

# SAFARI UBUNIFU GROUP

## At the cutting edge of rural industrialization

Bukori village is 50 km away from Geita regional town, the village is sitting on a gold reserve! The main occupation of the community is farming maize, millet, pineapples and off course cotton. They also keep cattle, goat and sheep. The village is flanked by small-scale gold mining activities particularly at Nyarugusu, Rwamugasa and Mugusu Villages in Geita regional and Mwakitolyo in Kahama district

Young women and men flock to these sites in search of their fortunes! The reality is quite different for Mr. Antony Safari of Ubunifu Blacksmiths group. He explains, *“There is a gold here, but artisan mining is not predictable and it’s risky. There are many disappointments, so it is important to have other skills too”*

Safari is one of the most creative and successful blacksmiths in Tanzania. Tell him what you need and he will design and produce it. His group makes mining products, including a manual wheels and axles for hoisting rocks from the mining shafts to the surface, and they have developed a low cost shaking table for separating gold from the ore, using floatation techniques. They also make manual wheel and axles for hoisting water buckets from deep wells, manual water pumps, spray pumps, bicycle gears and

other parts, pedal and hand grinders, maize shellers, water pumps for irrigation, kerosene and jatropher stoves, pick axes, hand hoes, knives, arrows, arrows, spears, machetes and spare for ox ploughs. Many of their products were on display at the SIDO stand at the Small Scale Mining Fair in Nyarugusu in July



*Antony Safari with some of his inventions*

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*I have benefitted greatly from the support I received from TFSR Cymru via SIDO Wales Workshop of Mwanza, especially the currently designed strategies known as Fair Trade Tools project, through this I gained more money and pretty new ideas which brought a dramatically business changes. I later on decided to add more machines. Also during SIDO Lake Zone exhibition my sales volume and stand on orders was raised, nowadays my group is highly busy on making products, “Antony Safari”*

### Visits to Safari Ubunifu - Bukori Village

- Safari Ubunifu group started blacksmith in 1998, the group received first Tool-kit from SIDO Wales Workshop in 2000, at the time the group member was 2 people (both Male)
- In 2003 they received the second toolkits, and managed to increase member to 5 (2 F & 3M)
- For the year 2012, their sales volume was exponentially increased to **9,935,000 Tsh/per year**
- He managed to build new fashioned house (see photo)
- His two daughter study at St. Francis Secondary School, It is expensive Secondary school in their area, the school fees is 820,000/= Per student per year
- While talking with him he was having Cash in hand of **1,800,000 Tsh (9th March 2013)**

- Also he has food stock of 20 bags of rice and one bag of beans as family food security
- The group also has cash in bank for Various group members issues (*Un specified*): **980,000 Tsh.**



Safari Antony with his new house under constructions