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Dear Colleague:

Bread for the World Institute is pleased to share the sixth *Debt and Development Dossier*, entitled **“Debt Relief in Africa – Is It Working? A Civil Society View: The Experience of Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique.”**

In this issue, Eugene McCarthy analyzes the experiences of three African countries that are implementing debt relief and anti-poverty strategies. Dr. McCarthy examines, first, the contribution that civil society organizations have made in putting together programs for poverty reduction in each of these countries. He then reviews some monitoring mechanisms set up to ensure that resources made available by debt relief are, in fact, being used to reduce poverty.

The *Dossier* also describes the growing role that local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and communities play in monitoring expenditures. The report highlights the crucial role of civil society organizations in supporting poverty reduction programs and in confronting corruption. The *Dossier* also suggests how NGOs and concerned individuals in the United States and other industrialized countries can help to ensure that development aid is channeled to support capacity-building of local NGOs.

As always, we hope you find this issue of the *Debt and Development Dossier* to be useful. We invite your feedback. Please send your comments and questions to emccollim@bread.org.

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