



E-COBSI exhibited at Provincial Agriculture Show

Following E-COBSI Newsletter No.47, Northern, Central, Muchinga, Northwestern and Luapula Province also implemented the Provincial Agriculture Show in July 2023. They also displayed what E-COBSI did in the booth and conducted public relations for the project. Out of the provincial show, a JICA team member, Ms. Ai NAGINO, joined the ones at Central Province and Luapula Province and observed how the provincial CPUs presented their activities and achievement. In addition, MoA together with JICA team conducted TOT for Mid-term Training (MTT) and a meeting for revising Tebakari-Eiyoughou to incorporate it into the Consumer Guides in Zambia. Enjoy!

Provincial Agriculture Show @Luapula

E-COBSI participated in the agriculture shows at provincial level for the purpose of 1) to build relationships between the E-COBSI target farmers and the Agricultural Show stakeholders, and 2) to promote E-COBSI activities. The project team and CPUs from each province carried out the booth operation for these objectives. The number of participant farmers from E-COBSI is listed in the table below. We invited both one male farmer and one female farmer representative from each district. In total, 46 farmers joined the agricultural show. Thank you for the cooperation!

Agriculture Show at E-COBSI provinces

Province	Date	No. of Participated farmers from E-COBSI model site
Northern	Jun 30 to Jul 2	10
Central	Jul 14 to 16	4
Copperbelt	May 26 to 28	6
Muchinga	Jul 14 to 16	10
NW	Jul 6 to 9	8
Luapula	Jul 7 to 9	8

The below is a Profile Card which farmers prepared in advance, and they explained their activities at the District Model Site using the card to the participants.

Besides, the JICA team distributed some of PR goods such as banners, posters, T-shirts, caps and leaflet (English and Bemba) to the provincial booths and implemented its PR activities.

In Luapula Province, CPU members especially, Mr. Remmy and Mr. Malwa did great works for the preparation of the E-COBSI booth together with representative farmers. In case of Luapula, farmers have an individual booth and/or group booth. E-COBSI farmers also exhibit their vegetables and fruits in their booth and explained their activities including COBSI and SHEP to the visitors using the Profile Card and the products. Out of our representative farmers, Ms. Sara Banda Kasuba got first prize as an individual farmer in Luapula Province and the below is her interview.



Mr. Remmy, a TSB officer from Luapula Province and Ms. Sara Banda Kasuba from Mwense District

E-COBSI Profile Card of Producers for Vegetable

Name of Organization: Kamposwa Irrigation Scheme
 Name of Contact Person: Shuck Chisanga (Chairperson)
 Phone Number: 0955114815
 Address: Makabe Primary School
 Name of District: Serenje District
 Number of members: 24 (Male: 14 Female: 20)
 Area of Irrigation Farmland in 2022: 4 ha
 Distance from the nearest market: 15 km

Outline of Business:
 1) Characteristics of your products: We produce high quality produce due to good management of pests and diseases control, good plant nutrition and access to good irrigation.
 2) Agricultural Product:

1. Tomato	4. Onion
2. Rape	5. Chinese Cabbage
3. Caba	6. Cabbage

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3) Periods of production and shipment: All year round

4) Crop Calendar (for Onion, Tomato and Rape)

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1st Crop (Onion)					Land Prep	Sowing	Seedling	Transplanting	Harvesting	Marketing		
2nd Crop (Tomato)					Land Prep	Sowing	Seedling	Transplanting	Harvesting	Marketing		
3rd Crop (Rape)					Land Prep	Sowing	Seedling	Transplanting	Harvesting	Marketing		
Marketing & Business Management												
Group Activities/Others												

Willingness of Business:

- To buy from our door step at a good negotiable price.
- To produce market demand quality and quantity.
- To share a reliable source of transport.
- To exchange literature through exchange visits to well and operational institutes and schemes (separately).
- To remove market brokers or agents who stand in between a farmer and customer.

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Interview to Ms. Sara who got first prize!

Our irrigation group is producing egg plants, cabbages, onions, tomatoes, rapes under irrigation and cassava, beans, maize, cow peas, banana nuts under rainfed farming. As a group activity, we utilize our water by constantly meeting. Irrigated farming helps us to get quick money for household issues and shaping nutrition. We also work with under 5 children in nutrition improvement so the nutrition aspects of E-COBSI have helped me. I am happy that the lesson from JICA has helped her and maybe without the lessons she wouldn't have won. I will go to the Lusaka show to represent Luapula farmers.

During the operation of the PACO's booth, Permanent Secretary of Luapula Province visited there and CPU members together with E-COBSI member explained our achievement. Besides, he remarked "support from JICA" during the speech in the show.



Permanent Secretary visited Luapula PACO's booth and Ms. Ai NAGINO explained E-COSBI activities.

Provincial Agriculture Show @Central

In Central Province, CPU members together with representative farmers from the E-COBSI District Model Site operated the PACO's booth. At the Central Provincial show, the farmers said more than 150 visitors visited miniature COBSI model and explained how the COBSI works and its high performance.



Many visitors including female and male, students and children are impressed by COBSI approach and farmers' explanation.



Demonstration of COBSI was done at Chitambo and Serenje Districts' booth.

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Provincial Agriculture Show @Muchinga

Unfortunately, E-COBSI team members did not visit the Provincial Agriculture Show at Muchinga Province, the CPU reported that they got a first prize out of the government institutions. CONGRATUATION!



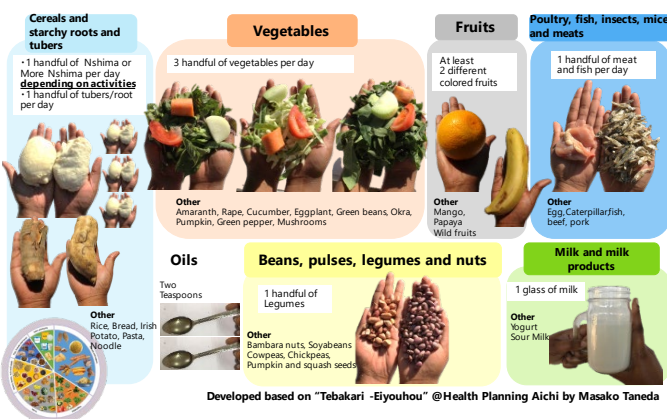
They displayed the information of their activities very well!

TOT for Mid-term Training and Revision of Tebakari-Eiyoughou for MoA Consumer Guides @NRDC

We hold TOT for Mid-term Training (MTT) on 25th July since we will newly introduce three types of guidelines prepared recently by MoA such as Food Based Dietary Guidelines (FBDG) and Operational Guidelines for Nutrition from this coming MTT. Besides, there are two Food and Nutrition Officers newly assigned to E-COBSI and they learnt how to use Tebakari-Eiyoughou in the field.

Besides, following the Newsletter Issue No.48 in June, we continued discussions on revision of Tebakari-Eiyoughou to incorporate it to Consumer Guide being prepared by MoA. To do so, it was necessary to revise the Tebakari-Eiyoughou to fit the context of FAO's food modeling shown in the FBDG. Therefore, based on the advice from experts of FAO, the participants from MoA, MFL, National Food and Nutrition Commission (NFNC) calculated necessary amount of food for Zambia local communities (as an example, we used a figure of "Adult female").

"Tebakari -Eiyoughou" Hand Scale for serving food per day in Zambia



3rd Revised version of Tebakari-Eiyoughou as of August 2023. It strictly follows what FBDG explained, and amount of nutrient shown there. Coloring of each group also changed based on the FBDG.