

## Phase 1 Term 2 Feeder Road Rehabilitation Project

District Council Works Engineers, Sierra Leone Road Authority (SLRA) District Engineers and Works Committees (Councilors) with Project staff conducted preliminary road condition survey in July, 2011 for Phase I Term II of Feeder Road Rehabilitation Project. Process on selection of the road to be rehabilitated is organized through the CDCD Project to establish the district development model.

### Selected Feeder Roads for Rehabilitation in Kambia and Port Loko Districts:

No	Route	Condition of existing road	No of Villages	No of Houses	Distance (km)
1	Port Loko district Mathoir to Malelenba village Ward 201 Masimera Chiefdom	This road passes through the clayish/sandy and gravel sections. Existing road width is 2.8m.	8	135	11.8
2	Kambia district Karene Junction to Barmoi (Masori) (Ward 120, 121 and 123): 15.1 Km,	This road passes through clayish, sandy and gravel soil. There has been no vehicular traffic except for Okada due to poor road condition. Existing road width is 2.8m	11	2174	15

Phase 1 term 1: All Feeder Road Projects for Phase I Term I have successfully been completed. 5.0 Km Feeder roads in Kambia District has been completed in August 2011 and handed over to the Council. Kambia District Council and SLRA supervised entire process of rehabilitation to completion.



Handing over ceremony of 5.0 Km Rehabilitated Feeder Road from Bena Junction to Kirima village in Ward 126 – Kambia district, 8 October, 2011.



New reconstructed triple cells culvert between Gbomsamba – Makonday village, Port Loko District



Handing over Ceremony of Rehabilitated Feeder Road between Gbomsamba – Makonday (Ward 176,177) – Port Loko District, 15 July, 2011.

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## CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA

Project for Capacity Development for Comprehensive District Development in the Northern Region of Sierra Leone



### CDCD Project Profile

**Project Period:** November, 2009 to October, 2014

**Counterpart:** Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (MLGRD), Kambia District Council and Port Loko District Council.

**Project Purpose:** Strengthen the structure and function to manage district/rural development more effectively and efficiently in Kambia and Port Loko districts.

**Project Output:**

1. Establish the District/Rural Development Model in Kambia and Port Loko Districts through Pilot and Model Projects
2. Develop Capacities of District Councils, Chiefdom Councils and Ward Committees in Kambia and Port Loko Districts for more Effective and Efficient District/Rural Development Management,
3. Establish system to disseminate the District/Rural Development Model to each District by MLGRD and modify the related Act/Policy of MLGRD.

### Model Ward Project Selected by Phases

The objective of Model Ward Project is to verify the essences for successful rural development management and to improve contents of a draft Rural Development Handbook based on lessons learned through the project, Main stakeholders of this project are District Councils and Ward Committees.

In August, 2011, selected Wards for the implementation of Model Wards Project were announced at Council monthly meeting of Kambia and Port Loko District Councils.

Under the guidance of District Council staff, there were a series of discussions among Councilors to allocate 12 selected wards into 2 phases in both districts. Considering ongoing current projects and previous pilot project activities in each Model Ward, Councilors reached agreements on implementing Model Ward projects in two phase s as indicated below:

District	Chiefdom	Ward	Phase	District	Chiefdom	Ward	Phase
Kambia	Masungbala	124	1	Kambia	Samu	139	2
	Tonko Limba	129	1		Mambolo	141	2
	Gbinleh Dixon	135	1	Port Loko	Masimera	199	1
	Samu	140	1			200	1
	Magbema	130	2		Buya Romende	177	2
	Bramaia	133	2		Masimera	201	2



Announcement of Model Wards for Phases 1 and 2 during Kambia and Port Loko District Council's monthly meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 respectively.





## Training of Council Staff and Ward Committee Members

CDCD Project is undertaking two phases of training for the Model Ward Project in both Kambia and Port Loko District Councils. Trainings for District Council Staff are ongoing. Purpose of the training is to develop capacities of District Council staff for more effective and efficient District/Rural development management.

The Development Planning Officers and Monitoring and Evaluation Officers of both Councils have learnt the project management skills and knowledge through OJT (on the job training) with a reference to their roles and responsibilities stipulated in Job Description of Local Government Service Commission.

They have also taken training on understanding the content of the ‘Detailed Implantation Plan of Model Ward Project’. The Chief Administrators of both districts will evaluate their officers after the training. This training will be conducted for the other staff. The purpose of this training is to build up their capacity on their roles and responsibilities for them to be able to carry out their Job more efficiently and effectively.

Training facilitated by District Council Staff in the planning stage of the Model Ward Project for Ward Committee Members have been completed for both District Councils to enable them to know the Policy of Rural Development and the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders in the implementation of the project. CDCD Project supported trainings with illustrative pictorial text list to enhance better understanding of the ward committee members in consideration of literate ratio of them.



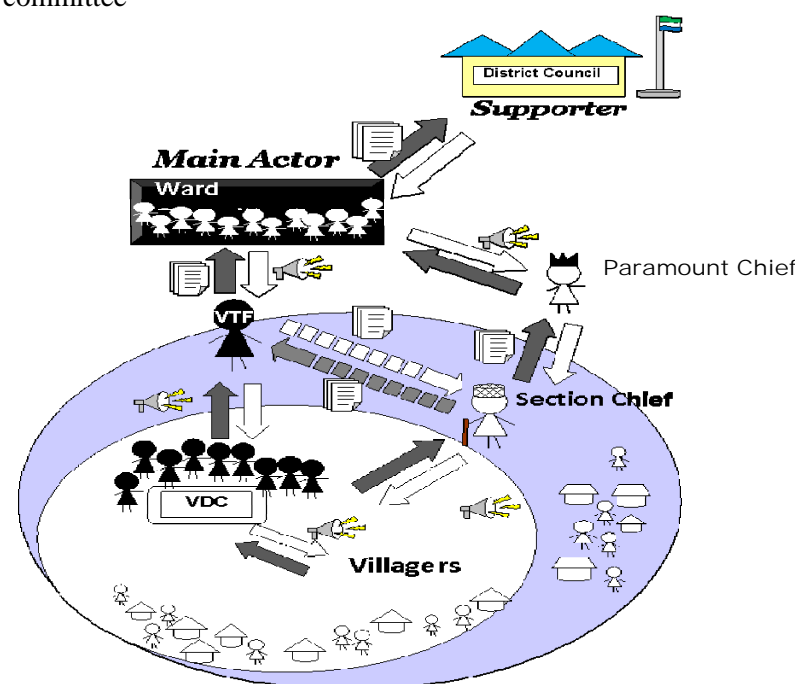
Kambia District Council M&E  
Officer facilitating Village Training  
Facilitators in Kambia District.



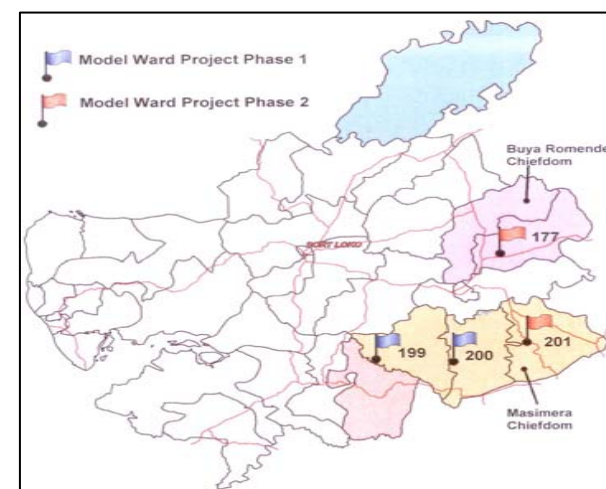
Kambia District Council Dev & Planning Officer facilitating Village Training Facilitators in Kambia District.



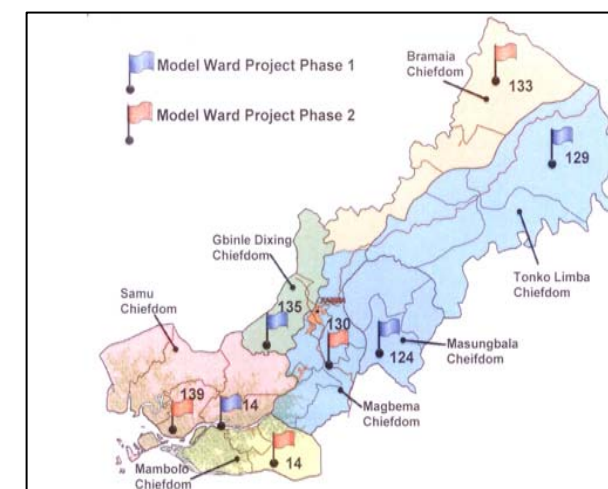
Ward Committee member training Village  
Training Facilitators in Ward 199, Port Loko  
District.



Illustrative pictorial text used for better understanding of participants during training



## Model Ward Project Map – Port Loko District



### Model Ward Project Map – Kambia District

## Messages from Key Persons of CDCD Project

Initially, it was difficult to reach communities at village level especially during planning process of District Development Plan. But with Kambia District Council and CDCD Project intervention in assistance of establishing Village Development Committees (VDCs) and Village Training Facilitators (VTFs) at village level, I have been able to perform my duties effectively according to DRAFT Revised Local Government Act of 2009. Data collection for village needs and facilities from the grass root has been better than before. The right approach in planning has been incorporated (i.e. it is now more participatory and non- discriminatory) into the project. (Mr. Mohammed Mansarico, DPO, Kambia District Council)



Mr. Mohamed Mansarico,  
Development Planning  
Officer  
Kambia District Council.

CDCD Project has introduced an approach of training Community-Based Routine Maintenance Contractors in their Feeder Road Rehabilitation Project. The training concept is for the road-community members to maintain the road after rehabilitation. The training is to be conducted by the feeder road rehabilitation contractors during the rehabilitation period and start-up tools will be provided to the Maintenance Contractors after the training. The District Councils will oversee the Community Based Routine Maintenance Contractors. Other agencies should copy this approach to enhance the sustainability of rehabilitated feeder roads. (Mr. Mohammed Koroma, District Engineer, SLRA, Port Loko District)



Mr. Mohamed C.  
Koroma, District  
Engineer,  
SLRA, Port Loko.

## Impact Survey on CDCD Pilot Projects

CDCD Project supported 32 Pilot Projects in Kambia and Port Loko Districts and contracted consultant conducts an impact survey to review the pilot project approach and provide feedback on findings for better plan of operation of the CDCD Project. Report of the impact survey will facilitate the process to strengthen the structure and function to manage district/rural development more effectively and efficiently in Kambia and Port Loko districts.