promoting socioeconomic development.

It is a three years project which started from October 2023 and is co-funded by the European Union and contracted by the National Authorizing Officer for the European Development Fund (EDF) at Ministry of Finance of the United Republic of Tanzania. ISU-CHAVPRO project is implemented in Rufiji, Kibiti, Mkuranga, Kisarawe and Bagamoyo Districts of Pwani Region by TaTEDO-Sustainable Energy Services Organization (TaTEDO-SESO) in collaboration with Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRFF) and the District Councils in respective areas.

OBJECTIVE

To improve capacities and commitments by local communities in five districts in the Pwani Region to improve productivity along the charcoal value chain, sustainably manage forests, and improve their socio-economic well-being.

PROJECT KEY ACTIVITIES

- ➔ Review and awareness of respective policies, strategies, legal framework and reports with the view to improve policy and legal frameworks governing and charcoal value chain.
- ➔ Advocate for supportive sustainable charcoal value chain policies and institutional framework.
- ➔ Institute cost-efficient land use plans
- ➔ Strengthen management of natural forests for sustainable charcoal production through promotion of compliance to forest management and harvesting plan.
- ➔ Reduce dependence on natural forests for production of charcoal through establishment and management of woodlots, agroforestry interventions and alternative charcoal production sources.
- ➔ Introduce and promote improved charcoal production technologies through the use of Improved Basic Earth Mound Kilns.
- ➔ Facilitate formalization, registration, and capacity building of charcoal producers, traders, and transporters.
- ➔ Establish and institute local charcoal marketing centres.
- ➔ Introduce and facilitate alternative livelihoods that support sustainable forest management increased.
- ➔ Mainstream gender and protect the interests of vulnerable groups.



PROJECT EXPECTED IMPACTS

The project interventions will contribute to reduced deforestation, forest degradation, loss of biodiversity and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. It will also contribute to employment, sustainable production and supply of biomass energy and enhanced partnership between government, private sector and civil society.

Primarily, the project contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG); SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 7 (Clean Energy), SDG 8 (Decent Work), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 15 (Life on Land) contributing to the United Nations Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Paris Climate Change Agreement