

BRIEF ON THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS'
SECOND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
IN KENYA

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

The ICA-initiated projects are concerned with the need of local villages to recover the initiative in solving their own economic and social problems. As such, the focus is on the local people as an end and the problems of the village are seen as the means, or the opportunities for the villagers to experience a shared task.

Each project is intended to be a prototype or catalytic effort that would show how an entire self-contained community can have its socio-economic life revitalized. The approach, thus proven, would then be adopted by the existing structures such as government agencies, international development groups or local care organizations.

In order to allow a village and its people to be independent, rather than becoming in fact more dependent on the consultants, the ICA has adopted the discipline of:

1. Having local people assume the project leadership within two years of the initiation of the project, and
2. Injecting external funds only with an objective of creating the capital-generating mechanism of the project village so that no further outside support is necessary after the first two years.

PROJECT EXPANSION:

In Kenya the first project was initiated in December 1975 in the Kawangware community of Nairobi. In the past two years that project has become a sign of what transformation is possible in an urban settlement. Along with the expressions of appreciation for Kawangware's progress came encouragement to get on with the demonstration of the methods of comprehensive community revitalization in the up-country setting.

Although ICA staff has for over 5 years traveled extensively throughout Kenya conducting various training programmes, the search for a second village began in earnest only in December 1977. Numerous villages were found which were excellent candidates, and the selection was difficult. Finally, Kamweleni, a village 12.5 km southeast of Machakos, was selected.

KAMWELANI

Kamweleni is a small village of approximately 500 people who are primarily engaged in subsistence farming. The marginal capability of their efforts is manifest in the fact that they received famine relief in 1977. In addition to serious economic problems, they are burdened with poor health, inadequate housing, severe water shortage and no water delivery system, advanced land desertification, and partial education structures of only Standard One and Two in a one-room mud school house. In spite of these hardships, the people have a positive vision of their future and a willingness to work together to implement their plans. This was dramatized by the participation of 85 adults in a day-long planning meeting conducted by the ICA staff on December 29, 1977. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Assistant Chief asked the community to consider inviting the ICA to work with them. Their unanimous positive response was instrumental in the selection of this village.

ADVICE:

During the month of January, 1978, the Nairobi based ICA staff has consulted with (1) the Kenya Government at national, district and local levels (2) technical expertise sources such as the university and business community, (3) development related organizations, and (4) the ICA's international staff advisors. All of the information and advice from these visits confirmed the appropriateness of Kamweleni as the site for the second Human Development Project in Kenya. A partial list of the individuals consulted during this time is attached.

INITIATING CONSULT:

The week of February 6th has been chosen for the project initiating consult. During this week the Kamweleni villagers will host a group of advisors or consultants from across Kenya. With ICA workshop leaders the dialogue between the visitors and the villagers will progress through the future vision, the deterrents to that vision, the proposed responses, the implementing tactics, and finally, the two-year programme plan for the village. An ICA staff of 8 to 10 people will then take up residence in the village to provide full time programme guidance.

SECOND PROJECT DISCUSSIONS -- JANUARY 1978

Government:

Mr. Githaiga	District Development Officer
Mr. Kaaria	Machakos District Commissioner
Mr. Kariithi	Office of the President
Mrs. Keli	Ministry of Housing & Social Services
Mr. Kitale	Headmaster, Kamweleni Primary School
Mr. Maina	District Co-operatives Officer
Mr. Mbuvi	Muputi Assistant Chief
Mr. Motiga	Office of the Vice President
Mr. Mule	Ministry of Finance & Planning
Mr. Mutisya	Muputi Location Chief
Mr. Mwaniki	Central Division Officer
Hon. Mr. Ngei	Minister of Co-operative Development
Mr. Onyoni	Ministry of Housing & Social Services
Mr. Omondi	Ministry of Finance & Planning
Mr. Shitemi	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Mr. Siboe	Ministry of Housing & Social Services
Mr. Wambua	District Agricultural Officer
Mr. Wambugo	Community Development Officer
Mr. Wanyoni	Ministry of Co-operative Development

Business and University:

Mr. Alkema	Ingersoll-Rand
Mr. Asinjo	IBM World Trade Corporation
Mr. Botta	G. Campagnola Ltd.
Mr. Brooks	Homa Lime Co. Ltd.
Mr. Gecaga	Lonrho East Africa Ltd.
Mr. Gill	Mecol Ltd.
Mr. Humphries	Greenham (E.A.) Ltd.
Mr. Likimani	Sterling Products International Ltd.
Dr. Mbithi	University of Nairobi - Sociology
Dr. Merete	Pfizer Laboratories Ltd.
Mr. Mitchell	Barclays Bank International
Mrs. Mugambi	Kenya Institute of Administration
Dr. Mulela	Wellcome Kenya Ltd.
Mr. Olesen	University of Nairobi - H.R.D.U.
Dr. Pesek	Orthodontist - Private Practice
Mr. Sakari	Shell-BP Ltd.
Mr. Thomas	University of Nairobi - Agriculture
Dr. Van Eijnatten	University of Nairobi - Agriculture
Mr. Wood	Commercial Bank of Africa

Second Project Discussions -- January 1978 (continued)

Development Related Organizations:

Mr. Bailly	EEC
Mr. Feingold	Kenya National Farmers Union
Fr. Fonseca	Machakos Diocese - Catholic Church
Mr. Guerin	Canadian High Commission
Mr. Hart	British High Commission
Hon. Bishop Imathiu	Methodist Church of Kenya
Mrs. Karlstrom	The Royal Swedish Embassy
H.E. Miss Kenyatta	UNEP
Mr. Kitchen	UNDP
H.E. Dr. Lemelle	United States of America Ambassador to Kenya
Dr. Mann	Freedom From Hunger
Mr. Nelson	US/AID
Bishop Ngala	African Brotherhood Church
Mr. Robertson	Peace Corps
Mr. Ruskowski	Canadian High Commission
Mr. Schouten	The Royal Netherlands Embassy
Mr. Williamson	The American Embassy