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Dear Western Iowa Synod Friends,

Congregations in the Western Iowa Synod have generously supported companion parishes in the Southern Diocese of Tanzania that are hosting Iringa Hope cooperatives. This summary describes the benefits of Iringa Hope and the status of membership in the Iringa Hope cooperatives in the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT). The 2021 Iringa Hope Annual Report accompanies this summary in the Ministry Partners Report.

Iringa Hope supports 39 Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (SACCOS) in the Southern Diocese and the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. SACCOS cooperatives provide Micro Finance loans to smallholder farmers that enable them to purchase fertilizer, hybrid seed and other farming input supplies that can triple members' yields and income from their crops.

Iringa Hope also supports 27 Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Societies (AMCOS) in the Southern Diocese and the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. AMCOS cooperatives aggregate fertilizer, hybrid seed and other input supplies for cooperative members. By aggregating large purchases of supplies, members are assured of receiving quality products that they specify, on time, delivered to their villages. The AMCOS cooperatives educate members in safe storage practices to minimize post-harvest losses to their grain, which can be as high as 45% of the grain stored. Members measure the moisture of their grain, before it is stored, to minimize losses to mold and rot. Grain is stored in hermetically sealed bags to protect against losses to insect damage. When members store their grain at the AMCOS, they can receive loans of up to 60% of the market value of their grain. This enables members to store their grain for four to six months which allows them to sell their grain at market prices that are 40-60% higher than they would have obtained at harvest time.

The Iringa Hope SACCOS and AMCOS are self-managed and self-sustaining cooperatives. The organizations lift people out of poverty by providing access to capital funding, training, and education in the use of agricultural, purchasing and marketing best practices. Iringa Hope members are increasing their incomes, growing their businesses, educating their children, and increasing their overall well-being by being given a hand-up, not a hand-out.

The Western Iowa Synod support of companion parishes in the Southern Diocese and generous donations to Iringa Hope enable the growth of new cooperatives and provide funding for additional loan capital so that cooperatives can add to their membership.

Following is a summary of the membership of the Iringa Hope cooperatives located at Southern Diocese companion parishes.

#### Iringa Hope Cooperatives at Parish Locations in the Southern Diocese in Tanzania

Parish	SACCOS Members	AMCOS Members	Amount of Loans in 2021	Number of Loans	Amount of Loan Per Member
Kidugala	155	75	\$11,980.	31	\$386.
Ituli	141	68	\$5,100.	21	\$243.
Uhambule	100	106	\$16,500.	50	\$330.
Idamba	70	63	\$17,390.	44	\$395.
Ukalawa	40		\$2,600.	13	\$200.
Kanikelele	122		\$6,500.	30	\$216.
<b>Total</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>\$60,070.</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>\$318.</b>

For more information about the benefits provided by Iringa Hope see the web page at <https://iringahope.org>

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For any questions, please submit your questions or comments at the web page or by contacting me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,



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