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Country	:	Tanzania	Sector:	Agriculture
Title	:	Mufindi District Natural Resources Conservation and Land Use Management Project		
Title of SPSD	:	Agricultural Sector Support to Tanzania		
Cooperating Agency	:	Mufindi District Council (Prime Minister's Office)		
Duration	:	Five years		
Starting Date	:	1.1.1998		
Overall Budget	:	15.324.100 DKK (Danida contribution)		
Description	:			

Project support is intended to contribute to increased agricultural and natural resources production and to improve leadership skills from village to district level, thus enhancing socio-economic welfare. Major activities include trainings in leadership skills, improved agriculture and land use management techniques and gender sensitivity. Promotion of improved crop variety and husbandary practices and soil and water conservation techniques will be achieved by on-farm trials and demonstrations, following a (sub)catchment approach. Interventions to be promoted will be identified, implemented and monitored using participatory methods.

Initiatives at increasing land productivity will be based upon principles of organic farming, biodiversity and use of indigenous plant materials, where appropriate. The project will promote decentralization of natural resources management responsibilities from government to community level.

Women's welfare will be improved by application of a Women's Participation Fund concurrent with gender-sensitive interventions.

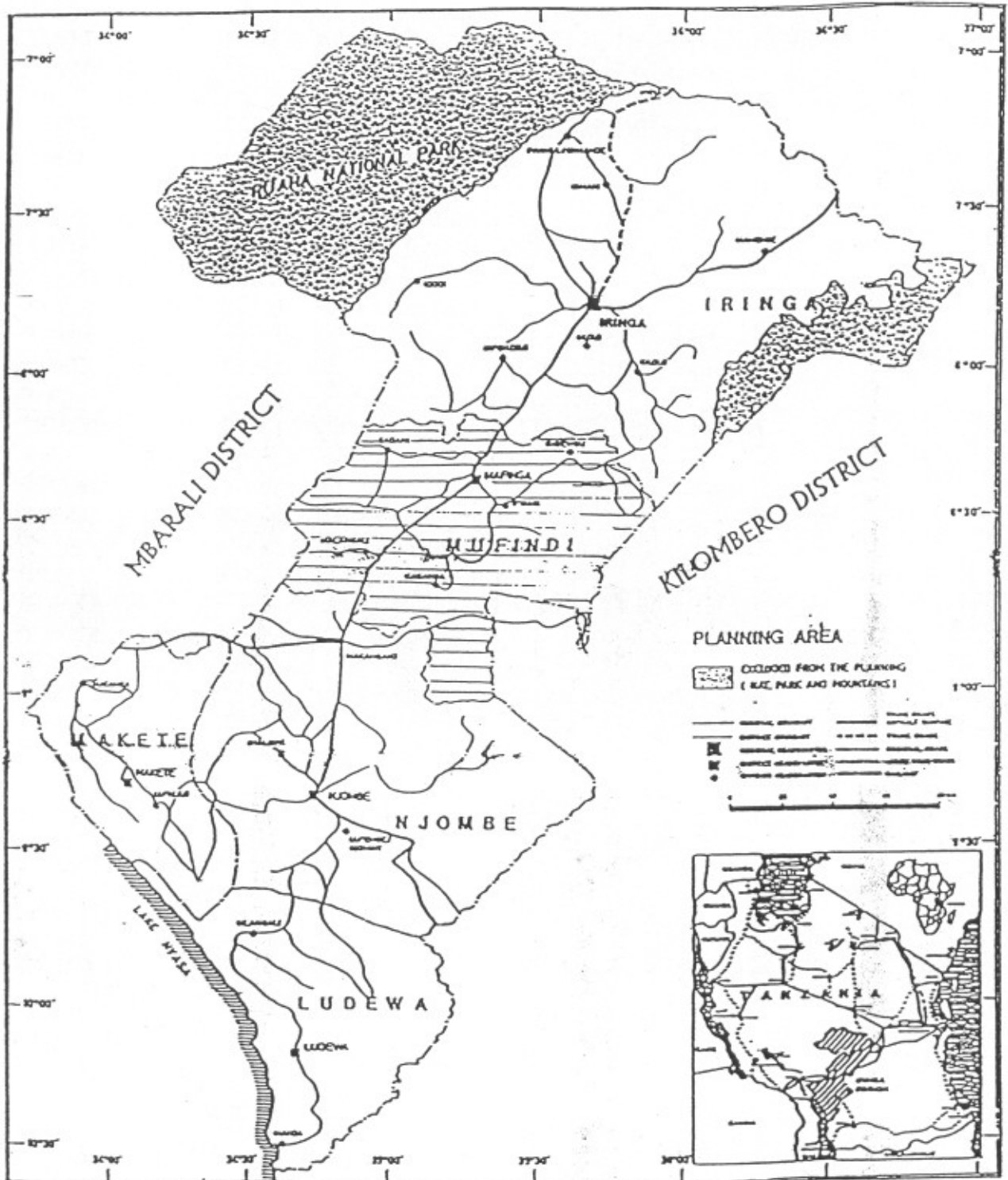
The Project will seek to create, at all levels, an atmosphere conducive to the respect of human rights and which encourages popular participation and good governance.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Project Document for a Natural Resources Conservation and Land Use Management Project to be implemented in Mufindi District in Iringa Region, Tanzania, in connection with the already established HIMA Iringa, Njombe and Makete Projects.

The HIMA Iringa Soil and Water Conservation Project has operated in Iringa since 1990 whereas HIMA Njombe and Makete Natural Resources Conservation and Land Use Management Projects started in 1993.

In 1996, a decision was made to extend the HIMA projects to include Ludewa and Mufindi Districts which were the only Districts in Iringa Region that had not previously been part of HIMA.

The present features of Mufindi District are poor infrastructural facilities, multipartism, poverty for the majority of the people and environmental degradation coupled by destruction of water sources. Economic activity are stagnated or declining. Agricultural production has shown signs of decreasing productivity due to declining soil fertility and land degradation.

Visible major problems are deterioration of water catchment sites, insufficiency of forest products (fuelwood etc.), decline in agriculture and livestock productivity, low per capital income, low degree of villagers participation in development activities and inadequate transport facilities for extension staff. It is anticipated that, the conservation of natural forest resources and protection of the environment will continue to be a priority area within the Government of Tanzania and Danida. As for the risks and uncertainties the major risk here is that the village, ward and divisional leader might possess different expectations as to the level of input and incentives provided by the project.

Project strategy will include awareness raising and community participation in all activities to be undertaken, training farmers and extension staff on forestry, agriculture, leadership skills and provision of transport facilities to the extension staff.

Development Objective of the project is that, Farmers in the project area able to improve and sustain agriculture and environmental conservation by the year 2002. In order to fulfil the development objectives, the objective is "By the year 2002, farmers in priority villages able to practice environmental conservation using recommended land use husbandry in degraded and open areas by 30%. This involves increase in tree planting within the project area, proper farming systems and forest conservation".

The project will be of 15 years duration divided in 3 phases. Phase I will be of five years extending from January 1998 - December 2002.

The Priority divisions selected for the project implementation are Kibengu and Sadani.

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