

NIRAS and DPC in new strategic partnership in Tanzania

NIRAS Tanzania Local Office (TZ) will join forces with Development Pioneer Consultants (DPC) from April 2017 in a new strategic partnership that will be headed by Linda Helgesson Sekei, currently Director of Research at DPC.

DPC is an established research consultancy firm with representation in Tanzania and Switzerland. The team has many years of experience conducting, coordinating and disseminating qualitative and quantitative research, as well as monitoring and evaluation for development partners, civil society organisations, academic institutions and the private sector.

Technical expertise in research and the utilisation of evidence to inform programming are experiences which will add value to the partnership.

Linda Helgesson Sekei: *“For DPC, the partnership with NIRAS is a great match. Over the years, we have developed links with institutions, organisations and individuals working in various fields, including youth development, financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, skills development, vocational education, gender, migration, agriculture and governance. These themes are also close at heart for NIRAS. While DPC brings in the research perspective, NIRAS has the experience of actual programme implementation and technical assistance on the ground.”*

The two companies will share office space and through this partnership, the total number of collaborating full-time staff will be seven. As a foundation owned organisation, NIRAS has worked for more than 40 years in Tanzania, and established the local limited company in 2004. Over the past 10 years, NIRAS has implemented more than 100 projects and assignments in Tanzania. NIRAS Tanzania Limited is one of 16 local offices in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Tor Lundström, Director of NIRAS International Consulting: *“For NIRAS, the partnership with DPC is an important step in our strategy to decentralise and build competencies and long term partnerships in the countries we work. We are really pleased to welcome one of the DPC directors to the NIRAS family as the new Local Office Director in Tanzania. NIRAS Tanzania was the first of now five local offices NIRAS has established in Africa. In the NIRAS spirit, a stronger Tanzania office will now contribute even more—not only to the sustainable development of Tanzania—but together with the rest of the company, work on the continent and even beyond.”*

Linda Helgesson Sekei, obtained her MA and PhD from Umeå University in Sweden. She is a socio-economic geographer, an experienced researcher and is fluent in Kiswahili, the official language in Tanzania. For the past 15 years she has divided her time between Sweden, Tanzania and Mozambique.

Linda will take over from Mikael Poulsen, who is moving to Kenya to be with his family.



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