

Phase I Term II Feeder Road Rehabilitation Project

The Feeder Road Rehabilitation Projects in Kambia and Port Loko Districts have started achieving the objective of verifying and improving draft of District Development Model (Handbook) in Feeder Road Sector through the Capacity Development of District Councils, Ward Committees and MDAs for more effective and efficient District Development. This process would thereby contribute to modification of the related act/policy of MLGRD based on findings of its activities through the implementation of the projects. Maintenance of Feeder Road is introduced to the roads rehabilitated last year and being rehabilitated this year by the CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA as a pilot to disseminate this lessons learned to other Local Councils. The objective of the maintenance is to keep the road safe and to provide good condition and long-lasting.

CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA facilitated the staff of the District Councils and District Offices of the Sierra Leone Road Authority (SLRA) set criteria to select Feeder Roads to be rehabilitated in Port Loko and Kambia Districts. Contracts have been awarded to contractors giving necessary advice in the procurement procedure according to the National Public Procurement Act 2006. The District Councils in collaboration with Ward Committee Members and Chiefdom Councils have handed over the two Feeder Roads Sites to be rehabilitated to contractors (11.8km road from Mathoir to Malelenba village, Masimera Chiefdom, Ward 201 in Port Loko District and 15.1 Km road from Karene Junction to Barmoi (Masori) (Ward 120, 121 and 123) in Kambia District. The handing over ceremony was attended by the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, District Council including the Chairman and Chief Administrators, District Engineers of SLRA, CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA Team Members, Ward Committee Members, Chiefdom Authorities and Community Members.

Sierra Leone Roads Authority (SLRA) trained Community Based Contractors (CBC) identified by the District Councils in collaboration with Ward Committee and Village Development Committee members for the operation and maintenance of Feeder Roads. In a drive to build the capacity of District Council Staff, Ward Committees, Chiefdom Councils and Community members, CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA supported Kambia and Port Loko District Councils with Pedestrian Roller. Through the implementation of the Feeder Road Rehabilitation Project, there has being an increase collaboration between District Councils, MDAs and Local Communities and a better management of district/rural development. District Council Works Engineers, Monitoring Officers and SLRA District Engineer are conducting regular joint technical supervision.



Feeder Road Rehabilitation handing over ceremony in Kambia District.



Feeder Road Rehabilitation Project handing over ceremony in Port Loko District.

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CDCD Project Profile

Project Period: November, 2009 to November, 2014

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

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 Project,
 - 1.1. Establish the Rural Development Model in Kambia and Port Loko Districts through Pilot and Model Projects at Ward Level,
 - 1.2. Establish the District Development Model in Kambia and Port Loko Districts through Pilot and Model Projects at District Level,
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

Kambia and Port Loko District Councils, Chiefdom Councils (CC), Ward Committees (WC), Village Development Committees (VDC) and Local Communities in collaboration with CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA held Site Handover Ceremonies to handover sites to contractors.

Kambia District

No	Ward&Chiefdom	Project Title
1	Ward124, Masungbala	Construction of Children's Welfare Jr. Secondary School in Katic Village, Thalan Section, Ward 124, Masungbala Chiefdom
2	Ward 129 Tonko Limba	Construction of Community Health Post in Yebaya Village, Yebaya Section, Ward 129, Tonko Limba Chiefdom
3	Ward 135, Gbinleh Dixon	Construction of Rogberay Community Center, Rogberay Village, Rogberay Section, Ward 135, Gbinleh Dixon Chiefdom
4	Ward140, Samu	Construction of the Half Part of one Community Center in Kassrie Town, Kassirie Section, Samu Chiefdom

Port Loko District

No	Ward&Chiefdom	Project Title
1	Ward199, Masimera	Rehabilitation of UMC Primary School in Mamalikie Village, Mamalikie Section, Masimera Chiefdom
2	Ward200, Masimera	Construction of One DEC Primary School in Makera Village, Maconteh Section, Masimera Chiefdom

Model Ward Project Sites Handing over to Contractors by District Councils

At Site Handover Ceremonies, Councilors and Chiefs expressed their appreciation to the District Councils and CDCD Project MLGRD/JICA for their support especially in facilitating the process of establishing VDCs within their communities to boost rural development under the guidance of Ward Committee. The representative of the District Office of the Ministry of Education expressed his gratitude for the efforts of District Council in filling the gaps in service delivery for education. Further, he praised the coordination and collaboration with MDAs, Chiefdom Authorities and members of Local Communities because participatory approach was applied in identifying and implementing the projects. He added his expectation to use the methodology for monitoring, and Operation & Maintenance system for future sustainability of the facilities. Since the inception of the works under Model Ward Project, District Council Works Engineer and M&E Officer of the District Council have been maintaining regular technical supervisions and monitoring on the implementation of the projects in collaboration with VDCs and MDAs. Activities for sharing information through these various occasions are regarded as one of the evidences for shifting the conventional function and structure of rural development management to more effective and efficient one. The purpose of the Project is not only focus on constructing facilities within communities but to strengthen the function and structures of all key stakeholders to manage district/rural development more effectively and efficiently.



Model Ward Project site handing over ceremony in Ward 199 and 200, Port Loko district



Training Study Tour to Bo City Council and Pujehun District Council

At the end of February, 2011 CDCD project MLGRD/JICA carried out study tour to Bo city and Pujehun District Councils. The Chief Administrator and Development Planning Officer of Port Loko District Council and Human Resource officer of Kambia District Council participated in the study tour. The study tour to Bo city council was carried out to learn best practices in project management and administration evaluated as the best in the Comprehensive Local Government Performance Assessment System (CLOGPAS) of 2011 in order to learn. The participants from Port Loko and Kambia District Councils Officers learned a lot, in particular, the record management system, methodology of revenue collection, etc. through the presentation of the Chief Administrator. After the study tour to Bo City Council, the participants shared their findings and lessons learned with the other officers during the meetings. In the future, both Port Loko and Kambia Districts will take action to improve their work based on their findings and lessons learned. The study tour to Pujehun District Council was requested by Deputy Chief Administrator of Pujehun District Council who was the former Deputy Chief Administrator of Kambia District Council to share the lessons learned and experience through implementation of CDCD project MLGRD/JICA. The participants from Port Loko and Kambia District Council staff presented the activities of the CDCD project such as the lessons learned from the pilot projects, outline of Feeder Road project and model ward project. The result of study tour indicates that Pujehun, Port Loko and Kambia District Councils have challenges. The collaboration of Pujehun District Council with Port Loko and Kambia District Councils is necessary to continue to improve the performance of each other. This should not be limited only to Pujehun District Council but also it is better to exchange the views with other Local Councils. The CDCD Project will plan study tour to other Local Councils to improve their capacities and share experiences in district/rural development management.



Council officers from Kambia and Port Loko district on study in Bo City Council.



Council officers from Kambia and Port Loko district on study in Pujehun district.

District/Rural Development Handbook

The fifth Steering Committee meeting and the second Development Handbook Committee were held in Port Loko District Council Hall on the 6th March, 2012. The meeting was attended by Chief Administrators of Koinadugu, Tonkolili, Pejehun, Districts and Makeni and Kenema City Council in addition to CDCD counterparts of Kambia and Port Loko District Council Core Staff and MDAs of both Councils. The purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss the content of Draft District/Rural Development Handbook to ensure practical guidance to the Local Councils. During the Local Economic Development (LED) Workshop organized by the MLGRD and UNDP including other development partners on 28th of February – 2nd of March, 2012, the CDCD Project Team Leader in his statement mentioned of the purpose of the project to develop District/Rural Development Model to be disseminated to all councils. Most of the Chief Administrators expressed interest towards contributing to the development of the model.

The Deputy Chief Administrator of PLDC presented the background, outline of the handbook, strategic framework to develop the handbook, overall structure and roles of Local Councils for district development in the case of Feeder Roads and methods of prioritization. He also mentioned importance of the linkages among Council, Ministries Department and Agencies in terms of roles and coordination, planning and procedure on sector projects and maintenance. The Chief Administrator of Kambia District Council in his presentation reminded participants that the contents of the Draft Rural Development Handbook should be in line with the National policy and aims at fostering service delivery at rural communities thus filling the gap between policy and the reality on the ground. The contents capture background, outline of the handbook, strategic framework to develop the handbook, overall structure and roles of council and ward committees for rural development. Lessons learnt from the above mentioned stakeholders would be incorporated into the District/Rural Development handbook and would be discussed in District/Rural development forum co-organised by MLGRD and CDCD Project /JICA inviting all Local Councils in Sierra Leone on 24th May, 2012 in Freetown.



Second Handbook Committee meeting held in Port Loko District Council Hall, 6th March, 2012



First Handbook Committee meeting held in Port Loko District Council Hall, 9th December, 2011