

Sector Programme Support Document

Natural Resources Conservation and Land Use Management Project
Phase II

Njombe District
Tanzania

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Country	:	Tanzania	Sector: Agriculture
Title	:	Njombe District Natural Resources Conservation and Land Use Management Project	
Title of SPSP	:	Agricultural Sector Support to Tanzania	
Cooperating Agency	:	Njombe District Council Prime Minister's Office	
Duration	:	Five years	
Starting Date	:	1.1.1998	
Overall Budget	:	16.038 mio. DKK (Danida contribution)	
Description	:		

The Project aims at enabling small scale farmers in Njombe district to practice a diversified and sustainable agriculture, including conservation and sustainable use of natural resources through support to the District Council and in particular the extension services at village level.

Phase I (1993-97) focussed on construction of offices and staff houses (advisers only); staff training and development; initial surveys in the two priority divisions (Lupembe and Imalinyi); awareness raising and institution building in priority villages and at divisional and district level. Implementation of field activities commenced in July 1995.

During the 2nd phase (1998-2002) the project will consolidate and extend its activities to support sustainable agricultural practices including soil and water conservation measures and agroforestry; livestock husbandry and reduction of women's workload in the two existing priority divisions (Lupembe and Imalinyi). In addition, activities will be initiated in Wanging'ombe Division.

The District Council will gradually take over more of the responsibility for planning and implementation of project activities and efforts will be made to further improve the collaboration between various ministries, the private sector, NGOs and institutions involved in agricultural and environmental activities in the area.

WID and gender aspects constitute an integrated part of all project activities. Gender disaggregated data are being collected on a continuous basis and women extension staff (of whom only few are available) and women farmers are given special consideration in training activities. Gender training is carried out for staff as well as villagers. A special Women Mazingira Fund supports minor projects aimed at reducing women's workload and increasing their income levels. This fund is only supplementary to the mainstream activities.

Project efforts aimed at enhancing democracy and popular participation include basic leadership training; training in participatory and gender specific planning skills as well as direct involvement of villagers and local leaders in planning and implementation of all project activities from village to district level.

Executive Summary

The present document presents the major issues and activities to be addressed by HIMA-Njombe during Phase II of the Project (1.1.1998-31.12.2002). It has been prepared on the basis of an LFA workshop involving key stakeholders in the project and on the basis of experience gained within the first four years of Phase I.

The major aim of HIMA-Njombe Phase II is to support small scale farmers (women and men) in the priority villages in raising productivity and incomes through sustainable and diversified agricultural practices. The project will focus on activities which promote sound environmental conservation and sustainable agricultural production through training farmers in improved land use planning and management practices including soil and water conservation techniques; improved crop and livestock husbandry; organic farming techniques; catchment management; tree planting and forest management practices; and participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation.

Special attention will be given to the identification of measures which may assist women in reducing their workload and increasing their participation in decision-making concerned with the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of project activities.

It is obvious that these interventions require proper support from the District level to the Village levels. Deliberate efforts will be made to enhance capacity of the participating stakeholders in the District at all levels.

During the second phase of the Project, it is envisaged that project activities will gradually be extended to all villages in the two existing priority divisions (Lupembe and Imalinyi) i.e. a total of 36 villages. In addition, the Project will extend its activities to a third division, i.e. Wanging'ombe Division. Initiation of activities here will be based on the approaches used in the existing priority divisions and will be done in stages.

The Project is implemented by the Njombe District Council, whose major contribution to Project implementation will be the technical and managerial manpower required. Due to the poor financial situation of the District Council, Danida will cover most running expenditures and the investment costs required for replacement of project vehicles, equipment and construction of sub-centre and staff quarters in Wanging'ombe Division.

So far no major risks have been identified with regards to the implementation of project activities. However, there are some issues of uncertainty which should be kept in mind:

First of all, the Project is implemented by the Njombe District Council, which is characterized by poor financial capacity; limited manpower resources and limited institutional capacity. To ensure that the District Council is capable of fully operating the project, considerable institution building efforts will be required. The generally poor conditions of feeder roads in the District constitute another potential obstacle to the full realization of project benefits to the target group, as marketing opportunities for agricultural products are hampered by poor accessibility to the rural areas.

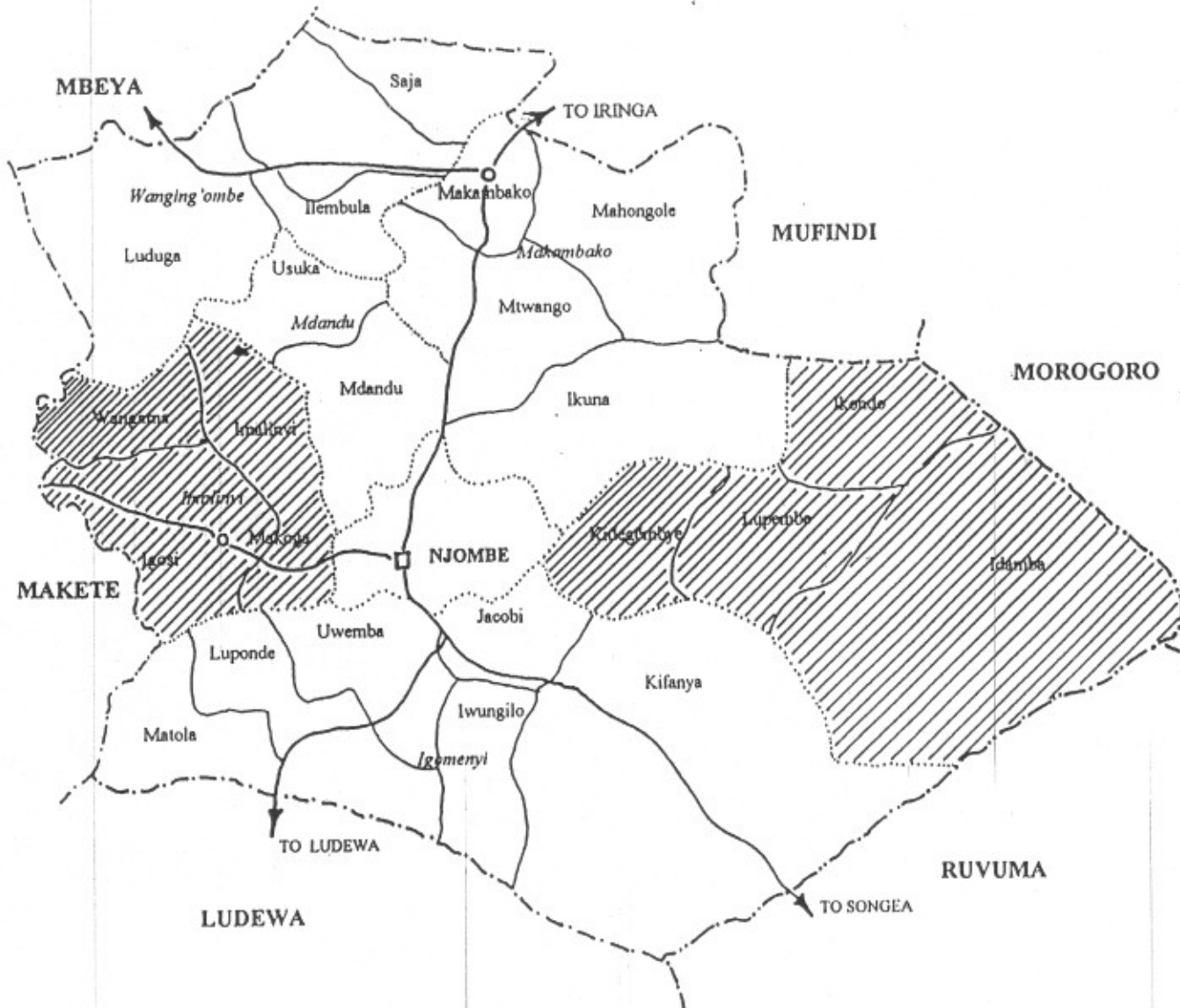
Secondly, some of the national policies in Tanzania are undergoing considerable change at the moment. The ongoing decentralisation process and the civil service reform in particular may influence the conditions under which the Project is implemented.

The Project will form part of the Regional HIMA Programme (a component under the Agricultural Sector Support Programme) and will thus be implemented under the auspices of the Regional Programme Management Unit (RPMU).






NJOMBE DISTRICT

DIVISIONS & WARDS

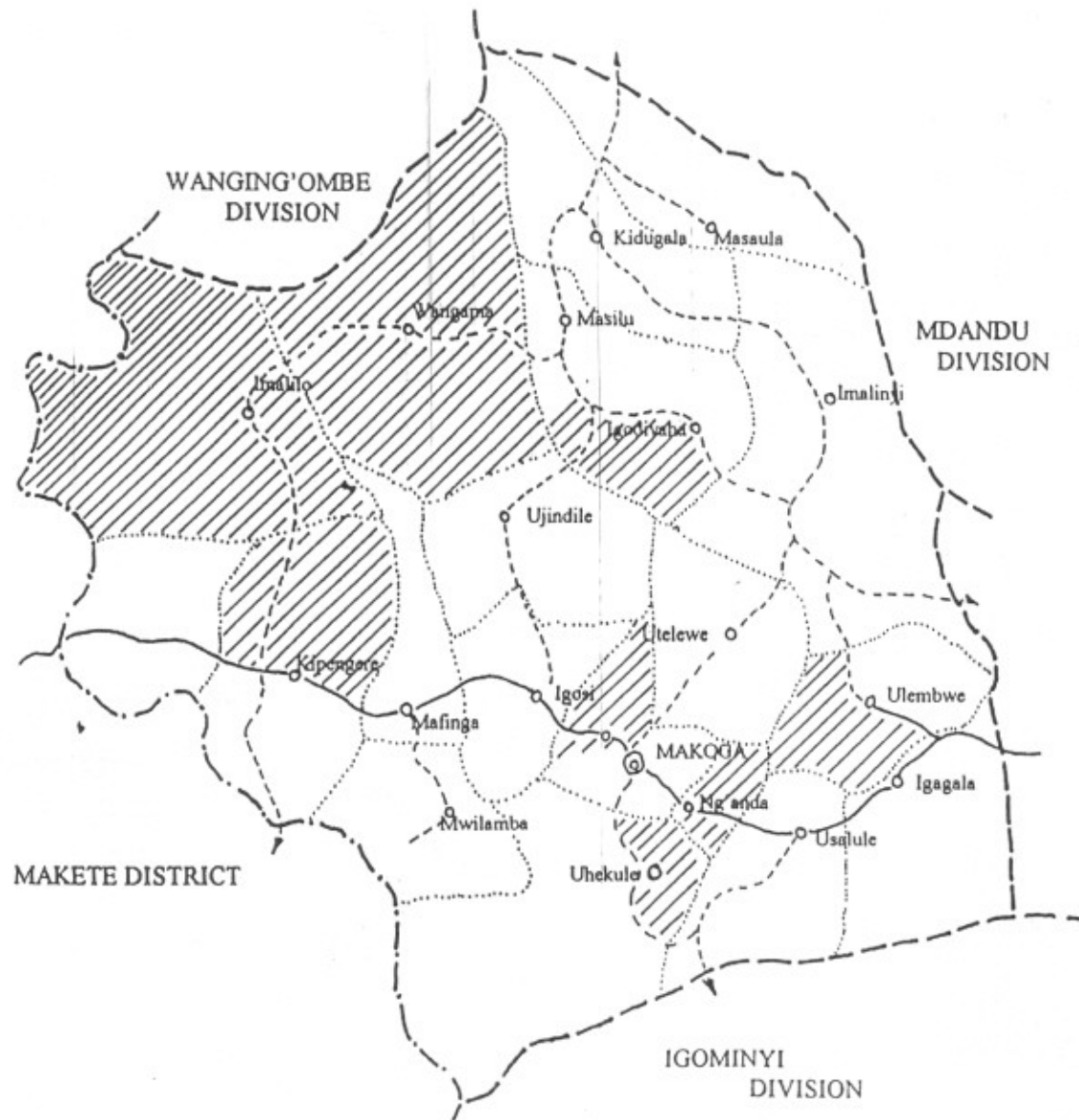
SCALE 1:650,000



LEGEND:

-  Priority Divisions
-  Divisional Boundry
-  District Boundry
-  Regional Boundry
-  Roads

IMALINYI DIVISION



LEGEND:






	District boundry
	Divisional boundry
	District road
	Village boundry
	Divisional headquarter
	Village road
	Village centre
	Priority villages

MUFINDI DISTRICT

LUPEMBE DIVISION

SCALE 1: 250,000

MOROGORO REGION

LEGEND:	
	Boundry
	Village Boundry
	Road
	Border river
	Priority Village

MAKAMBAKO DIVISION

Mongwe river

Ruaha river

Jeopda

Nyave

Ukalawa

Matembwe

Leoliwaya

Kamkalele

LUPEMBE

Igombola

Mfiriga

IGOMENYI DIVISION

Jwanzali

Ilang'asi

Ilambo

Ruhiji river

RUVUMA REGION

Ukoa river

Lup. Pk

Idama Pk

