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SOKOINE MEMORIAL



Tanzania Minister for Education, Science and Technology, Prof. Joyce Ndalichako addressing the SUA congregation on closing of the Sokoine Memorial Week at New lecture Theater SUA

Sokoine Memorial week exhibitions are done each year April at Sokoine University of Agriculture to commemorate the death of the former Pime Minister of

the United Republic of Tanzania. Brief history about Edward Moringe Sokoine

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Brief history about Edward Moringe Sokoine

Adopted from wikipedia

Edward Moringe Sokoine was born on 1st August 1938 in Monduli, Arusha Region, Tanzania. From 1948 to 1958, he had his Primary and Secondary Education in the towns of Monduli and Umbwe. In 1961, he joined the Tanganyika African National Union (TANU), after he took studies in administration in the Federal Republic of Germany (1962–1963). When he returned from Germany, he became District Executive Officer of the Masai District, then he was elected to the National Assembly for the Masai Constituency.

In 1967 he became Deputy Minister of Communication, Transportation and Labour. The next step in his career was the promotion to the Minister of State in 1970.



Tanzania Minister for Agriculture and food. Hon. Charles Tizeba giving his speech on Sokoine Memorial Week opening Ceremony

In 1972, he switched to the post of the Minister of Defence and National Service of Tanzania.

In 1975, he was elected to the National Assembly again, this time for Monduli District.

Two years later, he became a member of the Central Committee of the ruling party Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM).

In the same year (1977), he began his first term in office as Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania. This term lasted till 1981. After a year-long break, he became Prime Minister again in 1983.

He stayed just one year in office, till his death in April 1984, in a car accident. Sokoine saw the village as an indication of self-reliant, national development and the peasant as an agency of change. He was a person of unimpeachable personal integrity. Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) named after Edward Moringe Sokoine. SUA began in 1964 as an agricultural college offering diploma in agriculture. It was elevated to a faculty of agriculture in 1969 under the University of Dar es Salaam.

Sokoine died on 12 April 1984 at the age of 45 years in Morogoro when his car collided with another vehicle on the road from Dodoma to Dar es Salaam.



Pavilion of the School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies (SAEBS) during Sokoine Memorial Week.

IMAGES OF SOKOINE MEMORIAL EXHIBITION

The Department of chemistry and Physics student (Mr Majaliwa with white t-shirt) demonstrate the herbal cream which he has formulated,during Sokoine Memorial Week



Giant bomb,sniff Rat demonstrated by APOPO (SUA) during the Sokoine Memorial Week

Engineer Abdulbastwa demonstrating about the Center for information and Communication Technology (CICT) during the Sokoine Memorial Exhibition



MIKONO SALAMA CAMPAIGN



The Dean of students and member of Rural Development Volunteers Association (RDVA) during the campaign of Mikono Salama.

Mikono Salama Project encourage s and educates people on the importance of washing hands soon after toilet and before eating. The project under RDVA has built Tippy taps and demonstrates how to wash hands primary schools pupils.

RDVA is the association of students from various programs at SUA. They engage in volunteering activities within and outside the university campuses with reference to Governing laws, By -laws, university rules and regulations and one of the areas of their concern is environmental protection.



RDVA member support Mikono Salama Campaign

FREE GRANT WRITTING LESSONS

DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR UNIVERSITY DONORS ON GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING

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Skills on writing grant winning proposals are vital for career development for university donors. These skills are hardly taught to graduate students.

Thus, individuals who demonstrate such skills early have either been attached to an effective mentorship arrangement or have received tailor made training on proposal writing.

As an attempt to improve staff skills and hence increase level of funding for research at SUA, College of Agriculture partnered with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to organise a workshop on grant proposal writing.

Two groups of SUA staff, each with about 20 participants were trained for four days. The first group was trained from 10th to 13th October, 2017 while the second group was trained from 16th to 19th October, 2017.

The take home message was that the executive summary, budget and work plan/Gantt chart are the sections that reviewers read first and form opinion on the soundness of the proposal.

Therefore, applicants for research grant should endeavour to prepare these sections meticulously and be rational on the budget and time allocation.

The key questions that should be answered by the executive summary are: the problem to be addressed (What, why), the milestone required to meet the objective (how?), resource allocation and impact.

Below is an example of executive summary, Gantt chart and Budget for a grant proposal developed during the workshop for your inspiration.

The workshop was facilitated by William Clapham and Antonio Reyna from USA.

Project title

IMPROVING ACCESS AND CONSUMPTION OF IRON RICH FOODS AMONG WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE AND CHILDREN BELOW FIVE YEARS OF AGE IN TANZANIA

Project summary

Iron deficiency is one of the major public health concerns in Tanzania. It is the primary cause of anemia and responsible for 27% of all maternal death and 19% childhood mortality in the country (WHO 2015). Whilst, situation for other types of malnutrition has improved, the prevalence of iron deficiency anemia (IDA) is still alarming for both women of reproductive age (45%) and children aged below five years (58%) (NBS, 2016). Currently most interventions are mainly confined to micronutrient supplementations and vaccinations which are necessary but not sufficient. Moreover, these interventions do not reach the poorest as they are highly priced.

Therefore, this project seeks to alleviate maternal and childhood mortality through improved access and consumption of iron rich foods. Broadly, two approaches will be used to achieve this objective, namely fortification and Social Behavioral Change Communication (SBCC). The project will be piloted in Shinyanga region, the region with high prevalence (71%) of IDA

The target group of this project will be women of reproductive age and children below five years of age. Implementation of this project will include some milestones:

- production of affordable bio-fortified food crops,
- production of affordable industrial fortified foods,
- implementation of SBCC. The budget for this project is 114,400 USD.

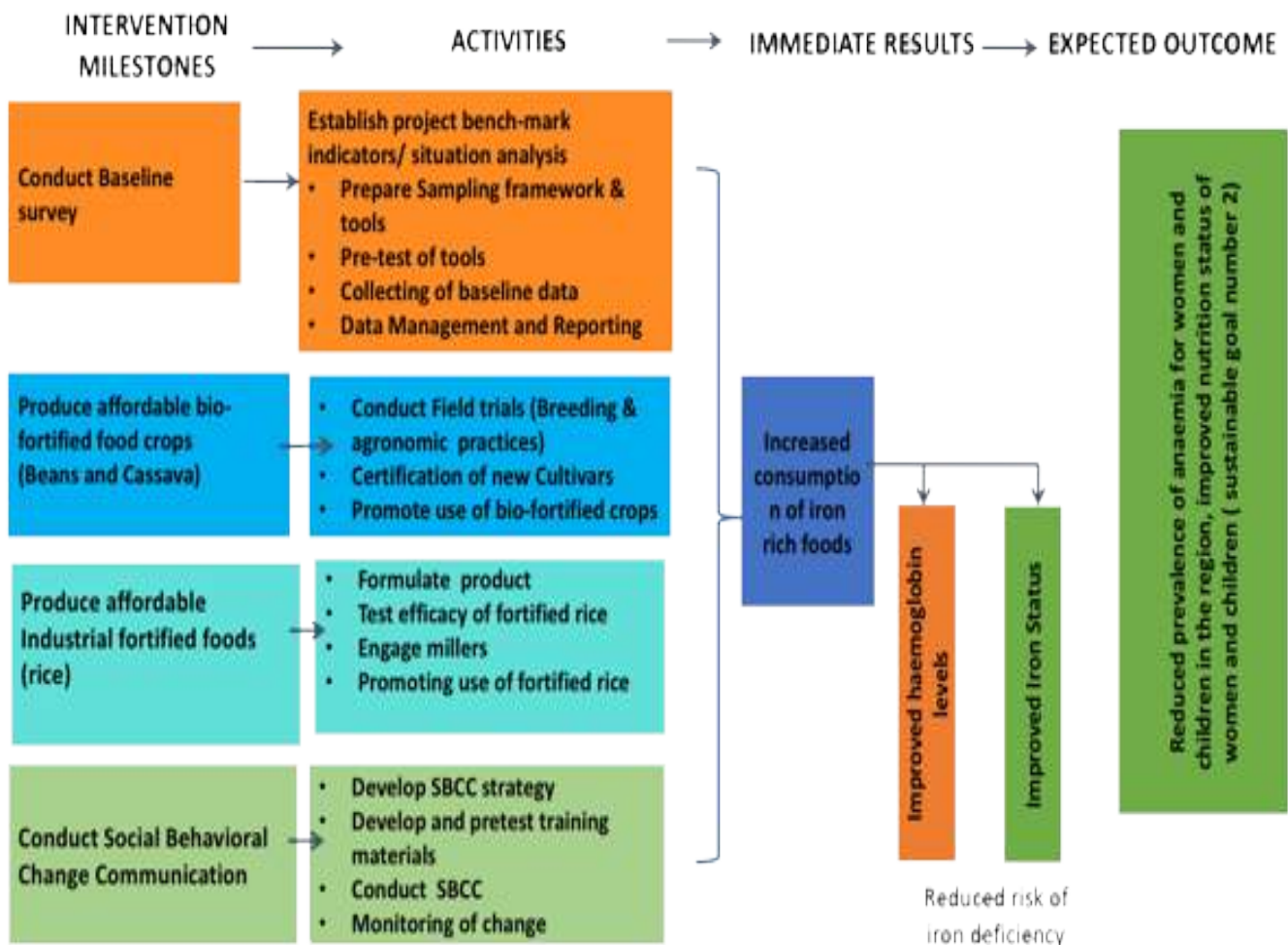
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It is envisaged that addressing this type of malnutrition will break the vicious cycle of poverty in the region and that the evidence generated will be scaled up and rolled out to other parts of the country. The proposed project responds to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's strategies for enhancing health and wellbeing in developing countries through investment in proven approaches to improving nutrition,

such as enriching of food staples through fortification, breeding of food crops for improvement of nutrient contents and addressing nutrition wellbeing of vulnerable groups including women and children.

Intervention milestones



To be Continued in the next Volume

33rd PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY AT SUA COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2017



The Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Mr Abdallah Ulega shaking hands with the best student in Agricultural Price Analysis during Prize Ceremony on 23rd November 2017

The Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) prizes awarding ceremony and Convocation general annual meeting which was held on Thursday 23rd November 2017 at SUA the council chamber, main campus..

The total number of 155 include graduates (undergraduates, postgraduate) and continuing students were awarded for excellence in various subject and leadership.

CONVOCAION PRIZES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

AWARDED TO	VALUE (TSHS.)	AWARDEES
Best M.A Rural Development Student	100,000	LUGAMALA, Charles Byalugaba
Best MSc.Student in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine	100,000	AMONO Rachel
Best MSc.Student in the College of Forestry, Wildlife & Tourism.	100,000	LIBERATH, Gerubin
Best MSc.Student in School of Agricultural Economic & Business Studies.	100,000	MSANGI, Haji Athuman

SCIENCE COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Chemistry Students Conducted Science and Mathematics Competition at CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL Kihonda Morogoro to Contribute for Science for Industrialized Tanzania



The Head of Department of Chemistry & Physics Dr Faith Mabiki and Chemistry Students cheers with Students winners the Competetation at Carmel Primary School



A Creative Student from Carmel Primary School Designed Electronic Bell

Carmel Students participated in Science Competetation

Youth and opportunities in Agribusiness

Jijiri dialogue is an essential forum for youth entrepreneurs, innovators, investors and businessmen and women from different Universities in Tanzania. This year the Jijiri dialogue organized by Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) and Tanzania Agricultural Economics Student Association (TAGRESA) was held at Solomon Mahlangu College of science and Education (SM-CoSE) freedom Square hall at SUA. The theme of JIAJIRI DIALOGUE this year was "Youth and opportunities in Agribusiness" attracted the attention of students from Mzumbe, Jordan (JUCO), Ruaha (RUCO), Muslim University of Morogoro (MUM) and SUA. Different influential speakers delivered professional speeches and talks with the aim of arising interest of the audience on self employment highlighting the challenges while encouraging to be courageous and attempt all possible way to successes in business.

Dr. Anna Temu the founder of Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) steered the dialogue by providing details on the roles and activity of SUGECO a cooperative that has 500 youth entrepreneurs members of which 216 are active. Dr. Anna Temu gave her expertise in promoting investment in agriculture business and hoping to promote entrepreneurial awareness among university graduates who led her to establish a joint venture of Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO). College graduates who are now entrepreneurs are Mr Kinshaga and



Malikia wa Nguvu Dr Anna Temu (woman with spectacle) and other participating on Jijiri Dialogue at SM-CoSE on 21 April 2018

Engineer Octavian Lasway establishes successful businesses in various fields of agricultural business including food processing and service delivery to farmers.

What do youth expect after graduating? The lecturer, Mr Joseph Masimba, spoke of the attitude of graduates to ignore the society which needs them to solve different problems on economic issues and concentrating on theories of books instead of seeking more outdoor knowledge. He highlighted the importance of enhancing value through additional training such as investment, agriculture and entrepreneurship.

He also talked about the importance of building up by choosing the right friends and spending time well. He also emphasized the importance of SUGECO to youth who have vision to participate in Agricultural practices, since it's the bridge to link them with other opportunities such as markets, financial assistance and training.

What is the missing gap in youth's minds towards self-employment?

Dr. Daniel Ndyetabula spoke of various types of entrepreneurship perspectives, how entrepreneurship perspectives can either affect or destroy the success of the relevant business and what is required to correct the negative attitudes towards entrepreneurship. He advised that graduates could start entrepreneurship with more flexibility, they should be able to work more intelligently and more effectively and be able to stay in such a career. The missing gap in the minds of youth towards self-employment is "entrepreneurial tenacity" which means the ability of an individual to work hard and smart. Ways to change student's minds from fixed to growth mind set can be through training, focus and time management.

In the topic of the **challenges of establishing an agricultural enterprise company**, the company's chief owner of Fresh Dells Co. Ltd, Avith Kilawe, a third-year student of the Faculty of

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Former Employee of Bill and Melinda Gates foundation (Mr Benjamin Fernandez) was an official guest at JIAJIRI DIALOGUE

Accounting at the Co-operative Moshi College (MUCO), testified how he was able to establish a company capable of exporting 280,000 tonnes of avocados to UK, Finland and France, at the age of 23. Mr Kilawe described various challenges such as legal and experience challenges he encounter while establishing his company and He emphasized youth not to put blame on lack of capital but rather to use their skills and abilities in striving to achieve what they need in life.

In the matter of **making difficult decisions**, Mr Octavian Lasway gave his testimony about the negotiations he had received during the establishment of his Green Agriculture Co. Ltd. which provides access to irrigation systems for small and medium-sized farmers. He explained how he had to lose his friends, work more than his level and learn to create **new business relations** to his company's success now.

that have all led to his company's success now.

Mr. Benjamin Fernandez former employee of Bill and Melinda Gate foundation a graduate of the Bachelor of Accounting at Stanford university, Most Famous Academy in the World. He was official guest at JIAJIRI EVENT. He gave 10 principles that successful people follow to be where they are, the principles were as follows

1. To respect God and be thankful..
2. Family is very important especially respecting parents.
3. People; the people we meet in our course of life are very important and potential hence we should be careful on how you treat the people around you.

4. Manage your time, people should use well there time since every minute that passes its worth in achieving your goals.

He emphasized on having a diary that will be having the whole day schedule.

5. Create love for the people.

6. Develop the habit of asking, it helps in knowing things better.

7. Take time to think

8. What is the intention of another person in life.

9. Know when to say "No"

10 . Network

He also made the first presentation of his application used in money transfer without using data. The application is called NALA and found in the play store and it is simple and easy to use.

How to get NALA application on your Android Phone

- Put data mobile ON
- Go to the playstore
- Search NALA application
- Install NALA Application



Vice - Chancellor of the Sokoine University of Agriculture SUA Prof Raphael Chibunda (left) and President of China's Agricultural University Prof SUN QIXIN exchanging a copy of the partnership agreement between the two Universities on 23 march 2018

Chairman of the Council Hon. Mohamed Chande Othman talk to members of staff and students of Sokoine University of Agriculture on 8th March 2018



The New Laboratory Building of Department of Biosciences and Department of Chemistry & Physics at Solomon Mahlangu College of Science (SM-CoSE)



Team of Agriculture Engineers from Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) participated on SUA Stamina Cup



The Head of Department of Biosciences Dr Charles Lyimo (with orange t-shirt) giving prizes for the winners of SUA STAMINA CUP which was conducted at Solomon Mahlangu College of Science and Education (SM-CoSE)



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