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Arusha RC Asks TASO to Stay on Course

Nane Nane Agricultural Show should stick to its objective of targeting farmers and not degenerate into a trade fair.

The Arusha Regional Commissioner, Mohamed Babu, told the Tanzania Agricultural Society (TASO) Southern Zone, that last year, 70 percent of the pavilions were business oriented, while only 30 percent dealt in crop and livestock farming. This he observed, killed the whole concept of Nane Nane being an agro-oriented show.

Babu told Nane Nane organizers here mid-this week that the northern zone district councils should assist farmers in implementing their plans. He said the councils should help farmers learn better farming methods, and improve animal husbandry.

The Northern Zone show which is being held at the Nane Nane grounds, involved more than 120 stalls divided into four groups: agriculture, animal husbandry, financial institutions and business sector. The Northern Zone comprises Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Tanga, and Manyara regions.

Meanwhile, TIP Marketing Officer, Eva Kasara, has said that more than 622 farmers in the zone would benefit from a traditional fridge that was invented by the company. She told farmers that the fridge, which is made out of clay, soil and reeds is similar to a mud house and has the ability to store vegetable and fruit harvests for more than two weeks before selling them. Kasara said that the low cost fridge does not use any kind of fuel or electricity, but water is poured on it after certain duration to remove the heat. She said TIP aimed at spreading the technology to villages in the zone to help small holders sell produce at a profit.

Speaking during the official opening, TASO chairman, Yussuf Kigollo, said his society was disappointed with some public institutions, which failed to take part in the show.