

4. Conclusion.

WDF has a massive contribution in alleviating poverty among women in Tanzania. It has been recognized that women with access to WDF loans performed different income generating activities thus the loans were contributing to their improved livelihoods. Many beneficiaries from the study area invest the fund from WDF according to the purpose of the loan hence improvement in their economic status due to the increase of the level of income. This also enabled them to attain economic empowerment indicator such as access and control over household resources, ability to make own decision with regard to their income and acquirement of business skills. Economic activities which were financed includes livestock keeping, handcraft and culture activities such as painting, drawing, tie and dye and batik. Other activities were food vending known in local name “*mama Nilie*”, small kiosk for soft drinks, Small shops, and fruits and vegetables vending, food processing, tailoring, saloon and charcoal selling. Also few beneficiaries were involved in small farming activities such as vegetable garden and crop farming. With these types of IGAs women were able to provide some income support to their home. Therefore women IGAs are worth to be supported as they have great impact to the community and the nation at larger

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