

MWANGA NIGHT MARKET (KIGOMA)

Local Investment Climate (LIC) is a private sector development Programme supported by Danida. LIC addresses critical constraints to business development and economic growth at district level in the two regions of Dodoma and Kigoma in Tanzania. The Programme invests in Public-Private Dialogue (PPD), business service facilities such as One-Stop-Business Centres and Public-Private-Partnership infrastructure in support of business development. The implementing partner agencies of LIC are; the President’s Office – Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG), the Regional Secretariats in Kigoma and Dodoma, Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC), Association of Local Authorities in Tanzania (ALAT), Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF) and Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA).

Support to the Mwangi Night Market

In July 2017 LIC responded positively to a request from Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal Council for support to the construction of Mwangi Night Market. Evening trading was previously conducted only along the main road into Kigoma town at great risk to both traders and traffic. No sanitary facilities were provided although food items including fish products were traded in substantial volumes. The objective of constructing the Night Market was to create a secure trading area with light and toilet facilities that would enable small scale traders – the large majority being women - and customers to conduct business in a secure and hygienic environment.



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Highlights and Achievements

The market place was constructed and has been in operation since November 20, 2018 which came as a great relief for traders and customers. A side road to the main road into town has been paved and solar powered light has been installed as have toilets and drainage systems. The market generally operates from 6 – 10 pm and is frequented by both household shoppers and small scale business people stocking up for the following days sales.

The investments being a huge success, there already is demand for additional space and investments in surrounding facilities like eating places and specialized shops, adding on to the dynamic development of the area surrounding the market street.

In a planned second phase, the paved street will be extended to offer additional space to traders. Furthermore the sanitary conditions related in particular to sales of fresh fish will be improved with designated stalls with access to water supply and possibilities for hygienic disposal of waste from fish cleaning and cutting. When fully operational the facility will host around 450 small scale traders and will hence substantially regulate informal trade and improve the business environment in Kigoma town.



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In addition to creating improved conditions for both traders and customers the new market place has created direct employment opportunities for service providers within cleaning and other support functions. Through the LIC support supplemented with own resources the Kigoma-Ujiji Municipal Council has established an attractive business environment that in addition has become a solid source of revenue for the Council.

Until December 2018, **LIC** has invested approx. TZS 95 million in construction of Mwanga Night Market and the Programme will continue to support private sector development projects in the regions of Kigoma and Dodoma until February 2020.

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