

Assessment of the Implementation of the C-operative Reform and Modernization Programme

The Case of Babati District, Tanzania

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Abstract

The focus of this study was to assess the implementation of the Co-operative Reform and Modernization Programme (CRMP) in Babati District, Manyara Region. This was prompted by the fact that the programme was being implemented in an environment that was, to a large extent, affected by sad stories of co-operative movement failures in the past.

The specific objectives of this study were to:

- i) Establish the financial status of co-operative societies before and after the commencement of the Cooperative Reform and Modernization Programme in the study area;
- ii) Evaluate the quality of services currently offered by cooperative societies to the aspired services in the CRMP document;
- iii) Assess how co-operative societies overcame competitive challenges;
- iv) Describing the co-operative societies' operational capacity;
- v) Describing the economic integration in co-operative societies;
- vi) Assessing the co-operative governance, accountability and members' empowerment;
- vii) Examining the challenges threatening the functioning of co-operative societies including the influence of trade liberalisation;
- viii) Examining the challenges hampering effective implementation of the CRMP and suggesting ways of overcoming them.