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## Celebrating the IMARIKA project in Tanzania



**Ibrahimu Abdul** (EITZ Project Manager) and **Jesca Mgimba** (EITZ Project Officer) prepared a report on the activities in the IMARIKA project during 2024. We share a transcription here to celebrate the successes of this project!



Ibrahimu Abdul



Jesca Mgimba

The word 'IMARIKA' is the Swahili word meaning "be strengthened". The Imarika project is based on strengthening church, community and environment in general. It is managed by Emmanuel International in partnership with the Anglican Church Diocese of Ruaha. In 2024 the project aim was to reach 1000 people and 200 households.

IMARIKA project started to work in Kilolo district and the Iringa rural district after finding out that the conditions of the community members are very poor. Government aid is minimal and the Church needed help to serve its community.

IMARIKA is an integrated project that selects from elements that are suitable for each community. In 2024 the following were completed:

### Beekeeping

Providing basic education about how to keep bees, helping the group to secure equipment such as hives, bee suits, smokers, etc.

Kising'a harvested 1,600 liters of honey, Mafuluto 68 liters and Usolanga 26 liters. This was sold for TZS5000 (£1.50) per liter.



Hanging beehives

## Tree Planting

Seeds are distributed for preparing nurseries. A total of 12,400 seedlings were planted. 2,340 trees were sold for TZS3000 (90p) per tree.



**Preparing for tree nurseries**

## Poultry Farming

350 members were trained on the best methods and breeds of modern poultry. Sheds have been constructed.

## Conservation Agriculture

All the groups cultivated a farm and are maintaining through weeding. Farms include 10 acres of sunflower, 5 acres of tomatoes and 10 acres of groundnuts.

Utelenge harvested 22 bags of maize (raising TZS2,2 million or £660) and 32 bags of sunflower seed (raising TZS150k



**Irrigator for Mbigili's tomato farm**

or £45). Lupembe sold 7 bags of maize for TZS700k or £210). Mbigili village managed to buy an irrigation machine for their tomato farms with their profit.

## Fuel Efficient Stoves

Provided education on environmental conservation through the use of a fuel efficient stove rather than a traditional 3 stone fire.

## Entrepreneurship

Education has been provided on how to establish and manage a small business, how to overcome challenges and how to keep records of sales and profit.

## Core Training

A new village, Kalenga, has been given basic education on community and development, using available resources.

## Leadership

The leadership of new groups were given training once elected.

## VICOBA

The Village Community Banking (VICOBA) cycle has ended and a total of TZS777,824,500 or nearly £235K was saved by all the groups!



Kising'a group provided 100 chairs to their village, to be used during social meetings, paid for from their social fund. They also provided school uniforms and

shoes to orphans and bought more chairs for the local primary school. They bought a modern stove and a tent for renting to the society to increase their funds in future.

Kanani group bought 120 chairs for the Izazi church and helped widows with sugar, sunflowers and rice. Migoli bought 150 chairs using their social funds as well as contributions from members. Utelenge bought 70 chairs.

### Hot culture

Three villages were trained in the hot culture method and the best seeds have been prepared. Vegetable gardens were successfully established.



**Successful vegetable garden**

### Discipleship

All group members participate in the Bible studies. We distributed 136 Bibles in 2024 and 182 people were born again.

### Students clubs

Clubs were started at Ibumu Primary and Ibumu Secondary Schools as well as Lugalo Secondary School. Training has been given and the students have planted trees.

### Milk goats

Research has been started on where to source the best milk goats.

### Networking

In August 2024, a general meeting was held for all IMARIKA members. There were 576 people in attendance.



**Jesca teaching at the meeting**

### Disaster Fund

When a group member faces difficulty such as a death in the family, or serious illness, all the IMARIKA groups contribute to a fund to help them. In the first 6 months of 2024, 14 were helped, including 5 with a difficult disease and 4 with the cost of death in the family.



**A group member receiving support for stomach surgery**

Two groups, Ukombozi and Eden, have graduated, which means that EITZ's supervision is no longer required. The groups are mature and can continue on their own.

Two groups (Miowa and Mafuluto) received financial support from the government in 2024 as recognition for the good work they are doing in agricultural conservation and VICOBA.

## Sue celebrates 40 years!



This year, on 4 May 2025, Sue Fallon (EIUK General Manager) will celebrate 40 years with Emmanuel International. She spent a year working in Jamaica before joining the team in Canada in the training school for 10 years and then a further 9 in the finance team. In 2005 she returned to the UK, heading up the office here as General Manager for the last 20 years!



To celebrate this milestone, Sue is absailing off the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth!

You are welcome to support Sue on the day. She starts the absail at 3pm! Please contact us at the office (details on front) for more information.

Sue is hoping to raise some funds for EIUK. If you wish to support her financially, it would be very much

appreciated. You can make a donation via our CAF Donate account on [cafdonate.cafonline.org/7122#!/](https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7122#!/) DonationDetails or scan the QR Code.



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## EIUK Annual Conference and AGM 2025 : 1 March

Please pray as we make the final preparations for the event, and for safety in travel for those who are joining us in person, including Paul Jones (International Director) and Richard and Pam McGowan.(EIC Director and Financial Officer) who are travelling from Canada.



**Simon Ewing** (EITZ missionary) will be giving us an update on the family as well as the work in Tanzania.



**Fred Silva** (EI in Brazil Country Director) is telling us about the exciting work in Brazil.



**Mike and Marianne Botting** (EI Uganda Country Director) will share about the work in Uganda. They are joined by **Vincent Gidudu** (Missions Mobilizer).



**Daniel Jovin** (EI Haiti Country Director) will share about the situation in Haiti.