

UNITED NATIONS-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Project
in the
Republic of Tanzania

JOB DESCRIPTION

POST TITLE: Consultant in Development of Rural Blacksmiths

DURATION: Two months with possibility of a further two months at a later stage

DATE REQUIRED: April 1979

DEUTY STATION: Dar-es-Salaam with extensive travel in up-country Tanzania

PURPOSE OF PROJECT: To assist and advise existing groups of local blacksmiths scattered throughout the country on how to improve the quality of their workmanship and increase their production of agricultural hand tools.

DUTIES:

- Advise the Government of Tanzania on correct strategies for developing rural blacksmith groups.
- Analyze the data collected by the Blacksmithing Adviser and suggest ways and means by which the Government may further assist and promote the productivity of rural blacksmiths.
- Evaluate the overall effectiveness of the project covering extension services, supply of raw materials, technical advice etc.
- Prepare a report outlining the above and recommending future policies that should be taken by the Government for encouraging rural smithing activities.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Degree in social sciences; Economics/Rural Sociology or Industrial Engineering. It is essential to have had some experience in dealing with the problems encountered by rural blacksmiths in developing countries.

LANGUAGE:

English, Swahili an asset

BACKGROUND:

As a result of free importation of agricultural implements during the colonial period in Tanzania the position of the rural blacksmith who until that time produced all hand tools, became extremely tenuous. Faced with a superior product with which he could not compete, many of the blacksmiths gave up their profession or changed their line of production.

Today the Government of Tanzania is recognizing that those blacksmiths who remain active are potentially a great source of production for rural farm implements.

The aim of this project is to revitalize the rural blacksmithing groups in order to

- a) increase rural employment,
- b) develop skills in rural areas,
- c) increase the decentralization of the manufacture of agricultural tools,
- d) increase rural productivity.

The expert will work out of the Headquarters of SIDO in Dar-es-Salaam and will advise the Government on correct extension to be given to rural blacksmiths to achieve the above objectives.

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