

KAZAMOYO VILLAGE GETS A DISPENSARY THROUGH TASAF FUNDING

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“There are things in this world when they happen one cannot believe if they really happened.” This statement was given by the chairperson of Kazamoyo village in Tunduru District. The village is in Lukumbule ward and borders Mozambique. This village had a long time dream of having a dispensary and this dream finally came true after being facilitated by Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF).

When the Extended Participatory Rural Appraisal (E-PRA) Team asked the community to choose a priority among the list of their felt needs, in their village assembly meeting the villagers chose to put up a dispensary, a long awaited need in their area.

When asked why a dispensary, the chairperson of the Community Management Committee (CMC) Mr. Ridhiwani Millanzi started by shedding tears recalling the 2006/2007 cholera outbreak which necessitated the district management to organise health camps in their village in the efforts to combat the disease as there was no dispensary in the area. “Now that a saviour (meaning

TASAF) has come to our village, we have used this opportunity to get a dispensary”, said Mr. Millanzi.

The Dispensary has been of great help since the day it started operation. Women and children including all members of the community are now assured of getting medical services from their own built health facility. Malaria and Diarrhea are the most common diseases in our area, but with our own dispensary these diseases are no longer a threat and suffice to say we are now enjoying the fruits of our labour”, said a villager.

“We had some other needs such as roads and classrooms but we prioritized construction of a dispensary” said one community member.



Kazamoyo Dispensary

Before the construction of this dispensary, the sick had to travel between 8 to 15 km to the nearest villages of Makande and Lukumbule for treatment. “Now we have reduced the distance and the time saved can increase production of our agricultural produce and engage in other activities like construction and

repair of our houses”, said the village chairperson.

Ms. Theresia Komba (44), a nursing officer at Kazamoyo dispensary says she receives up to 47 women and children who come for treatment daily with malaria and diarrhea being the most common diseases.

It was also established that the Kazamoyo dispensary saves the nearby villages of Amani, Mchangani and Mkandanguo of Tanzania and also the Mozambique villages in Mkula District.

The sub project was implemented by Kazamoyo villagers with a grant from Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) of shillings 36,420,750.00. (App. US\$ 36,000) The project component included a dispensary, incinerator, latrines, Maternal and child health clinic and a staff quarter.