

**CANADA-AFRICA STUDY TOUR/ CITY TO CITY CO-OPERATION
VISIT TO KITCHENER-WATERLOO REGION (14-16 JUNE 2006)
DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA REPORT**

As part of both the preparation of the World Urban Forum III and the capacity building initiative towards Safer Cities project managers in Africa, Mrs Anna Mtani, Safer Cities Dar es Salaam Coordinator visited the Canadian region of Kitchener-Waterloo from 14 –16 June 2006.

1. **Mission objectives:** Canada is one of the leading countries implementing crime prevention initiatives and has documented several experiences that are interesting to see on ground. The study tour was aimed at learning from Canadian cities on how the safer cities approach is being implemented in order to improve or share experiences on what we are doing in Dar es Salaam.

What did your SC Project (municipal/city council) want to achieve? New lessons especially on sustainability, inclusion/participatory, resource mobilization and institutional arrangements to facilitate successful implementation of the approach e.g. legal mandates, who does what?

2. **Background:** *(what is the status of the SC project in your city?)*

Safer Cities approach in Dar es Salaam is institutionalized in the main structure of day to day undertakings of the city and municipalities with coordinators who follow up the activity as part of service delivery. Since it is a mandatory issue, capacity has been developed to implement the initiative. Municipal budget allocation is made to support implementation of activities.

How does the study tour/city to city cooperation fit into your process? The programme is envisaged to rollout to other local authorities. The study tour could contribute to experiences of institutional arrangement, resource mobilization and establishment of needs to support the replication.

3. **Activities and Results:** *(what meetings did you have?)*

I missed the tour in Toronto that was a very critical input for me, but from the literature given to me, it was a useful case. This is specific to the community policing issue that is a current agenda in Tanzania Policing Strategy.

What activities did you participate in? I participated in the meeting for community development centers, aged care centers; youth centers (re-institutionalization of dropouts).

Were they useful? What did you learn/extract from the activities/meetings? On various issues:

- communities developing their neighborhoods without waiting for government;
- municipal support to community initiatives on environmental design, safety, and security;
- infrastructure development and management;
- the taxing system – transparent and with incentive to tax payers;
- broad and effective involvement of stakeholders.

4. **Follow up Action:** *(what are the next steps after the study tour?)*

Need to brief the mayor and the Dar es Salaam City Country; communication should be done with the City Director, and Mayor.

Who is responsible for what? How will the next steps be achieved? How long will it take? I cannot predict the duration but the steps after briefing the mayor, the finance standing committee should approve the type of cooperation indicating the benefits accrued and get endorsed by the full council.

ANNEX 1: REGION OF WATERLOO - LIST OF CONTACTS

1. Waterloo Regional Police Service
2. Christiane Sadeler; Exec Director, Irene O'Toole and Tracy Jasmins: Community safety & Crime Prevention Council
3. Ken Seiling, Regional Chair :Regional Municipality of Waterloo
4. Kitchener Downtown Business Association
5. Crown Attorney's Office
6. Kitchener City Hall
7. Kitchener Community Centres
8. Kitchener DownTown Business Association
9. SunnyDale Community Centre
10. Family &Children's Services of Waterloo
11. Lang Farm Village Association –24th Annual General Meeting

ANNEX 2: LIST OF DOCUMENTS /PUBLICATIONS COLLECTED

- i. Regional Municipality of Waterloo
 - i. Strategic Focus 2004-2006
 - ii. Social Services Departmental Strategic Plan 2004-2006
 - iii. Social services Annual Report 2004-2005
- ii. Waterloo Regional Police Service
 - i. 2004 Annual Report and 2004 –2007 Corporate Business Plan
 - ii. Crime Prevention Through Social Development
 - iii. Community Mobilization
- iii. Catholic family Counselling Centre (CFCC)
 - i. Assorted brochures on family life challenges and reintegration methodologies
 - ii. The Rural Think Tank 2005:Understanding Issues Families face living in Rural and Remote Communities.
 - iii. Building early Childhood Development competence among Parents and Professionals
 - iv. Magazines: helping Families and Focus on Family Series.
- iv. Community safety and Crime Prevention Council (CS&CPC)
 - i. Posters
 - Hands are for Helping not Hurting
 - Hands are for Hope not Hatred
 - Hands are for Holding not Hitting
- v. Langs Farm Association
 - i. Reaching out and Celebrating Diversity
- vi. Downtown Business Association
 - i. Downtown Community Centre Advisory Council-Annual Report 2005-2006.

- vii. Community Care Access Centre of Waterloo
 - i. A healing Approach to Elder Abuse and Mistreatment 'The Restorative Justice Approach to Elder Abuse Project; Arlene Groh
- viii. Community Justice Initiatives
 - i. 'People Peace and Possibilities'; assorted brochures
- ix. Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region
 - i. 'A focus on Young Children in Waterloo Region' by Sandy Hoy and Karim Ikavalko