



# Terminal Evaluation Team visited our sites!!

Our project is in the final year of implementation and is scheduled to end in January 2024. JICA and the Ministry of Agriculture organized the Terminal Evaluation Team from 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in order to review the progress and achievement of E-COBSI project activities. The team visited Northern Province and Copperbelt Province, and the sixth Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting was held in Lusaka on 12<sup>th</sup> September.



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The interview with CPU members in the Copperbelt Provincial office (top left), The site monitoring in Masaiti District (top right) and Kalulushi District (bottom left), The interview with the district officers in Mufurila (bottom down)

## The site visit in Northern Province (28<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> August)

One of the terminal evaluation team members, Ms. Serizawa Akemi (Senior researcher), arrived in Kasama on 26<sup>th</sup> August prior to the other Japanese evaluation team members. Mr. Mulele Sibeso (Food Processing Preservation and Storage Officer) and Mr. Chilufya Chunga (Economist, Policy and Planning Department) participated in the visit from the Ministry of Agriculture as an evaluation mission of Zambian side.

From 28<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> August, those three members and E-COBSI project team visited six sites where E-COBSI project has implemented its activities. They made a courtesy call to PACO, Mr. Sylvester Nyendwa, and had an interview with the CPU members in Northern Province on the first day morning. In the interview, the evaluation team focused on questions to the provincial officers about the achievements, challenges, and sustainability of the project. After the meeting, we and the terminal evaluation team visited six sites where E-COBSI activities were implemented (Table 1) and observed farmers' livelihood and farming in the sites under our project. The interviews with the district officers and farmers' groups were also implemented. The farmers explained their challenges, such as decreasing water resources and transport costs

to the team in the group interview. On the other hand, they talked about the increase in their income and improvements in nutrition and appreciated the project.

**Table 1. Schedule of the terminal evaluation in Northern Province**

Date	District	Site Name
29 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Mungwi	Chabukila
	Kasama	Musanda
30 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	Senga hill	Songolo
	Mbala	Tutenzi
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug.	Luwingu	Nsenga
	Lupososhi	Mufili Chibwale



The site visit in Chabukila site in Munguwi District. The evaluation team visited not only the district model sites but also the other sites to evaluate the project's progress.

## The site visit in Copperbelt Province (4th September to 6th September)

The Terminal Evaluation Team visited six sites in Copperbelt Province from 4th September to 6th September after the visit in Northern Province. In addition to Ms. Serizawa, Mr. Katsumasa Sato (Senior Adviser), Ms. Harue Kitajima (Senior Advisor), and Ms. Tomoko Taira (Senior Assistant Director) joined the team from JICA. From the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. George Zulu (DMDO) joined. Besides, Mr. Hayao Matsui, Mr. Richard Katongo, and Ms. Haruko Shiraki also accompanied the team from JICA Zambia Office.

After the courtesy call to PACO's Office in Copperbelt, the evaluation team started an interview with CPU members in the provincial office. The evaluation team members asked questions focused on the topic of which they were in charge. In the interview, Mr. Alick Chirwa (SMDO) said that COBSI and SHEP approach have good effects on each other, and some officers started from SHEP approach first to motivate and involve more farmers in group activities. This is because the farmers will continue the activities if they see the benefits of them. The evaluation team visited six sites in Copperbelt as the team did in Northern Province (Table 2). In Ichimpe site, Kalulushi District, the farmers said they harvested fish from a fishpond and ordered 2,000 fingerlings for the next harvest. In Chamitaba site, Mufurila District, the farmers' group mentioned that floods sometimes damage their maize, and they planned to expand the farm to the upper area. The team saw the construction site of a permanent weir in Munisa, Mufurila District. While the construction work was taking time, the farmers were expecting a further increase in production after the completion of the construction.

**Table 2. Schedule of the terminal evaluation in Copperbelt Province**

Date	District	Site Name
4th Sep.	Kalulushi	Ichimpe
	Kalulushi	Mukulumpe
5th Sep.	Mufurila	Chamitaba 2
	Mufurila	Munisa
6th Sep.	Masaiti	Mwambacimo
	Masaiti	Nselalawesu

## The sixth JCC meeting in Lusaka

After all the site visits, the sixth Joint Coordination Committee meeting was held on 12th September in Lusaka. The terminal evaluation team gave recommendations to us, Zambian side, and Japanese side in the meeting. In closing remarks, Mr. Malumo Nawa (Deputy Director of the Technical Service

Branch) expressed his gratitude to the terminal evaluation team for their diligent survey efforts.



Group photo at the sixth JCC meeting held at Radisson Blu Hotel in Lusaka.

## Fishpond training with GIZ in Mwanabombwe District

E-COBSI is now collaborating with GIZ in Nutrition Improvement. GIZ has been implementing "Fish for Food" (F4F), which trains farmers to improve the farmers' skills in fishpond. Success in Community Action (SCA, Rocal NGO) is implementing this training in the field.

Ms. Miho Kannno, a team member of E-COBSI, participated in a training of F4F in the district model site in Mwanabombwe from 18th September to 20th September. In the training, SCA staff explained designs of fishponds, construction methods, management, harvesting, etc. In a session on nutrition improvement, Mr. Zulu (SFNO in Luapula Province) demonstrated the handy scale method "Tebakari Eiyoughou" to the farmers. The farmers' group was interested in fishponds and sixteen farmers in the group already have their individual fishponds. In total 42 farmers participated in the training.



Fishpond training in the district model site of Mwanabombwe. SCA staff and our project team explained the methods about fishpond and nutrition.