

RCT ARCHIEVEMENTS

Since the establishment of RCT, there are many successes to count in the economic growth of the country and it has contributed much to enable conducive business environment. The following are some of the success attained by RCT:-

1. Between 2014 and mid 2016 there was steady inflow of cheap Asian rice smuggled through Zanzibar and dumping of transit rice destined to DRC that affected the local rice market and threaten Tanzania rice industry. RCT engaged in dialogue with government and other relevant institutions to advocate for stopping the smuggled rice to Tanzania mainland. 27th April 2016 the government issued a statement for curbing illegal entry of Asian rice and ordered security organ to tight security along the coast to curb smuggling.
2. RWANDA was not giving preferential treatment for rice originating from Tanzania as per requirement of EAC rules of origin alleging that Tanzania rice was mixed with illegal free duty rice imports from Asia. This denial market entry led to loss of business. RCT engaged in dialogue with the government to raise the issue in the EAC trade sector meeting to prove to Rwanda that Asia smuggled rice had been curbed and Rwanda should allow free entry of Tanzania rice to Rwanda. In December 2016 Tanzania and Rwanda government endorsed removal of CET charged on Tanzania exported to Rwanda.
3. July 2016 , Tanzania imposed cereal export ban this slowed rice movements to market , reduced farmers' incomes following price falls thus a disincentive of investment in the rice industry. RCT collaborated with its partners conducted a dialogue with government and in August 2016 the ban was lifted.
4. RCT in Collaboration with counterparts in Uganda engaged in dialogue with EAC against the preferential treatment of one company that was given a waiver of CET on imported rice. Government of Uganda recently revoked that preferential treatment to the company providing equal /fair competition in the region.
5. RCT in collaboration with NAFKA conducted capacity building to millers on good milling practices(GMP) and rice standards and grades to enhance quality improvement of milled rice.
6. Under NAFKA-CMSD support, RCT collaborated with various government and non government institutions (TBS,TFDA,MALF,MITI,TCCIA) to develop rice business regulatory compliance manual to enhance rice quality improvement.
7. RCT facilitated establishment of piloted rice district value chain platform in Kilombero, Mbarali, Kilosa and Kahama district which have facilitated communication and service provision.
8. Developed the Small Holder Farmers Rice Good Agriculture Practices Handbook awaiting to published