

**BUKOBA WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT  
ASSOCIATION (BUWEA), BUKOBA, TANZANIA**



**Annual Report For 2010**

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# BUWEA 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

## 0.0 Report Content

This report covers activities of Bukoba Women's Empowerment Association (BUWEA) for the year 2010.

## 1.0 Meetings

The village groups, which are the main constituents of BUWEA, continued to meet every second Saturday of the month to repay loans taken from the Revolving Loan Fund. BUWEA Board met twice a month to evaluate performance.

## 2.0 Membership

As at end of December 2010, BUWEA had a membership of 250 indigenous women in 42 groups from three districts of Kagera Region, Tanzania.

## 3.0 Membership Fees

New members continued to pay an entrance fee of Tshs 1,000/=, equivalent to US \$ 0.67 to join BUWEA

## 4.0 Global Business Partners

Nine BUWEA members were successfully linked with Global Business Partners as shown below:

Name	Partner	Project
Angela Faostin	Dr Patricia Lieveld	Poultry/Piggery
Maria Protasi	-do-	Piggery
Projine Jonnes	-do-	Poultry
Dominatha Yustace	-do-	Tailoring/Poultry
Theopista Francis	-do-	Piggery
Suzana Joseph	-do-	Piggery
Regina Stivin	Michael Guiry	Piggery/Poultry
Theodozia Rugangira	Joanna Herr Hanks	Kiosk
Leonilla John	United Methodist Women	Poultry/Piggery

## 5.0 Potential Partners

As at end of December 2010, the under mentioned four BUWEA members had been interviewed on their readiness and appropriateness of their projects, and were anxiously waiting to be linked with Global Business Partners.

Agnes Florence	Edible oils manufacturing
Julieta Diocles	Tailoring
Christina Sarapion	Piggery
Jesca Mbajju	Piggery

## 6.0 Revolving Loan Fund

During the year under report, 170 loans were given out to 36 women groups (i.e. 76% of total BUWEA member groups) of amounts ranging from US \$ 20 to \$.300, from both BUWEA SACCOS and the Revolving Loan Fund. The total loan amounts disbursed in the year 2010 from the Revolving Loan Fund and BUWEA SACCOS were Tshs 12.4 million i.e.(US \$ 8,296) and Tshs 5.8 million i.e. (US 3,844) respectively.

The amount of interest that accrued on BUWEA SACCOS loans was Tshs 1,069,800/=, equivalent to US \$713. The entire amount was ploughed back into the Revolving Loan Fund to make it more liquid and hence capable of giving out bigger loans. Over the last two years a total of 300 loans have been given out to BUWEA member groups, and 25 % of BUWEA members were able to retire at least 2 loans during the same period.

## 7.0 Animal Gifts

A total of 22 BUWEA members received animal gifts in the year 2010. Out of those 13 got a piglet each valued at US \$ 25 and the rest got chickens of the same value

a. Anastella Dionizi	One piglet
b. Christina Maliseli	One piglet
c. Adventina Byera	One piglet
d. Theodozia Rugangila	One piglet
e. Angella Faostini	One piglet
f. Aglipina Geofrey	One piglet
g. Yulitha Daudi	One piglet
h. Angella Method	One piglet
i. Godebelitha Philemon	One piglet
j. Julietha Diocles	One piglet
k. Costansia Stephano	One piglet
l. Jesca Mbaijo	One piglet
m. Edina Balilemwa	One piglet
n. Consolatha Emmanuel	Chickens
o. Polina Beda	Chickens
p. Aishat Abdu	Chickens
q. Grace Mushongi	Chickens
r. Roozalia Deogratias	Chickens
s. Regina Stivin	Chickens
t. Rosemary Paulo	Chickens
u. Leonilla John	Chickens
v. Jasintha Bukajamba	Chickens

## 8.0 Soy Farm Project

During the year under report, the soy farm acreage was successfully increased by 20 acres. Use of herbicides (Gramoxone) to control weeds made the weeding easier and cost effective.

Both soy flour production and sales registered significant growth when compared with 2009 results. While production more than tripled, sales were more than four times those of 2009 (Refer Table 1.0& 2.0 below). The entire production was sold through BUWEA's only retail outlet situated right in front its main office.

The soy milk project which took off mid year sold more than 300 liters as of December 2010 (Refer Table 3.0)

Table 1.0: BUWEA's soy flour production for the year 2010.

Month	125 gm Packets	500 gm Packets
January	151	28
February	235	30
March	180	25
April	150	10
May	242	05
June	170	10
July	144	20
August	408	21
September	180	22
October	98	12
November	145	05
December	160	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2263</b>	<b>203</b>
<b>Total 2009</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>% change</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>625</b>



Pupils aged between 4 – 6 years of Itahwa Boresha, one of the three preschools covered by the Clinical Study of the soy flour enjoying a cup of soy oatmeal. BUWEA hopes to analyze the physical development of the children under study in order to further promote the importance of school breakfast programs.

Table 2.0: BUWEA's soy flour sales for the year 2010

Month	125 gm Packets	Unit Price	Amount (Tshs)	500 gm Packets	Unit Price	Amount (Tshs)
January	50	500/=	25,000/=	20	2,000/=	40,000/=
February	208	500/=	104,000/=	20	2,000/=	40,000/=
March	223	500/=	111,500/=	16	2,000/=	32,000/=
April	300	500/=	150,000/=	20	2,000/=	40,000/=
May	189	500/=	94,500/=	19	2,000/=	38,000/=
June	89	500/=	44,500/=	10	2,000/=	20,000/=
July	185	500/=	92,500/=	12	2,000/=	24,000/=
August	478	500/=	239,000/=	11	2,000/=	20,000/=
September	128	500/=	64,000/=	10	2,000/=	20,000/=
October	167	500/=	83,500/=	09	2,000/=	18,000/=
November	97	500/=	48,500/=	10	2,000/=	20,000/=
December	140	500/=	70,000/=	08	2,000/=	16,000/=
<b>Total</b>	<b>2254</b>		<b>1,127,000/=</b>	<b>165</b>		<b>330,000/=</b>
<b>Total 2009</b>	<b>497</b>			<b>25</b>		
<b>% change</b>	<b>354</b>			<b>560</b>		

Exchange rate 1 US \$ = Tshs 1,500/=



A portion of BUWEA's 50 acres commercial soy farm. The farm registered a threefold in production during the year under report along with yield.

Table 3.0:BUWEA's soy milk sales for the year 2010

Month	Production (liters)	Sales (liters)	Unit Price (Tshs)	Amount (Tshs)
July	28	25	500/=	12,500/=
August	30	30	500/=	15,000/=
September	56	54	500/=	27,000/=
October	69	68	500/-	34,000/=
November	72	70	500/=	35,000/=
December	60	60	500/=	30,000/=
<b>Total</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>307</b>		<b>153,500/=</b>

### 9.0 Clean Water Project

The project didn't register substantial gains apart from surveying the target areas in order to identify suitable borehole sites. The survey findings were quite promising, and quotations for both shallow and deep boreholes for all sites were obtained. BUWEA is currently looking around for funds to further this project

### 10.0 BUWEA SACCOS

All newly recruited members have already opened up savings accounts with BUWEA SACCOS as a precondition for being considered for a loan from the Revolving Fund. A data base for members' deposits and account balances which was established by Ms Terri in 2009 is being updated monthly as required.

### 11.0 The volunteer

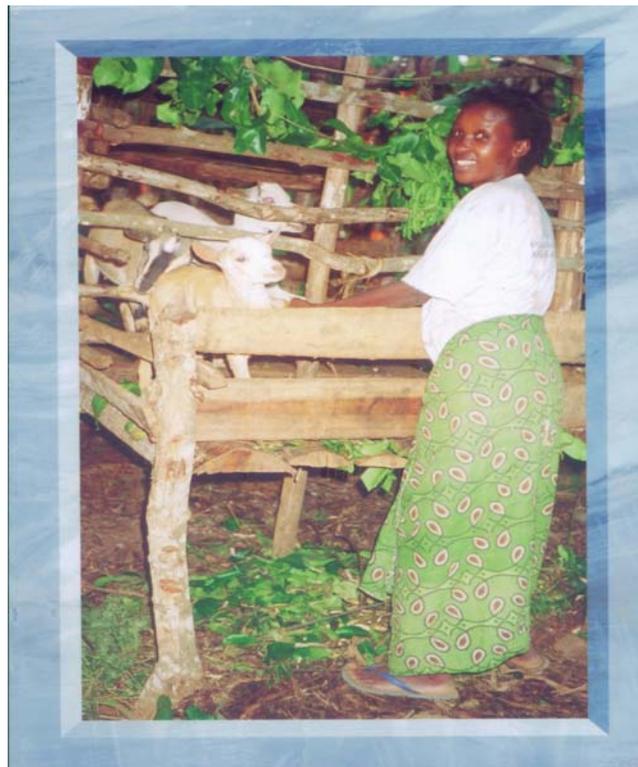
In November 2010, Terri Horn, the WGC and Incarnate Word Missionaries sponsored volunteer to BUWEA went back to the US to pursue further studies. During her tenure with BUWEA, she successfully helped BUWEA in establishing office files, set up a management information system and assisted in the implementation of the Clean Water and Soy Clinical Study Projects. We thank and wish her all the best of luck.

### 12.0 Grant Applications

In 2010, BUWEA submitted 8 grant applications as summarized hereunder:

Donor	Name of Project	Value	Status
U.S Embassy of Tanzania	- Four butterfly machines	US \$ 635	Granted
	- 1 milling and hulling machine	US \$ 2,500	
	- 1 package sealing machine	US \$ 100	
Indigenous Women's Fund	Commercial farming	US \$ 5,000	Not granted
Flora Family Foundation	Monitoring and Evaluation	US \$ 10,000	Granted
Flora Family Foundation	Video Contest	US \$ 10,000	Not granted

African Development Fund		US \$ 110,000	Not granted
Micro financing Partners in Africa	Micro credits and soy farm cultivation	US \$ 25,000	Granted
Global Business Partners	Business partners' support	US \$ 1,980	Granted
Women Global Connection	Animal Gifts	US \$ 1,120	Granted



Livestock keeping is a popular income generating activity of most BUWEA women members. Above Ms Adventina Byera attending her young goats.

### 13.0 Achievements

During the year under report, BUWEA achieved the following:

- Member's deposits rose by 53% from Tshs 3.54 million (US \$ 2,362) in 2009 to Tshs 5.44 million (US \$ 3,626) in 2010.
- Soy farm acreage reached 20, thus maximizing crop output. Production and sale of soy products have greatly improved the diets and health of the indigenous locals with fewer resources.
- The number of women groups almost doubled from 25 groups in 2009 to 47 groups as at end of December 2010. Likewise the number of indigenous women serviced by BUWEA went up from 140 in 2009 to 250 as of December 2010.

- BUWEA provided its members in rural villages (who don't have access to a veterinarian) with anti-worm medicines and vital vaccinations to help them increase the size and health of their herds.
- In February 2010 conducted a 6 month nutrition study with 3 local preschools by providing daily amounts of soy oatmeal to 100 children aged 4-6 years. The study took place in village preschools where the children had not previously been receiving any food while in school. Teachers from these schools have reported positive changes such as reduced illness and diarrhea, higher concentration in class and improved peer to peer communication.
- In March 2010, BUWEA held a Soy Promotion Seminar on the nutritional qualities of soy products. Participants were drawn from all social groups.
- More skill - building seminars on a wide range of themes were successfully conducted and attended by BUWEA members.

#### **14.0 Planned Activities for 2011**

- Submit at least 3 grant proposals
- Undertake capacity building of women groups and BUWEA projects' staff.
- Launch the grain mill project.
- Continue to search for appropriate Swahili software for BUWEA SACCOS and Revolving Loan Fund data bases.
- Pursue improved packaging and colour labels for all soy products.
- Continue to pursue the Tanzania Bureau of Standards certification for BUWEA soy products. This will greatly enhance their marketability.
- Further the Clean Water Project