

COVAMS NOW !

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☆ Collaboration and Linkage



Ms. Kunje (DFO) was talking to villagers at Zwanya village.

Ms. Kunje, District Forestry Officer (Blantyre) joined one of the discussions for training preparation in Zwanya village. She emphasized implementation of practice by the villagers by linking them with resource providing organizations as government's role, while JICA facilitates COVAMS trainings for the villagers. It is a good sign of close collaboration between Malawi Government and JICA, and ownership of COVAMS by Malawian counterparts.

☆ Awareness and Motivation

To increase awareness on COVAMS within the Forestry Department (FD) and Steering Committee Members, JICA Experts commenced computer (Excel) classes in March, 2008.

The participants are from FD right now, although it is open to other Steering Committee Members. The number of the participants is increasing as its information expands. It seems the participants' interests for the COVAMS have been positively raised.



Computer Class for Capacity Building

☆ Baseline Survey



Mr. Thole (AEDO) was asking villagers questions.

Baseline survey was conducted in Chuma and Zwanya. PIU members were the one who conducted interviews. Residents were patiently answering to the questions. The exercise in both villages ended around 3 o'clock in the afternoon regardless of their empty stomach. Great job!