

This is really a big push to the Government Initiative!

During a field visit to Simiyu, one of the key government officials who gave a commendable support was Asha Hassan, A Community Development Officer at Bariadi Ward. She provided guidance and set up all the required appointments with artisan groups. Asha was also one of the government representatives who signed the official documents when TFSR/SIDO Project was entering into agreement with artisans. At the end of the visit to her working areas we had some talk. This was Asha had to say about the project:

'I never know this project before you came. I was a bit aware of SIDO but with no details at all. The project you people are undertaking is not only helpful for our people especially the youth but it aligns very well with the current government's policy which encourages self-employment through promotion of both big and small scale industries. Supporting people at community level to engage in income generating activities such as what you are doing to artisans; as you are saying you are going to bring them tools , is both timely and a big push to the government's initiative. It will also make my job easier as a community development officer. I wish you good luck and welcome again'

