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### FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS IN ZANZIBAR

#### VIDEO

#### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

GROUP OF WOMEN SINGS

*Natsot (sewing machine)*

MWASHAMBA ALIMUSE SEWS

Mwashamba Alimuse used to scratch out a living making handicrafts to sell to tourists on

BOATS ON A SHORE

Zanzibar...islands off the coast of Tanzania. (8)

MWASHAMBA & ANOTHER  
WOMAN WALK

Now she is part of a village collective that owns nearly two hundred chickens...that lay about 150 eggs a day. (7)

MWASHAMBA AT CHICKEN FARM

The eggs go to feed Zanzibar's tourists....and the money they bring in comes back to the village. Mwashamba Alimuse says the money helps both the community and its chicken business. (11)

MWASHAMBA ALIMUSE ON  
CAMERA

MWASHAMABA ALIMUSE: (SWAHILI) F

*"We have benefited from this project because it helps meet our needs. There are no delays.*

CHICKEN FARM

*...when we want money we can get it just when we need it, without going through the government." (12)*

FENCED CHICKEN FARM  
MAN AND TWO WOMEN AT  
OTHER CHICKEN FARM

ROOSTER

MAN AND WOMEN AT OTHER  
CHICKEN FARM

KASSIM MBIWI ON CAMERA

CHICKEN AT THE FARM

MWASHAMBA FEED CHICKEN /  
VILLAGE WOMEN

## NARRATION

Villagers have used their profits to build a new chicken shed, and they hope to build another. (5)

Down the road, another group of villagers raises chickens for meat. They started with 80 hens and 16 roosters....now they own about 750 birds. (12)

This group is made up of 15 women and five men. The loans go only to groups that are at least 40 percent female. Kassim MBIwi heads Zanzibar's agricultural development agency. (13)

## KASSIM MBIWI: (ENGLISH) M

*"When it comes to maintaining the house, or money, we know men are a bit more lavish than the women. So women, in this project, because they have got the ability to maintain this project, and therefore have some money, I think it is going to be more beneficial to the household because women can tend money better than men."* (20)

## NARRATION

The chicken farmers are required to put up some of their own money, before they get a loan.

The theory is that once they've invested their own cash, they will be more focused on success.

And the project's success means that when the villagers get sick they can afford to go to the hospital. They can buy medicine and better food.

Mlange Ali says so far things are working well.(21)

MLANGE ALI ON CAMERA

MLANGE ALI: (SWAHILI)      **M**

*"We started getting good training when this project began. Before that we had very little training."*(5.5)

VILLAGE WOMEN WORK IN THE  
FIELD / TILL THE LAND

NARRATION

The World Bank, through the government of Zanzibar, is allocating three and a half million US dollars over five years for loans to groups like these. And over that time, Zanzibarian villagers have contributed over three-quarters of a million dollars for their share of the start up costs. (20)

VILLAGE WOMEN

CHICKEN /  
WOMEN SING

For both the Bank and the villagers...more investment and more chickens means a better quality of life for the people who lived here. (10)

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