



SECOND PILOT PROJECTS

PROCUREMENT AND SUPERVISION

The Second Round of Pilot Project consist of Siting, Drilling, Test pumping, Apron construction and installation of Hand Pumps of 8 Deep Boreholes in each of the four Pilot districts of Amuru, Kitgum, Nwoya and Pader.



Improvements into the Bid Documents and Procurement Procedures were done by JICA expert (MR. KURASHI Isato) at the end of last year, 2013. Also One Stage Two Envelops procurement procedure was introduced by this expert and this was implemented by Amuru and Kitgum districts in this pilot projects.

Procurement started by open advertisement in January 2013 and contracts were signed between District Local Governments and Contractors by middle of March, 2014.

Site hand over to contractors was done by beginning of April, 2014. To date, Kitgum contractor has completed the work and preparations for final inspection is being done. Meanwhile, installation of Hand Pumps is in progress in Amuru and Nwoya districts. For Pader district, contractor is doing mobilization of materials for hand pump installation.

In this Pilot projects implementation, On-the-Job training in Supervision is being carried out with Technical support by JICA expert (Mr TANAKA Ichiro), starting from February 2014 to date.



SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR BOREHOLES



In phase 2 of JICA-ACAP Pilot project, 32 deep boreholes to 4 districts of Nwoya, Amuru, Kitgum and Pader were supported. Sub County

extension staff together with a project team supported community to form Water User Committee (WUC) to sustain ownership of boreholes by the community members. The plan is under way to train elected WUC members. The modality of the support for this training is already communicated to districts and sub counties and the Project expects them to come up with the schedule of when to have the training.



WATER USER COMMITTEE TRAINERS TRAINING



JICA-ACAP organized the Training of Trainers for WUC in Gulu in Acholi Inn from 11th to 13th March 2014 and the

second one from 6th to 8th May 2014. The purpose of the workshops was to bring districts and sub county CDOs and Health Assistants together to brush up their knowledge and skills in order to effectively facilitate training of Water Users Committees.

The trainings were attended by District CDOs, District water officers; sub county Community

Development Officers [CDOs and ACDOs] and Health Assistants totaling 66 participants from the districts of Nwoya, Amuru, Kitgum and Pader. The training was participatory and interactive.

LIVELIHOODS

Acholi CAP Project planned to undertake livelihood program to start under the ongoing Pilot Project. The program started with a consultative workshop organized on the 21st February, 2014. This workshop was attended by Community Development Officers, District Production Officers, and District Planners from Nwoya, Amuru, Pader and Kitgum Districts respectively.

Basing on the workshop, a baseline survey was carried out in 610 households covering 34 communities who received last year's support for drilling of borehole under funds from JICA-ACAP Project in the districts of Nwoya, Amuru, Kitgum and Pader. Research Assistants were recruited to conduct the baseline survey.

The purpose of the baseline survey is to gather basic information on the current situation of livelihoods to establish issues critical to Capacity and Institutional Development of Local Government to support the communities

Some of the findings from the survey are as follows.

- (1) Land is available (23.1 acres per household) but land area under cultivation is not large (4.0 acres per household) due to lack of the means of cultivation.
- (2) Crop production of such crops as cassava, simsim and sorghum is the single most common economic activity in the communities.
- (3) Apart from crop production, many households are engaged in non-farm activities such as charcoal making and private business which provide employment and income.
- (4) Traders play an important role for marketing farm products. Trading centres are the main place for traders to receive farm products which implies that the development of trading centres contributes to expanding markets for farm products.
- (5) Though charcoal making is the important source of livelihoods, charcoal making has an adverse impact on environment and natural resources.

- (6) The number of dependents within the household is many compared to the number of people engaged in economic activities, which aggravate living condition.
- (7) Though NAADS and NUSAF as well as Development Agencies have provided supports to community people, community people regard such supports not at the satisfactory level.

MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MOLG) VISITED

On the 3rd of April, 2014, Commissioner, Mr. Paul Okot Okello and Senior Assistant Secretary of Ministry of Local Government (MoLG), Ms. Gloria Mwenge visited Acholibur Sub-County (S/C), Pader District to monitor usage of standard criteria and necessary sheets to select prioritized projects.

S/C Chief, Ms. Anek Joice and S/C CDO of Acholibur, Alanyo Florence Paskel explained the mechanism of planning with the sheets and also showed sheets which they filled during previous process.

Two officials from MoLG showed appreciation towards the S/C for their effort. Mr. Okot said "It is important to select project by this kind of systematic way because the result is accountable. We can't go back to a system of just show of hands."

Acholibur S/C is one of the 8 pilot S/Cs for trial of selection criteria and the sheets. Acholi CAP is continuously approaching all S/Cs and Town Councils in Amuru, Nwoya, Kitgum and Pader so all of them will utilize the sheets for next planning process.

On the same day, the MOLG officials also attended a handing over ceremony of motorcycles at Pader District Headquarters.



These motorcycles handed over to Pader district by Acholi CAP Project as part of support for the improvement of work Environment in 7 districts of Acholi Sub-region.

TWG AND JCC MEETINGS

The Project conducted Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting to share the implemented activities and progress as well as to discuss plan for the next term in Nwoya on June 10th. Participants were 28 persons including two officials from Ministry of Local Government.

After the presentation by the Project team, Water Officer of Amuru, Nwoya and Pader districts added explanation about the progress of pilot projects and Planner of Nwoya district presented the district's initiative to instruct sub-counties town councils to utilize the planning tool. Necessity of training on solar system maintenance was also discussed. At the end of end of the meeting, Dr Kubo reminded on the importance of initiatives from district officers to sustain outputs of the Project.



Subsequently Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) Meeting was held in Kampala on June 20th 2014. Six CAOs and one District Planner from Acholi sub-region confirmed previous activities and discussed future plan, challenges and way forward together with Ministry of Local Government and JICA Kampala Office. The discussion centred on financial management, sustainability of outputs of



the Project and responsibility and ownership of both central and district governments of Uganda. Mr. Hoshi, Chief Representative of JICA Kampala office touched on possibility of continuous support to the northern part of Uganda from JICA during his remarks. Finally, the committee approved future plan.

Staff Introduction

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Q. Area of specialty

A. I am a trained agriculturalist by profession and my area of specialization is Project Planning, Food Security, Program Development, Capacity Building and currently working as a Programme Officer Acholi CAP.

Q. Any positive work culture you feel you could share with your readers

A. For the time I have worked with Acholi CAP, I have learnt that good time management and commitment to work is a good culture. This helps in accomplishing tasks within schedule.

Q. Anything special for the readers?

A. One special thing with the Japanese people which I very much appreciate is their respect for fellow workers; they respect and treat all staff without discrimination regardless of where one is from.

SUPPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WORK ENVIRONMENT

Acholi CAP project continues its support to improve the work environment of district and sub-county offices. Areas of the Project's support, this time, covers power which was extended from district to sub-county offices, mobility of Health Assistants and office equipment. The handover of the equipment was completed in March 2014.

[Motorcycle YAMAHA XTX125] Addition to the motorcycle support to Community Development Officers (CDO) last year, the project provided a total of 26 units of off-road type motorcycles to sub-county Health Assistants in 4 districts to improve their mobility to the field.

[Office equipment and water testing kit]

The Project supported Nwoya district with a Water Testing Kit, Amuru and Nwoya districts with Public Address Systems and all the 7 districts with Scanners.



[Solar Equipment to Sub-county offices]

The Project supported 16 sub-counties spreading over 5 districts in Acholi Sub-region (Gulu, Kitgum, Lamwo, Pader and Agago) in which there are no power.

		
Solar equipment for Sub-county office	Inverter and batteries are part of solar equipment provided	Equipment installation enabled computer work

Thankful word

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(Project Coordinator)



Since the beginning of the Project which commenced at the day of my arrival in Uganda in November 2011, I have been supported by many people to carry out my tasks in this Project. I thank you, everyone.

I also enjoyed my stay in Uganda, especially in Gulu. Hot weather in dry season gave me a power to work and cool wind in rainy season gave me freshness also to work. Running in Gulu was a great fun for me. I'm going to leave the country but I hope to come back to Uganda one day. Please give the same cooperation to my successor who arrives in the middle of July. See you soon.