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MCC Learning from

TANZANIA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND EXTENSION ACTIVITY EVALUATION - INTERIM

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The evaluator identified and MCC endorsed the following lessons based on the interim evaluation of the Tanzania Compact Transmission and Distribution Activity (also known as the Distribution System Rehabilitation and Extension Activity).

The Qualitative Report identifies several key factors for success in transmission and distribution (T&D) line construction and expansion, as well as the implementation of financing schemes.

These programmatic lessons include:

- Sufficient capacity of the implementing entity, including staff support for installing and maintaining connections is important in avoiding delays.
- Implementers should plan ahead to make sure they have adequate materials to accommodate large numbers of new customers after construction and when implementing new programs such as the Financing Scheme.
- Coordination and information sharing between implementing partners, including maps and GPS coordinates of new T&D poles, can help inform decision making and make the process more efficient.
- Local stakeholders, including community leaders should be included in the decisions regarding the placement of new T&D lines. After the location of new lines has been decided, it is important to keep community members informed so as to make sure that people do not migrate to areas that will not be connected.
- A strong outreach program is important to inform communities about the connection process and any financing scheme to ensure a good understanding of the costs and benefits of electricity, the application process and deadlines, and general procedures.