



Rope Pump News Letter

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- good water, good health, good life -

The Project for Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Livelihood Improvement through Dissemination of Rope Pumps (RPs) for Drinking Water



Welcome note from our Minister

As a “welcome” to this News Letter, Mr. Alemayehu Tegenu, the Minister of Ministry of Water and Energy, expressed his expectation towards this project.

“The water supply and the sanitation in Ethiopia are very important activities for our population’s benefit. Serving safe drinking water contributes to the health condition and accelerates the development of this country. It does not only help our farmers in rural regions but also reinforces economically, socially, and politically. We have a goal to achieve; increasing the water supply level to 98.5 % by 2015. We have only 2 more years left. The water supply coverage is still about 61.1 %, this figure shows us that we have a lot of things to do to improve our community. To contribute to the goal, the Ministry is ready to implement this project – the Project for Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Livelihood Improvement through Dissemination of Rope Pumps for Drinking Water - with a support from JICA and the expert team.”



H.E. Alemayehu Tegenu
Minister,
Ministry of Water and Energy

Do you want to know about the Project?

The Project has just been launched in March this year, jointly operated by Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It is aiming at contributing to improvement of water supply, sanitation and rural livelihoods through dissemination of rope pumps for drinking water. The outline is presented in the box on the right.

The expected outputs are;

1) Specifications of RPs for drinking water and installation technologies are standardized at the national level.

Project Period: March 2013 - December 2016

Implementing Agency: Water Supply and Sanitation Directorate, Ministry of Water and Energy (MOWE), Water Resources Bureau of SNNPR

Pilot Areas: 4 target woreda/areas in SNNPR

2) Strategies are formulated for manufacturing and installation technologies of RPs for drinking water.
3) Rural livelihood, and sanitation and hygiene are improved through dissemination and marketing systems of RPs for drinking water in the target areas.

4) Guidelines are formulated for dissemination of RPs for drinking water, and acknowledged nation-wide.

Seven Japanese Experts are serving for this Project in collaboration with the counterpart staff at national and regional levels, hoping to produce the maximum output from the project activities.

Project Framework





The Project Kick Off!!

-The 1st JCC and Steering Committee
held on 16th & 19th April, 2013-

"Provide safe water in rural area through self-supply" is what this project is aiming at. Ms. Akino, the Chief Advisor of the project described how to achieve this goal step by step by this project in our 1st Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) meeting and Regional Steering Committee, both of which are the management bodies of the project.

Ato Yohannes, Project Manager, and Director of Water Supply and Sanitation Directorate of MoWE, reminded the house about the Government policy on WaSH programme and the JICA representative, Mr. Sumi, responded that the project will coordinate with the programme and outcome shall contribute to its



The 1st JCC

From Left: Ms. Akino(Pj.), Mr. Ephrem(JICA), Mr. Sumi(JICA), Mr. Yohannes(MoWE), Dr. Markos(MoWE), Mr. Tegenu(WASH), Mr. Girma(MoFED)

goal.

Dr. Markos, Director of Sector Support Directorate pointed out that it is crucial to involve different sectors such as health, agriculture, finance, education, etc. and the house agreed that each member shall provide necessary information.

The Project Team explained the two major activities (RP improvement and site selection) which will be started in the following month.

At the end, the project plans were agreed by the participants from MoWE, WRB and all other related sectors and the project has officially commenced its activities.



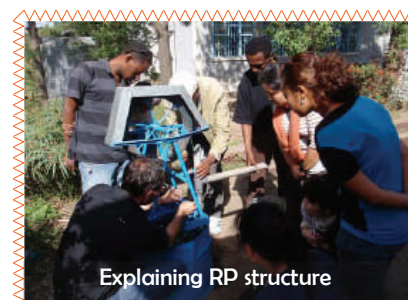
The 1st Regional Steering Committee

Activities done in Mar & Apr.

- Mar 27 -Japanese Expert Team arrived
- Mar 28 -Courtesy call to Vice Minister, MoWE
- Apr 16 -1st JCC
- Apr 19 -1st Steering Committee

Coming up in May & Jun.

- RP active user Survey
- Test well digging for well improvement test
- Information collection on Agric, Micro finance and Hygiene
- RP improvement
- Project target area selection discussion with WRB in SNNPR



Explaining RP structure



RP Active User Survey

If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, please contact us at;

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【EWTEC】 <http://www.ewtec.org.et/>