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Background

The Government's Revised Sixth National Development Plan identifies agriculture as the priority sector for achieving sustainable economic growth and reducing poverty. In 2013, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock launched the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP) under the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) for 2014-2018. One of the key components of the NAIP is to increase sustainable crop production and value addition for crops apart from maize. To this end, rice is considered as a promising crop since it has been traditionally consumed and has a high demand that exceeds the local supply. In line with the aforementioned plans and programmes, the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS) identifies different challenges that need to be tackled in the rice subsector, such as enhancing the farmer's access to high quality seeds and varieties, introduction and development of sustainable crop management practices, and strengthening technology dissemination.

As the demands for rice production increased, the Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ) has been collaborating with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to promote rice development in the country. One of the approaches is implementation of the Technical Cooperation Project, the Rice Dissemination Project to increase its rice production through enhancing rice research capacity and the agriculture extension system.



Overall Goal

Rice Cultivation is promoted in the target provinces using the Extension System introduced by the Project

Project Purpose

Extension system for rice cultivation is established in target areas



Expected Outputs

1. Effective technical packages for rice cultivation are formulated
2. Capacity to conduct extension activities is strengthened
3. Capacity to implement research activities are strengthened
4. Collaboration among the stakeholders in rice subsector and their involvement are strengthened



Core Activities

Building capacity in rice research and extension through training and conducting dissemination of information on rice

Target Areas

- Northern Province
- Luapula Province
- Muchinga Province
- Western Province
- Eastern Province
- Copper-belt Province
- Lusaka Province

Relevant personnel

Project Director: Permanent Secretary, MoA, responsible for overall administration and implementation of the Project,

Project Manager: Director of Department of Agriculture (DoA), responsible for the managerial and technical matters of the Project as a whole,

Co-Project Manager: Director of Zambia Agricultural Research Institute (ZARI), MoA, responsible for the managerial and technical matters of the Project related to ZARI, and supervising the implementation of the Project

Others include the Chief of Advisory Service Branch, DoA; other counterparts in ZARI

Target groups

Rice Farmers in the project sites

Implementing Organization

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Project Duration
23rd December 2015 to 30th September 2019



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