

**Household Socio-economic Impact of Agricultural Marketing Co-operative
Societies Withdraw from Kilimanjaro Native Co-operative Union
Experience of Shimbi and Olele in Rombo District, Tanzania**

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This study was carried out to investigate the Household Socio-Economic Impact of Agricultural Marketing Co-operative Societies Withdraw from Kilimanjaro Native Cooperative Union: Experience of Shimbi and Olele AMCOs in Rombo District, Tanzania. The specific objectives were (i) to identify the perceived benefits experienced by AMCOs members of Shimbi and Olele, (ii) to determine the factors that led Shimbi and Olele AMCOs withdraw and (iii) to examine the effects faced both AMCOs after withdraw. The study used cross-sectional research design. Data were collected using questionnaire, interview guide and check list. The findings were generated from 100 questionnaires. Simple random sampling techniques were employed to select the respondents. Quantitative data was analysed using descriptive statistics of which frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation which were computed while qualitative data was analysed through content analysis. Findings show that AMCOs had withdrawn from KNCU due to inadequate of market accessibility, market information, delayed payments, product improvement and bargaining power expected from KNCU. The impact after withdrawal is both AMCOs were able to find their market information and accessibility and improved bargaining power to the market place of their products. Also, AMCOs are still facing some challenges such as inadequate and improper financial management. It is therefore recommended that the Government should provide supportive policy and legal framework consistent with the nature and functions of AMCOs under study.