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Summary of Mbushi, Iramba Ndogo, Sapa, and
Makao in Meatu District

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to present district officials and local leaders with multi-sectoral data across several villages in this district. We hope these data may be useful in seeing the strengths and weaknesses of different sectors and the variation across villages. These data may be useful in prioritizing future development projects. The villages represented here were selected by our donors for their project purposes and therefore they cannot be seen as representatives of the district. The data however, illustrate the diversity of economic and social development activities occurring across villages in the district.

The Whole Village Project (WVP) is collecting and analyzing comprehensive data at village level over an extended period of time. A collaborative project between Savannas Forever Tanzania (SFTZ), a Tanzanian NGO, and the University of Minnesota, USA, the Whole Village Project has a **vision** to work with people in rural Tanzanian villages to acquire and use knowledge for improving long-term health and well-being while sustaining natural resources. To achieve this goal, quantitative and qualitative data are systematically collected in villages across northern Tanzania by the Savannas Forever team in partnership with staff from the National Institutes of Medical Research (NIMR) and the Tanzanian Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI). The data are sent to the University of Minnesota for analysis and then returned to Tanzania. The SFTZ team returns to each village to present the data to villagers for their own use and decision-making. WVP intends to return to each village every two to three years in order to assess the sustainability of development projects over time and identify best practices.

In this report, we present a summary of data collected within a single district. Household surveys, interviews and focus groups were conducted in Mwang'halanga and Runele villages, Kwimba District during the month of September 2010.

KEY FINDINGS

The research captured a broad range of information from two villages in Iramba District, Nduguti and Nkinto. Overarching district strengths, gaps, and opportunities were pulled from the abundance of data collected and analyzed and are presented below. Detailed results and discussion are presented in Section 4.

District Strengths

There are a number of common strengths observed between the two villages. In particular, there is relatively high mosquito net ownership, high rates of child vaccinations for BCG, DPT and polio, widespread latrine usage, and a moderately high HIV knowledge score.

In Nduguti, 79% of households own at least one net and 87% in Nkinto. Despite this strength, only 60% of nets in Nduguti and 40% in Nkinto had recently had their nets dipped in insecticide treatment. Given the high rates of malaria in the area increasing bed net coverage to 100% and regular dipping of nets should be encouraged.

Infant and young child vaccination rates for BCG, DPT and polio were over 95% in both villages. However, vaccination rates for measles drop to about 75%; given the virulence of this disease, clinic officers and health committee members should identify strategies to meet the gaps in measles vaccination. Although more than 70% of infants and children took Vitamin A supplements, again the community should strive for 100% coverage given the low Vitamin A intake in local diets and the significant impact that Vitamin A deficiency has on child development.

Among the two villages surveyed, there was a high percent of households with latrines. Access to latrines and appropriate waste disposal reduce opportunities for communicable disease transmission and water borne diseases. Over 93% of respondents in Nduguti and Nkinto have a pit latrine, which is higher than most other districts.

General AIDS knowledge is relatively good among the two villages surveyed in Iramba district. The average AIDS knowledge scores ranged from 4.3 to 4.4 among males and 3.5 to 3.8 among females (on a scale of 6). The score for males is higher than most districts. However, the average female HIV/AIDS knowledge score is low. The high average male AIDS knowledge scores in Iramba district are largely due to the low percentage of respondents with no HIV prevention knowledge (0-2 points). 1 in five female respondents in both villages reported no HIV/AIDS prevention knowledge. Again, although there is an overall strength here, both communities should strive to increase women's HIV knowledge in order to better protect themselves and their families.

District Gaps

The level of one's education is often a predictor of other quality of life factors such as economic productivity, food security, and overall health. In both villages, the quality of schools is a concern and the significantly lower percent of girls attending secondary school. Girls' education often is a predictor of family health in the future; further, Tanzania has set increasing girls' participation rate in secondary school as a Millennium Development Goal. Other quality factors include a low teacher to student ratio, poor student exam results, and the limited food available at school. Only Nkinto provides any school meals, consisting of maize and beans for breakfast and ugali with peas and beans for lunch. Children are the future. However, if they are not able to access quality education, their chances for improved quality of life as adults are greatly reduced.

Access to quality health services is also limited in the district. Most respondents in this district felt the treatment at local dispensaries was not helpful. According to men's and women's focus group discussions, malaria is the number one problem followed by reproductive and sexual health. In addition, maternal and child health services are offered only in Nduguti.

Any level of acute malnourishment among children under five must be considered a gap. Nearly 5% of children under five in Nduguti are acutely malnourished and parents have indicated in focus groups that kwashiorkor, a disease of malnutrition, is a problem. In Nkinto, fewer children under five (2%) were identified as severely malnourished, but these households also have greater food insecurity. In both villages, the main source of food for children under five is ugali, which itself cannot meet a child's nutrition needs. There was also a significant lack of green vegetables and fruit in the diet of children, and the limited intake of the nutrients these foods offer affects child development.

Farming, as the main source of income, is vulnerable to the problem of soil erosion. In both villages surveyed, over 75% of households considered soil erosion to be a serious problem, which is harmful to the sustainability and reliability of farming. Further, there is little to no irrigation of plots and very limited use of fertilizers. Both villages indicated that they had had no visits from agricultural extension officers in the past year and none of the NGOs working in these villages provide training in agricultural conservation techniques.

Newcastle Disease is the number one cause of chicken mortality in Tanzania. Vaccination rates against Newcastle Disease are low in Iramba District. Only 1 in every 2 households owning chickens vaccinate those chickens against Newcastle Disease. The highest vaccination rate (9% in Nduguti) is still low given the severe consequences of infection with Newcastle Disease. Household surveys revealed that 37% to 45% of chickens had been lost to disease in the past year in these villages.

Opportunities

Girls' participation in secondary school is quite low. The education committees in both villages have an opportunity to work with district leaders to identify opportunities for identifying solutions to this and improving the quality of schools in the district overall. As education creates a foundation for overall family health and economic opportunities, prioritizing education is critical for the future development of this district.

Farmers in both villages reported that did not receive a visit by an agricultural extension worker in the past year. These agricultural extension workers typically train a small group of local farmers in agricultural best practices and established model farms (growing maize, sunflowers, etc.) as demonstration plots. The trained farmers are expected to transfer knowledge and skills learned to their own farms. Given that the most common complaints of farmers was lack of knowledge of improved farming techniques and other measures, there appears to be an opportunity to further spread agricultural knowledge from model farmers to others and improve the productivity of farming. The district should monitor the impact of the work done by agricultural extension workers.

Increasing livestock vaccination rates will reduce the rate of cattle and goats lost to disease, which is still relatively high. In addition, although many households have heard of Newcastle disease, only a small proportion of chickens are vaccinated. Therefore, villages have an opportunity to reallocate resources to increase livestock vaccination rates, which is effective in reducing livestock lost to diseases.

Households with kitchen gardens tend to have less serious food insecurity problems. Specifically, villages with higher coverage of kitchen gardens tend to have a lower percentage of households that went to bed hungry, ate limited variety of food, and fewer underweight children. However, kitchen garden training remains very limited in the villages surveyed in Iramba district. Village leaders

have the opportunity to convey knowledge about kitchen gardens as a means to alleviate food insecurity.

District leadership also has an opportunity to further protect the children in the district from vaccine-preventable disease. A high percentage of children under-five in Iramba District are vaccinated against tuberculosis (BCG), DPT, polio, and measles, as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). However, vaccination coverage is not universal. Given the already high level of vaccination, the district has an opportunity to reach universal coverage against vaccine-preventable disease given the proper allocation of resources.

		Mbushi	Iramba Ndogo	Sapa	Makao
THE HOUSEHOLD AND HOUSING					
	Number of households surveyed	60	60	60	60
	Average household size	8.78	8.65	7.10	5.48
	% households in polygamous marriage (more than 1 wife)	41.67%	23.33%	35.00%	16.67%
	% of households headed by women	18.64%	11.67%	15.00%	23.33%
	% of households with corrugated roof	10.00%	26.67%	21.67%	42.55%
	% of households using a toilet	26.67%	60.00%	40.00%	55.02%
	Avg time (minutes) required to collect water	134.24	93.45	119.75	42.41
	% households use firewood as primary energy source for cooking	98.33%	96.67%	0.00%	8.33%
EDUCATION					
	% of all adults without education	27.23	29.54	33.17	35.84
	% of household heads completed primary school	40%	43%	48%	42%
	% of adult men completed primary school	61%	66%	54%	50%
	% of adult women completed primary school	56%	48%	50%	41%
	Average primary school teacher to student ratio	1:87	1:103	1:97	1:91
	Average primary school textbook to student ratio	1:3	1:3	1:3	1:4
	Average secondary school teacher to student ratio	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Average # of years teachers stay at primary school	2	5	5	5
	Average # of years teachers stay at secondary school	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Ratio of female to male gross enrollment rates (primary school)	1:1.1	1:1.01	1:0.83	1:1.03
	Ratio of female to male gross enrollment rates (secondary school)	NA	NA	NA	NA
HEALTH					
	% of households with at least one mosquito net	86.67%	83.33%	76.67%	68.33%
	% of households with access to protected drinking water	0.00%	5.00%	13.33%	71.67%
	% of households that take measures to make the water safe	26.67%	30.00%	40.00%	46.67%
	# of hospital/dispensary/clinic in the village	1	1	0	1
CHILDREN UNDER 5					
	% of infants exclusively breast fed through 6 months of age	10.58%	14.71%	11.46%	17.65%
	Average age in months at introduction of complementary feeding	5.52	4.79	4.88	5.49
	% of children whose birth mother is still alive and inside the hh	95.5%	93.27%	98%	91.94%
	% of children moderately to severely underweight	7.69%	2.00%	4.26%	4.35%
	% of children who are vaccinated for BCG	88.29%	87.5%	84.00%	85.48%
	% of children who are vaccinated for polio	89.19%	88.46%	83.00%	83.87%
	% of children who are vaccinated for DPT	89.19%	86.54%	81.00%	83.87%
	% of children who are vaccinated for measles	62.16%	62.50%	34.00%	59.68%
	% of children received Vitamin A supplement	45.95%	46.15%	25.00%	45.16%
	% children with fever	59.46%	69.23%	60.00%	38.71%
AIDS KNOWLEDGE					
	% of men with high AIDS knowledge score (5-6 points)	67%	55%	68%	65%
	% of women with high AIDS knowledge score (5-6 points)	69%	64%	70%	84%
	% of women who know that a person can protect themselves from HIV	94%	93%	96%	98%
	% of men who know that a person can protect themselves from HIV	88%	98%	98%	93%
	Perception of risk of mother-to-child transmission of HIV	90%	84%	85%	84%
	% of men who have talked with their wife/primary partner about ways to prevent HIV/AIDS	65%	74%	75%	74%
	% of women who have talked with their husband/primary partner about ways to prevent HIV/ AIDS	30%	40%	47%	47%
FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION					
	% of households worried about food in the past 4 weeks	65.00%	45.00%	56.67%	55.00%
	% of households ate limited variety of food in the past 4 weeks	85.00%	80.00%	86.67%	78.33%
	% of hhs went one day and night with no food in the past 4 weeks	15.00%	15.00%	10.00%	10.00%
	% of households that are currently growing kitchen garden	3.33%	3.33%	0.00%	0.00%
	Avg # of days/times hhs ate meat protein in past week	2.37	2.73	1.72	1.72

	Avg # of days/times hhs ate legumes in past week	1.49	3.9	3.15	1.32
	Avg # of days/times in last week hh ate foods with Vitamin A	0.63	0.94	0.67	0.56
	# of different types of food eaten in last week	4.20	5.62	5.07	4.47
	Food Security Index	4.35	3.29	3.44	3.47
ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, AGRICULTURE AND INCOME					
	% households own any agricultural land	85.00	80.00	73.33	90.00
	Average acres cultivated per household	11.32	11.68	6.74	3.27
	Average # of cattle owned per household	45.11	19.38	11.77	41.46
	Average # of goats/sheep owned per household	28.48	23.49	18.85	34.35
	Average # of chickens owned per household	8.29	7.34	6.18	5.66
	% of hhs whose chicken are vaccinated for Newcastle disease	3.57	3.77	1.82	1.79
	% of cattle lost to disease in the past 12 months	9%	8%	12%	3%
	% of cattle lost to drought in the past 12 months	2%	2%	3%	1%
	% of cattle lost to wildlife in the past 12 months	1%	0%	0%	0%
	% of chickens lost to disease in the past 12 months	24%	21%	29%	16%
	% of chickens lost to drought in the past 12 months	0%	0%	0%	0%
	% of chickens lost to wildlife in the past 12 months	20%	14%	19%	21%
	% of goats/sheep lost to disease in the past 12 months	11%	7%	11%	9%
	% of goats/sheep lost to drought in the past 12 months	3%	3%	1%	0%
	% of goats/sheep lost to wildlife in the past 12 months	3%	3%	4%	4%
	% of household heads with the main occupation of farming	91.53%	96.67%	95.00%	80.00%
	% of hh heads with the main occupation of livestock keeping	5.08%	0.00%	0.00%	8.33%
	% HHs that report loss of crops due to wildlife	37%	21%	34%	32%
	% of HHs that irrigate the plots in village (from focus group data)	0%	0%	0%	0%
	% households with bicycle	68.33%	80.00%	76.67%	40.00%
	% households with radio	31.67%	36.67%	46.67%	33.33%
	% households with cell phone	40.00%	43.33%	33.33%	43.33%
KEY INSTITUTIONS					
	Distance to major weekly market	NA	5 km	10 km	NA
	# of village committees/groups	3	0	2	0
	# of NGOs	4	7	4	7
	# of credit, banking services or VICOBA	0	1	1	0
DEMOGRAPHICS					
	Religion (% Christian; % Muslim; % Traditional)	20%	22%	20%	55%
	Dependency Ratio (# of child (0-14 years) and aged (65+) population per 100 intermediate age (15-64 years)	133.48	138.71	124.21	112.26
	Child-Woman Ratio (# of children aged 0-4 years per 1,000 women in the age group 15-44 years)	0.61	0.55	0.63	0.49
	Sex Ratio (# of males per 100 females)	1.03	0.99	1.06	0.88