

CLOVE DEVELOPMENT FUND

“Clove is life”

“Clove for the development of Zanzibar”

INTRODUCTION

The Clove Development Fund has been established in accordance with the Clove Development Act: 2 of 2014, under section 4 (1) which empowers the ZSTC’s Board of Directors to establish the Fund. The Fund has been placed under the Management of the ZSTC Managing Director.

The Fund’s overall objective is to provide the needed impetus for promoting the production of cloves and developing the Clove Industry in Zanzibar.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

- To achieve sustainable growth and development of the Clove Industry.
- To strengthen and promote transparency, accountability, honesty and integrity in Clove Industry
- To promote the quality and protect the uniqueness of Zanzibar cloves in the global market through innovation and application of robust marketing and branding strategies
- To provide valuable contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by increasing foreign exchange earnings.
- To ensure proper utilization of income generated by the Clove Industry for the benefits of the country and the people.

ROLES OF THE FUND

- To keep registers of farmers, owners, lessee and other actors in cloves value chain for purposes of facilitating clove farming activities to allow effective provision of extension, financial and insurance and other support services;

- To provide loans, subsidies, incentives and other assistance to various stakeholders, including, clove farmers, landowners and people who rent clove trees on a short term basis.
- To periodically collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources in undertaking census of clove trees.
- To provide assistance in doing researches geared to promoting the production of clove
- To facilitate the implementation of various plans set by Task Forces, such as combating clove smuggling, heightening farmers' awareness regarding the importance of selling their cloves to ZSTC, promoting health and safety, effective handling and resolving of complaints lodged by various stakeholders in the clove industry.
- To assist in the development of infrastructure in areas where there are clove farms.

HOW DOES THE FUND SUPPORT THE FARMERS?

- To supply tools and other equipments needed in clove tree nurseries owned by both the Government and private individuals.
- To assist and facilitate the supply of clove seedlings to farmers and to teach them the best farming practices.
- To facilitate the availability of materials used for drying and packaging of cloves.
- To support medical and other insurance cover for clove farmers and people injured during clove harvesting exercise. *From May, 2015 the clove pickers are covered by the insurance bought by the Fund, however, it only covers people who are 18 years old and over.*
- To provide loans and subsidies to clove farmers in accordance with the laid down procedures and regulations.