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Joint Inspection of Atiak-Nimule Road

This project was completed in 2016 and aimed at providing connectivity between Uganda and South Sudan to enhance the transportation capacity in the Northern region; thereby promoting economic integration with the neighboring countries, revitalizing economic activities, improving the livelihoods of local people, and reducing poverty in the region.

7 years into operation, a joint inspection was conducted on 13th June 2023, to assess the road condition, and observe the socio-economic impact of the project to the development of the region.

The Government of Japan appreciated the efforts taken by the Government of Uganda to maintain the quality of their road infrastructure and emphasized that such efforts need to be sustained to enable long-term economic gains for the population in Uganda and beyond its borders.

Football Class for girls in Rwamanja settlement

On 17 June, JICA together with Soltilo Bright Stars held a football event in Rwamwanja refugee settlement in Western Uganda. The event was aimed at fostering mutual understanding between refugees and host community, promoting gender equality and empowering all women and girls, and raise awareness of refugee situation in Uganda, and celebrating the World Refugee Day (20th June).



➤➤➤ The 9th General Meeting of the CARD Initiative

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The 9th General Meeting of the CARD Initiative was held, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, from 04th – 06th July 2023 under the theme, 'Rice Value Chain Development through engagement of the private sector' in observance of the critical role of the private sector in the development of the rice industry.

The General Meeting provided a platform for the 32 member-countries and South-South Cooperation Partners to share experiences and draw lessons from the good practices being executed around the African continent, and beyond.



PRIDE II (Promotion of Rice Development Project) and Atari Project (the Project for Sustainable Utilization, Operation and Management of Irrigation System in Atari Basin Area), two Rice Development Projects being implemented by the Government of Uganda with the support of JICA, were represented at the Meeting, together with Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fishery (MAAIF).

The Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Initiative seeks to double rice production in sub-Saharan Africa to 56M MT per annum by 2030, for food and income security.



ICT Industry Promotion Project Launched

On 27, July 2023, the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance (MOICT&NG) in partnership with JICA officially launched the ICT Industry Promotion Project, during the first Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting, chaired by the Permanent Secretary of MoICT & NG Dr. Aminah Zawedde, who is also the Project Director.

The Minister for ICT &NG, H.E Ambassador of Japan and the JICA Chief Representative emphasized the role of ICT in national development and great potential of young population and pledged support for the project to foster capacity development & employment.

The project has four expected outputs: Policy Support, Human Resource Development, Business Matching and Mentorship.



A Private Sector Workshop under the ICT Industry Promotion Project to strengthen the ecosystem and promote the ICT industry in Uganda. (20th July, 2023)

UPCOMING EVENTS!



TICAD CUP 2023

1-3 SEPTEMBER

Together with Soltulo Bright Stars (SBS) and the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA), JICA will hold an "TICAD CUP 2023 Women's Football Tournament" September at the FUFA Technical center in Njeru.

This event aims to foster mutual understanding between refugees and host community, promote gender equality and empower all women and girls, raise awareness of the refugee situation in Uganda and the Global Refugee Forum which will be held in December, 2023.



JICA CHAIR III

14 SEPT, 2023

The third JICA Chair session is a continuation of the cooperation with Makerere University, as a way of promoting industrial human resource development.

The session, in collaboration with the College of Business and Management Sciences (COBAMS), themed, 'Craftsperson(man)ship for formation of inclusive industrial structure in Uganda', will focus on industrial transformation from the grassroots/informal sector, using Japan as a valuable case. The keynote speaker is Prof. TAKAHASHI Motoki, from Kyoto University, in Japan.

UETCL receives power system stability equipment

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On 11, July 2023, UETCL (Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited) received a power system stability enhancing equipment from the Government of Japan through JICA in a hand over ceremony officiated by the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development, Hon. Ruth Nankabirwa, at Lugogo substation.

The Equipment comprise of fault recorders and fault locators as well as an assortment of modern servers and computers will enable UETCL to analyze the causes of power outages and propose and implement effective countermeasures, hence improving the stability of the power grid in Uganda. Other sub stations that benefited from this support are Kawanda and Tororo.

This equipment was procured through a Technical Cooperation Project for, "Capacity Development Project for Improvement of Protection of Transmission System for Uganda".



Invitation Program to Japan for the "Capacity Development Project for Improvement of Protection of Transmission Systems".

In addition to equipment supply and installation, the project involves the training of project staff both in Japan and in Uganda.

On the 27th of May up to 4th of June, a team that comprised of Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited, Ministry of Finance Planning Economic Development and then Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development officials, travelled to Japan for an invitation program to; strengthen their capacity in operation and maintenance of power grids hence attaining knowledge and skills in stabilizing power supply not only for Uganda but also in connected neighboring countries.



IN JAPAN

While in Japan the team visited the Chubu Electric Power company and checked out the different power grid systems and how they are operated. This knowledge-sharing experience will help them to manage power outages and contribute to stable power supply for social economic development in Uganda.



African Grey Parrot Release

In June, the Uganda Wildlife Authority released 58 African Grey Parrots back to the wild after more than a year of treatment at the Uganda Wildlife Conservation Education Centre (UWEC).

The grey parrots were part of the 118 that were captured from a trafficker in April, 2022 and had been rehabilitated under the cooperation by UWEC, Chubu University and JICA Uganda.



Localisation Roundtable



Ministry of Local Government and the Office of the Prime Minister with support from JICA Uganda successfully conducted the Localization Roundtable meeting aimed at developing the policy pledge for Localization to be presented by the President of Uganda H.E Museveni during the upcoming Global Refugee Forum in December.

'Localisation' describes the process in which International Actors shift power, responsibilities and resources of Humanitarian and Development efforts towards Local and National Actors. The Roundtable was chaired by the Minister of Local Government and the state minister for Relief Disaster Preparedness and Refugees.

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