

**The dependence burden and local initiative: A case study of tractor industry in Tanzania**

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This study is about the dependence burden and local initiative with reference to the tractor industry in Tanzania . In the first chapter of the study we have outlined the problems behind the import substitution industrial strategies in post independence Africa in general and Tanzania in particular and their impact on the national economy. We have gone further to explain the efforts taken by ccm and the government of Tanzania to confront the problems. These realities have been contrasted in brief, with experiences of some socialist countries in tackling the problems of industrialization, agriculture and general development as opposed to the concept of “economic growth” practiced in capitalist economies. A specific efforts has been devoted on the question of tractor assembling, procurement and mechanization of agriculture as resolved by CCM and the move taken by the government to develop a tractor “manufacturing” industry. We have also expressed limitations of literature on this issue and expressed the social significance of our study that is the question ccm tractors should not only be focused on the end and- use but also to the actual process of production them. In chapter two we have survey some literature on industrialization in Tanzania, with emphasis on the capital goods and engineering sectors. Also a brief review has been devoted on vehicle assembling industry using the case of TAMCO. All this was done in order to establish a link with our study by pointing out that tractor assembling or manufacturing as a crucial aspect of the capital goods sector has not been research into as yet. The third chapter deals with epistemological issues and spells out hypotheses to guide the research. A theoretical and methodological framework of analyzing the research findings are established and justified. In chapter four, research findings are examine and analysed with supporting documentary information related to the tractor industry. Throughout the discussion of these findings, particular effort has been made to test the hypotheses and explain features of dependence to which Tanzania is subjected. The fifth and last chapter has examined the various views from the field regarding alternative measures that can be taken in the effort to alleviate problems encountered in tractor manufacturing and industrialization in general. These views have been discussed and technical recommendations were made. The long term solution lies in adopting a socialist industrial strategy based on the principle and practice of central planning. All this is possible only under the banner of scientific socialism