

Vacancy for an Agripool mission

Cooperative Assessment of MAMCU, a Cashew nuts Union in Tanzania

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Who are we looking for?

We are looking for 1 Cooperative expert who can do a cooperative assessment of MAMCU, a union of 135 Agriculture cooperatives in Mtwara Tanzania. Do you speak English? Do you have experience in complex cooperative organizational structures and member loyalty issues? Agriterra is looking for 1 business experts who can help to assess MAMCU and TANECU and its affiliated cooperatives and analyze the feasibility of its business plan.

Context

Masasi-Mtwara Cooperative Union LTD (MAMCU) Cooperative Union operates on behalf of 135 Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies in southern Tanzania (about 57.000 individual farmers).

The core functions are collection and selling of agricultural products, including raw cashew nuts, sesame etc. on behalf of our members. MAMCU was registered according to the Cooperative Act No. 15 of 1995 under section 30 on 18 August 1995. The main Office of MAMCU is located at Ushirika Building along Tanu road in Mtwara Municipality and its branch being in Mkuti area in Masasi township.

MAMCU serves primary cooperatives in six districts. The neighboring districts are being served by TANECU, another giant cashew union and already client of Agriterra.



Country
TANZANIA

Period
From 20th till 27th of October 2018

Deadline
31 August 2018

Number of experts we need 1

The assignment

MAMCU is the one of leading unions (next to TANECU) in the cashew nut production and collection in Tanzania. The manager of MAMCU has however expressed challenges relating to the quality and addition of value of the cashew nuts. Besides quality, the union looks forward to have investors on board, who can invest in a processing factory. Another challenge is to find ways to have more supply of raw cashew nuts, but this needs further exploration.

The assignment aims:

- To acquire an in-depth understanding of the BHAG, practice and performance of MAMCU as an economic Union of cashew nuts cooperative;
- To acquire a preliminary understanding of the practice and performance of the affiliated cooperatives as economic actors;
- To present these understandings in a cooperative assessment report to both Agriterra and MAMCU.

Profile of the agripooler

Profile	Agripool expert 1	Agripool expert 2
Knowledge	Complex cooperative/union structures Knowledge of member loyalty issues Governance, financial and business viability analysis	
Experience	Cooperative assessment	
Competences	Flexible, analytic, pragmatic, culturally sensitive	
Language level	English	

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