Artisans, entrepreneurs equipped with sanitation marketing skills

The Usafi wa Mazingira Tanzania (UMATA) programme has trained more entrepreneurs and artisans in Kongwa and Chamwino districts, Dodoma region as one of the strategies for scaling up sanitation marketing in the region. During the month of June alone, a total of 64 artisans and 26 entrepreneurs were trained. The trainings were conducted by two UMATA implementing partners - ONGAWA and People’s Development Forum (PDF). ONGAWA training approach was the training of Trainers of Trainees (ToTs), whereby the ToTs will roll out the training to other artisans and entrepreneurs that have already been identified by the programme. PDF training approach was to train artisans at community levels.

29 schools, 68 teachers trained in School Water Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH)

A total of 68 teachers from 29 primary schools of Bahi and Chamwino districts participated in SWASH trainings that were conducted as part of the implementation of the Usafi wa Mazingira Tanzania (UMATA) programme. The trainings focused on topics that included school sanitation and hygiene promotion, child to child approach, National School Water Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) Guideline and toolkits, menstrual hygiene management and establishment and strengthening of school health clubs. In Bahi District the trainings were conducted in 4 wards (Mpamantwa, Illindi, Ibihiwma and Lamaiti) and involved a total of 25 teachers (14 males and 11 females) from 10 primary schools. Whereas in Chamwino district a total of 43 teachers (22 males and 21 females) from 19 schools and 4 wards (Msamalo, Manchali, Majeleko and Ikowa) participated. The objectives of these trainings were to equip the 68 teachers with the understanding of the National SWASH guideline. The expected outcome was to build capacity of the teachers from the 29 primary schools and also facilitate the formation of 29 school health clubs that will be used to spread information about sanitation and hygiene among peers in schools and the communities.

General Round Up

- June 3-6: Simple Monitoring of Indicators for Learning and Evidence based Reporting (SMILER) coaching
- June: CODERT conducted publicity meetings
- June 23: UMATA programme conducted a one day follow up refresher training workshop on M&E

UP coming Events

- August 10-19: Global Sanitation Fund Programme Support Officer, Simon Msukwa visits UMATA project
- August 18-29: Global Sanitation Communications Officer, Katherine Anderson and Photographer, Jenny Matthews visit UMATA project

Savings groups start using Management Information System

A total of 33 Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) and 30 Village Community Banks (VICOBAs) groups in Bahi, Kongwa and Chamwino districts have started using the Management Information System (MIS)- an online software that allows the tracking of the Usafi wa Mazingira Tanzania (UMATA) programme. This was facilitated by the UMATA programme implementing partners namely; The Community Development and Relief Trust (CODERT) and the Social and Economic Development Initiatives in Tanzania (SEEDIT). CODERT is implementing the VSLA approach in Bahi and Chamwino whereas SEEDIT implements the VICOBA approach in Kongwa district. A Kiswahili (the main language in Tanzania) version of the MIS has been developed by Plan International to facilitate microcredit activities by boosting VSLA and VICOBA activities aimed to equip the rural poor with financial services.