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INTRODUCTION

This monthly report covers project activities undertaken from June 1-30, 2016. It presents project management and technical activities; finance, administration and personnel updates; and significant planned activities for the month of July 2016.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

Significant technical progress has been made in the month of June in preparation for fieldwork. The LTA has also been able to carry out detailed assessments and analysis of MAST spatial and textual data to enable the team to better assess the requirements for improved design and post registration transactions and procedures.

The arrival of the androids and imagery has also enabled rapid progress in field preparations and configuring imagery and VLC polygons on the androids.

The MAST Close Out workshop was held on June 3rd. The Iringa Hub workshops was held in Iringa on 8th June and the LTA held a local workshop in Iringa on 24th June. The LTA is progressing the MOU with the DLO.

FIELD OPERATIONS

- Archive images covering Iringa Rural were received from Washington on 29th June. These are under review for the 6 villages. Preliminary indications are that four out of the six will have cloud free imagery that can be used. Quality checks and mosaicing of images is underway.
- Android tablets (178 mm) were procured and will be configured and ready for use in July – the first village is configured and ready for use
- A detailed review and development of Integrated Procedures Manual (including necessary forms) is well underway
- The agendas for village meetings are currently being reviewed and developed
- Further visits are planned to key villages to sensitise local officials and build relationships.
- From the image assessments it will be possible to proceed immediately in the following four villages in the following order;
 - Kinywang'ganga
 - Kiponzelo
 - Magunga

- Usengelendete
- Field reconnaissance was conducted in Izazi and Mnadani villages where 40 percent of the image has obliterating cloud cover. The area comprises few farms for adjudication except along the main river/stream courses. Pastoralism is widespread and the village communities also engage in fishing as sources of livelihoods.
- As the project tools up ready to commence fieldwork a revised work timetable will be prepared when the schedule has been firmed up.

MAST/TRUST

MAST Transfer and Access

- As from 30th June DAI have taken over the AWS account for MAST and are engaged in analysing all the spatial and textual information.
- Short term consultant Alex Solovov began work analyzing existing MAST software and data configurations to develop and improve MAST. This is being done through a systematic step by step review of procedures in conjunction with the drafting of an effective registration procedures manual. Work flows for writing the codes are being prepared.
- Data reviews and searches relating to individual claimant profiles are showing key areas where there is a need to improve overall adjudication procedures and recording of attribute data in MAST.
- Close inspection of the parcel maps reveals the persistence of intersection errors - even after data cleaning. This will require further modification to the software and improvements in training of trusted intermediaries (now renamed as para-surveyors), field supervision and checking and methods of systematically covering land parcels. The aim is to eliminate the need for verification, large scale and costly data cleaning and correction.
- A key procedural change – the introduction of a standard objection and correction period using public displays is proposed and will be built into overall systems and procedures.
- Consideration is being given to how to manage and address disputes as they arise and how this will be managed in the field and submitted for appropriate dispute resolution.

- Thought is now being given to business models for post registration and development of TRUST.

Imagery Acquisition

- As stated images (with appropriate index maps) have now been acquired to enable LTA to identify key gaps in the coverages and where additional tasking from the satellite may be required.
- Images have been assembled for four out of the six villages.
- The acquisition of images for the first six villages is now complete - the complete picture of imagery coverages will now enable LTA to plan ahead – this will be particularly important re the RCT village selection process.

COMMUNICATIONS

- COP and Land Administration Specialist attended MAST Close Down workshop on June 3rd in Dar es Salaam. Success Stories, engagement with communities, and coordination with DLO were presented. The Workshop was attended by several delegates from USAID, IFAD, Iringa District Council and DFID Land Tenure Support Program. COP Clive English presented a briefing on the objective of the LTA.
- LTA held a Technical Workshop on June 24 with the Iringa District Council Land Office staff, CSOs and the representative of the Ministry of Lands, Mr Switbert Masali. The agenda included:
 - Briefing on LTA – objectives, strategies and activities; themes to be followed and challenges
 - Proposed LTA Work Program on selection of villages, procedures and processes
 - Rules of engagement and the content of the intended Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and planning for sustainability
 - Iringa DLO shared experience with MAST including success stories and outstanding issues.
 - Ministry of Lands shared perception of MAST as tool for data capture
- The COP attended the Iringa Hub workshop in Iringa on 8th June. The LTA was able to introduce itself to all other projects and local officials.
- The 4th Annual M&E Workshop 29th June – 1st July in Mbeya was attended by the DCOP.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Work is currently being undertaken on public outreach messages. This is mainly focusing on information on procedures and advice to be given to village claimants. This is covering options re titling arrangements (eg joint, single, in common). This is informational, advisory and instructional. This will be further developed from the messages delivered during MAST pilots and will ultimately be included in the draft procedural manual.

KEY PROJECT ISSUES

An MOU between project and the DLO has been drafted but has still to be finalized. This will cover *inter alia*, management arrangements, roles and responsibilities, counterpart arrangements, per diems and other issues related to change management. This will present some challenges as the LTA transitions from the MAST Pilots to a full time technical assistance program.

DELIVERABLES FOR JULY 2016

DELIVERABLE	STATUS
Monthly Report	May 2016 submitted
Quarterly Report	N/A
Communications Plan	Comments on draft received from USAID and re-submitted
Gender Plan	Draft submitted to USAID
Monitoring and Evaluation Plan	In process, due July 29

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

DAI has finalized finance and administration system set up and training. All project equipment has been procured and installed. Recruitment for long term staff positions is underway, and several short term technical assistance consultancies are on-going.

PROJECT FINANCE

No significant issues to report.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

- The second and final project vehicle (Toyota Hilux Double Cabin) was delivered, registered and put in operation in Iringa
- Project IT infrastructure equipment (server etc.) delivered and installation on-going

PERSONNEL

Long Term Personnel

- Driver Rajabu Masawila started on June 20, 2016
- A generalized call for technical expert CVs was published and candidate CVs reviewed for potential positions in IT/GIS Support, Land Administration, and Public Outreach and Communications
- Recruitment and approval process for Field Manager and MAST Coordinator Mustapha Issa has been completed and he will commence work on 1st July.
- DAI determined that the project requirements for Monitoring and Evaluation would best be filled by a full time project staff person rather than by intermittent STTA (as included in the proposal). Recruitment for an M&E Specialist will be done in July.

Short Term Personnel

- Erik Bjers, Senior System Administrator: Technical support and training for project IT infrastructure
- Martina Fongyen, Project Manager: Technical assistance with project finance and administration system set up and training, and LTA compliance with USG and DAI policies
- Catherine Johnston, Principal Development Specialist: Technical assistance for local staff and IT/GIS service provider recruitment or procurement, and finalization of M&E Plan and Communications Plan

- Alexander Solovov, IT/GIS Software Developer: Technical assistance for transfer of MAST software from Cloudburst to DAI, preparation for LTA MAST field implementation, and initial improvements to MAST.

SUBCONTRACTORS

DAI and subcontractor Land Equity International have finalised inputs for a capacity building consultant.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR JULY 2016

Significant activities for July 2016 are shown in **Table 1**. The key priority will be technical focus on design and implementation of the field program.

Table 1: Significant Activities for July 2016

Planned Activity	Location	Expected Dates
Meetings with Iringa District Councillors to introduce LTA and initiate engagement at the Ward Level	Iringa	TBD in consultation with Iringa DC DED
Preparation of Public Outreach materials and establish schedule for communication and technical activities in Kinyang'wanga Village	Iringa	July 1-15
Project introductory meeting with Village leadership in Kinyang'wanga Village	(name of village)	July 5
Initial public meeting and beginning of field work in Kinyang'wanga Village	(name of village)	July 20
Recruitment and hiring of Public Outreach and Communications Specialist, M&E Specialist, and IT/GIS Specialist or firm	Iringa	Complete by July 31