

Cow fattening farm in Chalinze lauds TADB's financial support

By Guardian Correspondent, Chalinze

CANBE Farming limited, a local-based cow fattening farm has hailed the Tanzania Agriculture Development Bank (TADB) for supporting them with a 1.5bn/- loan which has greatly helped improve infrastructure and operations at the area.

Located in Chalinze, Coast Region, the 1000-acre farm at Mazizi village has been engaging with animals rearing specifically fattening cows to bring value.

Speaking to editors who visited the farm recently, Ephantus Mwangi, the farm's manager said that the bank has been of great support for its development as well as the surrounding Maasai community who have also benefited from the loan.

"We have conducted major improvements of our livestock keeping infrastructure as well as a pasture farm, we have been fattening cows to reach 150kgs thus adding value and income, this is a big step from the previous ones when we were rearing livestock traditionally who are reaching 70kgs," he said.

According to him, they are also slaughtering 10 cows compared to five which they were slaughtering in the previous period which is a great step in reaching more in the market.

"We were not getting any income when we started this project, operations costs were too high which included purchasing pastures for the animals, but now things are going well as we have our own pasture growing farm which are important for fattening the cows," he asserted.

TADB business officer, Kezilahabi Jumanne said in different phases since 2020, the bank has been supporting farmers in the Canbe cattle fattening farm with loans in order to increase quality of the product and incomes.

According to him, initially, the bank issued a 320m/- loan for the improvement of the farm's infrastructure and a 810m/- loan to eight Maasai people for the procurement of cattle to small-scale pastoralists.

"In this farm, Maasai communities have entered into agreement with the farm owner for the fattening of cattle and later for slaughtering before transporting the meat to the market in Dar es Salaam," Jumanne explained.

The officer also said that the bank has provided 650m/- in loan to help reduce operations costs in procurement of pastures.

He said that the bank will continue improving and expanding services to reach farmers in various parts of the country.

Minister calls on uplifting blue economy

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

MINISTER for Blue Economy Suleiman Masoud Makame has urged women in the Isles to grab opportunities in the blue economy including seaweed cultivation to transform their lives.

He made the call yesterday during a press conference on the successes that the ministry achieved during the

three years of Dr Hussein Mwinyi's presidency and the anniversary to mark 60 years of the Zanzibar Revolution.

He said the ministry has set aside 36bn/- to enable and allow people to enter into sea farming including construction of 100 ponds for block fish farming.

The minister said that in three years a total of 100 dams have been

built for the breeding of marine products including sea cucumbers as well as fish and crabs.

Makame said a total of 1.7bn/- has been used for the construction of the dams as part of the strategy to empower citizens including entrepreneurs in the farming of marine products able to generate 1,800 direct jobs.

Watakiwa kutumia uchumi wa buluu kuimarisha uchumi

Na Rahma Suleiman,
ZANZIBAR

WAZIRI wa Uvuvi na Uchumi wa Buluu, Suleiman Masoud Makame, amewataka wanawake kuzitumia fursa za uchumi wa buluu kwa ajili ya kukuza na kuimarisha uchumi.

Amewataka kujielekeza katika ufugaji wa mazao ya baharini ya matango bahari, mwani pamoja na kaa ambayo yanaweza kubadilisha hali zao za maisha kubwa bora.

Alitoa wito huo jana wakati akizungumza na waandishi wa habari visiwani hapa kuhusu mafanikio ya miaka mitatu ya uongozi wa Rais wa Zanzibar, Dk.Hussein Ali Mwinyi pamoja na maadhimishi ya miaka 60 ya Mapinduzi ya Zanzibar.

Alisema serikali imekuja na sera ya uchumi wa buluu kwa ajili ya kuwashirikisha wananchi ikiwamo wanawake katika juhudi za kukuza uchumi.

Alisema Wizara ya Uvuvi na Uchumi wa Buluu imetenga Sh. bilioni 36 kwa ajili ya kuwawezesha wananchi kuingia katika uvuvi wa mazao ya baharini ikiwamo ujenzi wa mabwawa 100 kwa ajili ya ufugaji wa samaki na matango bahari.

Aidha alisema uvuvi wa buluu na mazao ya baharini ni sehemu ya maono ya Rais wa Zanzibar Dk. Mwinyi kuelekea uchumi wa buluu ambao lengo lake kuona wananchi wananufaika na rasilimali za baharini.

Waziri huyo alisema katika kipindi cha miaka mitatu mabwawa 100 yamejengwa kwa ajili ya ufugaji wa mazao ya baharini ikiwamo matango bahari pamoja, samaki na kaa.

Makame alisema Sh.bilioni 1.7 zimetumika kwa ajili ya ujenzi wa mabwawa hayo ikiwa ni sehemu ya mikakati ya kuwawezesha wananchi.

Wauza kuku soko la Kisutu walalama kukosa biashara

Na Lucy Ngowi

UPATIKANAJI wa kuku katika Soko la Kisutu mkoani Dar es Salaam umekuwa adimu katika kipindi hiki cha sikukuu ya Krismasi na kuelekea Mwaka Mpya kutokana na wafugaji wengi kwenda likizo.

Mwenyekiti wa wachinjaji kuku katika soko hilo, Zuberi Mtima alisema hayo alipozungumza na HabariLEO.

Mtima alisema: “Katika msimu huu wa sikukuu, kuku walihitajika sana lakini wamekuwa wachache na wadogo wadogo mno”.

Alisema mbali na wafugaji kusafiri msimu huu wa sikukuu, pia hakuna kampuni kubwa za ufugaji za kukidhi mahitaji ya soko hilo kila siku.

Naye Makamu Mwenyekiti katika soko hilo,