

Project News Letter



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CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA

The Project for **C**apacity **D**evelopment for
Comprehensive **D**istrict **D**evelopment in the
Northern Region of Sierra Leone



Project Objective and Approach

- Project Objective** : Strengthen the structure and function to manage district/rural development more effectively and efficiently in Kambia and Port Loko districts.
- Approach** : 1) Through Pilot Project and Model Ward Project, verify the district / rural development model which require collaboration between the DISTRICT COUNCIL and the WARD COMMITTEE as stipulated in the Local Government Act 2004.
- 2) To compile lessons learned based on the experiences on the ground.
- 3) To develop a district/rural development handbook, and establish system to disseminate the handbook and provide suggestions for amendment of the related Act/policy.

Twelve (12) Model Wards Selected!!

The CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA, Kambia and Port Loko District Councils successfully carried out Capacity Assessment in 32 Wards in both districts; 12 Wards out of 32 Wards were selected for Model Ward Projects implementation. 8 Model Ward Projects in Kambia district and 4 Model Ward Projects in Port Loko district and these projects will be divided into two phases: Phase 1: 4 Model Ward Projects in Kambia district and 2 Model Ward Projects in Port Loko district and it will be implemented from June, 2011 to May, 2012.

As Development and Planning Officer, I would like to say that the Model Wards will be in line with both District and Sector development plans to meet the needs of the beneficiaries. As a Local Council, we are grateful to JICA CDCD Project for complementing the effort of both Councils in effective and efficient service delivery.

(Joseph M. Komeh, Development and Planning Officer – Port Loko District Council)

Selected Wards for Model Projects in Kambia and Port Loko Districts

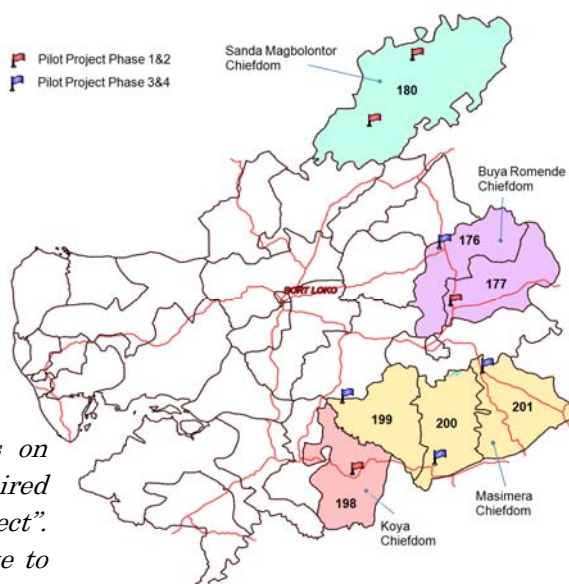
District	Chiefdom	Ward No.	Name of Councilor	District	Chiefdom	Ward No.	Name of Councilor
Kambia	Masungbala	124	Mohamed Salam	Kambia	Samu	140	Mohamed S. Kamara
	Tonko Limba	129	Kekura Kargbo		Mambolo	141	Dixon A. Kamara
	Mabgema	130	Foday Murray Bangura	Port Loko	Buya Romende	177	Ishmael Fonti Kanu
	Bramaia	133	Sorie Ibrahim Kkamara		Masimera	199	Aminu Sesay
	Gbinleh	135	Alhajie Momoh Conteh		Masimera	200	Inbrahim Conteh
	Dixon						
	Samu	139	Alhajie Alie Kanu		Masimera	201	Osman T. Kargbo

Progress Report on Pilot Project for Phase1&2

District	Ward	Location	Project Name	Status	District	Ward	Location	Project Name	Status
Kambia	121	Kania village	Construction of primary school	70%	Kambia	139	Kychom to Roral Balensera	Rehabilitation of footpath	Completed
	123	Samu-Moribaya	Construction of box culvert	Completed		141	Mayakie, Malamba y, Mocoth	Rehabilitation of 3 hand pump water wells	Completed
	125	Mapolon	Rehabilitation of a primary school	Completed	Port Loko	177	Feredugu	Land clearance and construction of storage and toilet facilities for Market	Completed
	127	Kagbonkoh	Rehabilitation of a primary school	Completed		180	Sendugu, Gbogbodo	Rehabilitation of 2 hand pump water wells	60%
	133	Kabaya, Yomborongbay	Rehabilitation of 2 hand pump water wells	Completed		198	Makiteh	Construction of a Market Store and Keeper's room	Completed
	134	Masiaka Junction to Kamalo	Rehabilitation of a feeder road	Completed		177	Feredugu	Land clearance and construction of storage and toilet facilities for Market	Completed

Challenges for Ward 180

Almost one year has passed since the contract term of the project “rehabilitation of hand pump water wells” was expired. The M&E Officer of Port Loko District Council submitted a report and he indicated that the Project had been dormant because the technician left rugs and some tools inside the water well at Gbogbodo village which could be cause of contamination of the well, and to make matters worse, he never came back. The newly hired technician finds it difficult to complete the project, but the Port Loko District Council is doing everything possible to ensure the successful completion of the project. (Sorie Ibrahim Kamara, M&E Officer – Port Loko District Council).



Comment from Ward 180 Committee member

This project still needs efforts to complete due to some challenges on previous technician. “We will continue to closely monitor the newly hired technician, liaise with District Council to successfully complete the project”. The Gbogbodo community members will also participate and contribute to the project. (Sorie Kamara, Ward 180 Committee member – Port Loko)

Lessons Learned during Pilot Project implementation in Kambia District

☺ Ward 135

Challenges/Difficulties: During the pilot project implementation in Ward 135, contribution of local materials and provision of labour by community members was difficult.

Solution: The community members were thoroughly sensitised and mobilised for contribution and transportation of local materials to site, daily activities were shared among youths in the villages. Community pledged full responsibility over the maintenance of the culvert and also established a Maintenance Committee with broad membership and prepared a rule for appropriate use and maintenance of the culvert. The project has successfully been completed. (Councilor Alhajie Momoh Conteh, Ward 135 – Kambia district).

Lessons Learned during Pilot Project Implementation in Port Loko District

☺ Ward 199

Challenges/Difficulties: Initially, it was difficult to communicate frequently on daily activities by Councilor due to poor network coverage. Community mobilisation, participation and contribution of local materials were also difficult.

Solution: The Works Engineer of PLDC advised the Councilor to go to areas where mobile phone network is available. The community also came together to mobilise youths and divided them into 5 working groups which consist of 13 youths. It was also agreed that one group of 13 members worked for one day and other group for the next day. The community, together with PMC/WC prepared rules to manage the work properly. The project has successfully completed. (Councilor Aminu Sesay, Ward 199, Port Loko district).

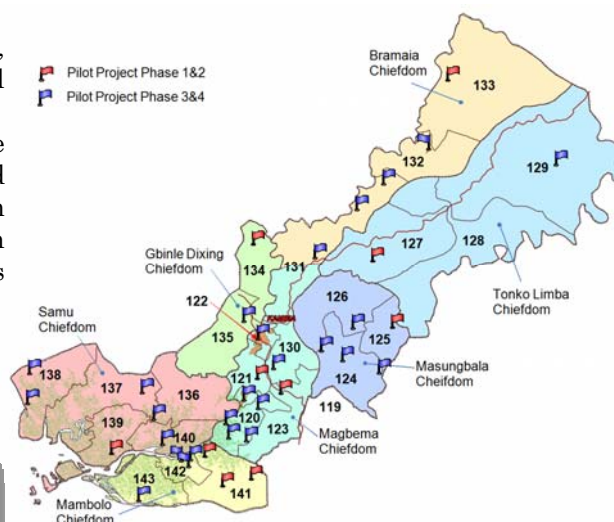
Pilot Project Phase 3&4 – Kambia and Port Loko Districts

District	Ward	Location	Project Name	Status	District	Ward	Location	Project Name	Status
Kambia	119	Rokupr, Duramodu St – Makatic Junction	Rehabilitation of feeder road	Completed	Kambia	136	Between Mathaka and Mabonka village	Rehabilitation of footpath	Completed
	120	Gbonkormaria, Kathakira, Konta, Rotain	Construction of 4 drying floors	Completed		137	Misilaya village	Rehabilitation of a bridge	Completed
	122	Masama road	Construction of culvert	Completed		138	Kiragba, Mapotolon, Rokai	Construction of 3 toilets	Completed
	124	KayimborBana, Masama Thallah, Maserey Kasseh	Construction of 3 drying floors	Completed		140	Kagbahan	Rehabilitation of a school	Completed
	126	Mayenka, Rokupr wosie, Nonko	Construction of 3 drying floors	Completed		142	Ropolon, Kapesseh, Moribaya	Rehabilitation of 3 hand pump water wells	Completed
	128	Kamathorthor, Kathantheneh	Rehabilitation of 2 hand pump water wells	Completed		143	Robalie	Construction of 2 box culverts	Completed
	129	Between Kamabala and Kamasasa	Construction of culvert	Completed	PortLoko	176	Kamasondo	Rehabilitation of a court barry	Completed
	130	Magbema village	Construction of culvert	Completed		199	Rokel village	Rehabilitation of a primary school and toilet	Completed
	131`	Gbolon, Shakaya, Kanko-Bramaia	Rehabilitation of 3 hand pump water wells	Completed		200	Konta Kuma	Rehabilitation of a court barry	Completed
	132	Kukuna	Rehabilitation of a bridge	Completed		201	Masimera town	Rehabilitation of court barry & toilet	Completed
	135	Konta Dubala	Construction of culvert	Completed		*	*	***	**

District/Rural Development Forum held in Freetown

The Forum was jointly organised by CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA, Kambia and Port Loko District Councils to discuss lessons learned and share experiences with other Councils in the country.

Participants were invited from all 19 Local Councils within the country, concerned Ministries in Freetown, Paramount Chiefs and Councilors of Kambia and Port Loko Districts, JICA Team from Tokyo HQs, Ghana Office and Sierra Leone Field Office. Main presenters in the Forum were Kambia and Port Loko Council staffs and Councilors who Pilot Project implemented Pilot Project. (Mohamed M. Sesay, Programme Officer CDCD Project/JICA).



Presentation from Councilor Sorie Ibrahim Kamara, on Lessons Learned during pilot project implementation in Ward 133 – Kambia district.



Presentation from Port Loko District Council Works Engineer, Hassan Y. Kamara on activities of CDCD Feeder Road project at Forum in Freetown.



Picture: District/Rural Development Forum held in Freetown, 26th May, 2011.

Feeder Road Program

The feeder road rehabilitation project has been implemented for four months by Contractors. They have completed their work and two have subsequently handed over officially (i.e. Lot 1 and 2) in Kambia District except for the Contractor, PHLOMATT which is about 90% completed.

The timely and appropriate implementation of the feeder roads rehabilitation project in both districts which have led to successful completion of the projects results from the effective and daily monitoring and supervision of the works by the engineers of Port Loko and Kambia District Councils. (Hassan Y. Kamara- PLDC and Gibrilla Issa –KDC).

Wards	Lot	Chiefdom	Class	Distance (Km)	Structures	Status	Contractor
Kambia District							
133	1	Briamaiah	F2	7.0Km	22	Completed and handed over 17/6/11	LAND MARK CONST SERVICES
128	2	Tonko Limba	F2	5.8Km	10	Completed and handed over- 17/6/11	MOHAL CONST ENTERPRISE
126	3	Masungbala	F2	5.0Km	9	90% complete	PHLOMATT CONST ENT
Port Loko District							
176/177	1	Buya Romende	F1	12.7km	15	Completed and to be handed over	ABTO INTERNATIONAL AGENCY
177	RFQ	Buya Romende			4	Completed and to be handed over	BOMKAN CONST ENT



Gbonsamba to Makonday Feeder road – Lot 1
Before Rehabilitation in Port Loko District.



Gbonsamba to Makonday Feeder road – Lot 1 after
Rehabilitation in Port Loko District.

Overall Structure: District/Rural Development through Local Government

