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**TANZANIA RURAL & URBAN ROADS AGENCY
(TARURA)**

ROADS TO INCLUSION AND SOCIOECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (RISE)

Invitation to Members of the Public for a National 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 and provide employment opportunities 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 across all rural districts in mainland Tanzania with a programmatic approach that will benefit twenty-five (25) regions (all except Dar es Salaam). Among the activities to be implemented in the programme includes; upgrades of rural regional and rural district roads networks to paved standard, bottleneck improvements in rural district roads and rural district road community-based routine maintenance (CBRM). The regional and district roads upgrading is prioritized in six (6) districts that are Handeni DC in Tanga, Mbogwe DC in Geita, Ruangwa DC in Lindi and Iringa DC, Mufindi DC and Kilolo DC in Iringa. The prioritization of districts and regions was based on high agricultural productivity/potential. During Implementation of Phase 1 of the RISE Program, TARURA will develop a National Rural Roads Plan, to implement a coherent national strategy for the improvement and maintenance of rural roads, which can provide a framework for future investment in the sector as per availability of funds.

All the necessary Environmental and Social Risk Management documents have been prepared for the RISE Program. These documents are; environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), Stakeholders Engagement Plan (SEP), Labor Management Procedure (LMP) and Vulnerable Groups Planning Framework (VGPF).

The Regional Workshop have already been conducted in Tanga Region on 05 January 2021, Lindi Region on 05 January 2021 and Geita Region on 08 January 2021.

There is a change of date for The National Consultation forum which was supposed to be conducted on the 12th of January, 2021 now it will be conducted on the 13th of January, 2021 from 09:00 am; and will be done virtually through a Webinar (an internet-based forum/seminar). The link to this Webinar will be shared through mails and TARURA and TANROADS websites from 11th of January 2021 and the presentation materials will be uploaded in the same day.

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

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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