

ROADS TO INCLUSION AND SOCIOECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (RISE)

Invitation to Members of the Public for a Webinar to introduce the RISE Program and its Environmental and Social Risk Management Documents

The Government of Tanzania, through Tanzania Rural and Urban Roads Agency (TARURA) and Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS), is preparing the Roads to Inclusion and Socioeconomic Opportunities (RISE) Program with the support of the World Bank. The objective of the program is **“to improve rural road access for population in selected rural areas and build capacity in the sustainable management of rural roads incorporating community engagement approaches”**.

The program (RISE) will be implemented widely Southern Highlands, Coastal and South regions of mainland Tanzania for institutional strengthening, spot improvements, maintenance, community engagement and emergency response activities while road development/upgrading works will be implemented in the three District Councils of Iringa Region (Kilolo, Iringa rural and Mufindi).

All the necessary Environmental and Social Risk Management documents have been prepared for the RISE Program. These documents are: Environmental and Social Management Framework, Resettlement Policy Framework, Environmental and Social Commitment Plan, Stakeholders Engagement Plan, Labor Management Procedure and Vulnerable Group Planning Framework.

TARURA is now inviting all potential stakeholders to attend the Consultation forum to be held on the 2nd of April, 2020 from 09:00am. Unfortunately, due to Corona Virus threat, the consultation will be done virtually through a Webinar (an internet based forum/seminar).

The objective of the forum is to introduce the RISE Program and its environmental and social risk management documents to the public and all the stakeholders and gather comments for improvement.

The Webinar can be accessed through <https://www.tarura.go.tz/index.php/roads-inclusion-and-socioeconomic-opportunities-program-rise> from 1st of April, 2020 and the presentation materials will be uploaded in the same day.

All necessary information on the RISE Program including the environmental and social risk management documents and their respective executive summaries in both English and Swahili languages are available on TARURA's and TANROADS's websites: tarura.go.tz and tanroads.go.tz. Printed copies of the documents and their executive summaries will be made available at all TARURA Regional Coordinators and Council Managers offices.

All the members of the public and stakeholder who wish to submit their written comments on the RISE Program are invited to do so through the address below.

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