

## **Tigoni Women to joins IRNet Coop Kenya**

Tigoni Women Sacco (TIWOSA) was an idea initiated by the current Governor of Meru County, His Excellency Peter Munya. TIWOSA, which started with a membership of 60 women, currently has 7000 registered members. It is an organization whose aim is to alleviate poverty and boost the women income. Members have undergone various trainings which include a training by the Africa United States Partnership Fund (AUSPF).

TIWOSA conducts most of its operations manually and it is on this base that they wish to join IRNet Coop Kenya in order to digitalize their operations and also make their services to customers easier and quicker.

IRNet Coop Kenya is a local company owned by the cooperative sector and offers various services to Saccos. By joining IRNet Coop Kenya, Tigoni women will benefit from services such as ASP (Application Service Provider). This service will provide the women with a software-based service which will enable the Sacco to reach multiple customers over a wide area network. The Sacco will also be able to access other services such as back office accounting, credit administration, savings administration, among other benefits, through the ASP data service bureau. Other benefits that Tigoni Women Sacco will enjoy by joining IRNet Coop Kenya is that they will be able to access their data and information from anywhere in the country. ASP also enable Saccos to support a variety of loan products, cash management capability, investments management capability etc.

TIWOSA also wishes to join CDP (Cooperative Development Program), a platform that also run under the umbrella of IRNet Coop Kenya. By joining CDP, the women will get education and ideas on farming techniques. This will enable them boost their income, and therefore improve their living standards.