

PRESS RELEASE

Tanga Cement contributes 350 tons of maize on Drought Relief

Dar es Salaam – February 22, 2006 – As part of its contribution towards Government's effort on drought relief, Tanga Cement will distribute maize worth Tzs 100 million to the worst effected districts in the Country. This was announced by Mr. Juerg Fluehmann, the Managing Director of Tanga Cement at a press conference on Friday.

Mr. Fluehmann said, "This year Tanga Cement will be completing 25 years of service in Tanzania. We earlier had grand plans to celebrate the 25th anniversary, however with the current food situation in the country, we decided to cancel the celebrations and instead support the Government in its efforts towards food relief."

Tanga Cement will procure around 350 metric tons of maize from local traders and distribute it to the effected districts of Handeni, Rombo, Monduli and Hanang. The maize would be handed over to the District Executive Directors, who would use the Government machinery to distribute it to the affected people. He said that the four districts were identified in consultation with the Prime Minister's Office Disaster management cell based on the severity of food shortage and Tanga Cement's ability to distribute the grain to the districts. Tanga Cement's distributing company, Cement Distributors Limited, on its part, would also contribute towards this effort by transporting the quantities free of cost.

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