

First of all I want say thank you for all your support. As the ZEST project manager here in Zanzibar, I am thrilled with the support you have provided to my partner networks in supporting their small grants projects. Our partner organizations that need help the most here in Zanzibar are the Uwamwima sub-groups, which include: Farmer cooperatives and Village Community banks. However, the farmer cooperatives have the most urgent need for help.



Members of the group with their only unreliable generator

Zest and Uwamwima currently working with one particular Uwamwima Farmer’s Cooperative Group located in KISAKASAKA, Zanzibar. They are determined and hardworking, but lack the resources to make their dream of increasing production and maximizing profits come through.



Members of the group and me, on one section of the farm

They are provided with Hybrid seeds, small drip irrigation system and an agronomist to teach them different modern farming techniques, which is a good start but not enough. They have a vast area of land they can cultivate to add to their current small piece of land in use.



Vast available piece of land, but no resources to develop it

In order to make that happen, they require the following:

1. Pipes and connectors
2. Wire to hold the sticks/poles
3. Sticks/Poles for trellising tomatoes
4. Different types of soluble fertilizer
5. Different types of pesticide
6. Generator to pump water from the well they dug
7. Farm irrigation flat hoses to reach all areas of the field
8. Farm irrigation filters



A tiny water pipe used to suck the water out of this well

It will be much appreciated if TDT will be able to help. I did not attach any application form with this information, because I am not sure if we meet your grant criteria for this project or not. Moreover, I am not sure if I should use the VSO small grants application form or the general grants application form.



Pest invested green pepper plant. It is common on the farm

Also attached with the information is the registration certificate of the cooperative.



Heshbon and me discussing with the group about their current concerns and needs

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