



## Monitoring of District Model Sites by Project Team in Copperbelt Province

Two JICA Experts under the E-COBSI Project Team returned to Zambia in the month of September and immediately embarked on monitoring of E-COBSI district model sites in 9 districts of the Copperbelt Province. The two JICA Experts are; Mr. Tatsuya Ieizumi – E-COBSI Team Leader and Dr. Yoshihiro Sagawa – E-COBSI Team Member. The districts visited included; Chingola, Kalulushi, Kitwe, Luanshya, Lufwanyama, Masaiti, Mpongwe, Mufulira & Ndola, and the monitoring focused on; assessing performance of crop demonstration plots, impact of nutrition improvement activities, gender mainstreaming, levels of farmer organization, water management activities and operation & maintenance of smallholder irrigation facilities.

The E-COBSI Project Team supported each district technically to establish a crop demonstration plot at the district model site. The SHEP steps were followed and COBSI approach is currently being implemented.

Each district is expected to hold a field day to ensure dissemination of E-COBSI activities in the districts.



E-COBSI JICA Experts Mr. Ieizumi & Dr. Sagawa with Mr. Mumbi – Senior Horticultural Officer (Yellow Vest) & Mr. Chiwele – Senior Agricultural Officer for Mufulira (Right) Standing in a Cabbage demonstration plot established at Twalubuka district model site with support from the Project Team.

### Luanshya district continues to shine as an example in terms of nutrition improvement activities

Nutrition improvement is one of the four (4) major activities of E-COBSI and Luanshya district has been consistent in this activity.

In the month of September, the district team conducted cookery and vegetable preservation trainings at Funkutu site. Farmers were trained how to prepare pumpkin leaves (Chibwabwa) with groundnuts and preservation of vegetables like; Chinese Cabbage and Rape



Nutritionist from Luanshya district conducting cooking demonstration at Funkutu Site



## NAIS disseminates E-COBSI activities on the Copperbelt Province

The Expansion of Community-Based Smallholder Irrigation (E-COBSI) Project whose overall goal is to increase irrigated agricultural area in the target areas is a five years project (2018 to 2023).

It is a three-phase project, with 2021 being the second phase year and focuses on development of district model sites and utilizing them as an extension base of E-COBSI approach.

Therefore, NAIS which is the public relations unit of the Ministry of Agriculture is expected to capture and disseminate success stories of E-COBSI through TV and Radio.

On the Copperbelt province, NAIS was part of the monitoring conducted by the Project Team and Provincial CPU. Provincial and district officers under NAIS were on hand and produced short documentaries which were disseminated on NAIS news which comes every Monday and Friday on ABN TV at 19:30Hrs.

Dissemination of E-COBSI activities was also done through ZNBC TV news, ZNBC Radio news real, and on various private media houses.

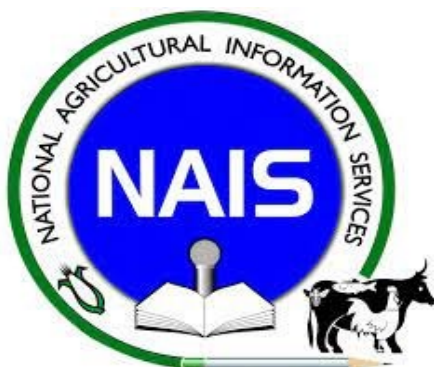
To view some of the disseminated news on E-COBSI on the Copperbelt by NAIS Copperbelt, follow the following links;

[https://m.facebook.com/abntvzambia/videos/nais-news-with-david-chisanga/1934763103349708/?\\_rdr](https://m.facebook.com/abntvzambia/videos/nais-news-with-david-chisanga/1934763103349708/?_rdr)

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**WAZA TO NAIS!!!**

## Some selected pictures from the monitoring visit by the Project Team



Canal delivering water to a crop demonstration plot at Buni district model site in Mpongwe district



Water flowing by gravity in Tomato & Cabbage demonstration plots at Twalubuka district model site in Mufulira district



Water flowing by gravity in a Cabbage demonstration plot at Kapimbe district model site in Mufulira district