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MARKET SPIES IN TANZANIA

VIDEO

<u>AUDIO</u>

NARRATION

STANLEY MCHOME IN A CAFÉ /
FARMER WORKING IN THE FIELD

Stanley Mchome is from Magugu, an area of Northern Tanzania famous for its aromatic rice.

Like most farmers, much of his time is spent working in the fields, but Stanley has a secret life. He's a Mkulima Shu Shu Shu ... (15)

STANLEY MCHOME, FARMER
AND MARKET SPY, ON CAMERA

STANLEY MCHOME (ENGLISH)

"A 'Mkulima Shu Shu Shu' is a spy, a marketing spy. " (5)

STANLEY PUTTING ON HIS HAT AND WALKING OUT / STANLEY TALKS TO TRADER

<u>NARRATION</u>

Stanley works undercover, investigating market prices, always on the lookout for new trends and business opportunities. (7.5)

STANLEY ON CAMERA

STANLEY MCHOME (ENGLISH)

"This work is difficult, many traders do not want farmers to know the actual price, therefore you must be careful when you do this job. " (9) STANLEY WITH HIS MOBILE

PHONE / TELECOMMUNICATION

TOWER

<u>NARRATION</u>

Like every self respecting spy, Stanley relies on

gadgets, and fortunately for him modern

communication technology is rapidly expanding

throughout East Africa. (10)

BABATI TOWN / FEMALE

FARMER FEEDS COW

He uses SMS to send today's market prices back

to fellow farmers in Magugu which will give them

the upper hand when negotiating with traders.

(8.5)

FEMALE FARMER WORKING AT

COMPUTER / IFAD LOGO ON SUV

CAR

Encouraging networks of farmers to use modern communication to improve their marketing. All part

of the First Mile Project, a collaboration between

the Tanzanian Government and IFAD, the UN's

rural poverty specialists.

(13.4)

STANLEY ON CAMERA

STANLEY MCHOME (ENGLISH)

"First Mile, it has helped us a lot to omit these

middle men, for middlemen are getting a lot of

profit." (8)

SACKS OF RICE OUTSIDE STORE NARRATION

/ RICE HARVESTED AND

TRANSPORTED / STANLEY TAPS

MESSAGE ON HIS CELL PHONE

And it seems to be working. In the case of

Magugu, profits have doubled since their first

harvest, attracting business offers from Dodoma

Transport Company, one of the biggest firms in

the country.

FARMERS IN LECTURE

But Magugu's success is not only a product of

Stanley's high-tech marketing intelligence, it's also due to the application of state of the art economic theory, in this case, "value chains." (22)

STANLEY ON CAMERA / FARMER

WORKING / FARMERS,

PROCESSORS & TRADERS

STANLEY MCHOME (ENGLISH)

"We tried to arrange our chain of producers,

processors, traders and consumers.

We tried to stay together and talk, so that each

one benefits." (14)

CLIVE LIGHTFOOT, PROJECT

LEADER, FIRST MILE, ON

CAMERA

<u>CLIVE LIGHTFOOT</u> (ENGLISH)

"Once producers understand the market chain

they are in, who the players are, and they can

meet them and talk to them, all sorts of new ideas

come up." (10)

RICE WAREHOUSE /

STANLEY USING PHONE /

RICEFIELD

NARRATION

Recently Stanley discovered that consumers were

buying Magugu rice at twice the price under a

different brand name. Now his investigation could

help his group to negotiate a more fair trade for

their product. (12)

CLIVE LIGHTFOOT ON CAMERA

<u>CLIVE LIGHTFOOT</u> (ENGLISH)

"They are now exploring how to patent their rice."

(3)

STANLEY ON CAMERA

STANLEY MCHOME (ENGLISH)

"To sell our rice in our trademark: 'Magugu

Superice'." (4.5)

FARMER / CLIVE LIGHTFOOT ON

CAMERA

CLIVE LIGHTFOOT (ENGLISH)

"When they eventually do sit around a table they

will be considerably more empowered, especially

if they have some patent legislation in their back

pockets." (8.5)

LOKII MARKET / TRANSMISSION

TOWER / WOMEN THRESHING

RICE

NARRATION

Across Tanzania hundreds of similar groups are

now sending out their own Mkulima Shu Shu

Shu's into the marketplace, proving the old adage

'knowledge is power'. (9)

UN LOGO

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