



# ACHOLI CAP NEWSLETTER

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## PS Field Visit to Acholi Sub-region

The Permanent Secretary (PS) of Ministry of Local Government of Uganda made a field visit on the 18th November, 2014 to Nwoya and Amuru districts. The PS (Mr. Patrick K. Mutabwire) was warmly welcomed at Nwoya District Headquarters by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO Mr. Bukenya Moses) and Chairman LCV (Mr. Patrick Oryema) of Nwoya District Local Government.



PS giving inception remarks to Nwoya District Local Government Staff

After his inception remarks to the district staff, he was accompanied by Assistant commissioner of Ministry of Local Government, a team of Nwoya District Local Government Staff and ACAP's Chief Advisor (Dr. Kubo Yusuke) to visit the Pilot Project community of Pawatomero East village



PS addressing community of Pawatomero Village -Pilot project

where training of Water Users Committee was ongoing. He had a good chance to interact with and pass important guidance to this community. After Nwoya, the PS made a visit to Amuru District Headquarters to inspect other JICA interventions as well.

## TWG Meeting

The Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting was held on 19th November 2014 in Kitgum RDC's Boardroom. TWG meeting is organized every 6 months mainly to report the Project activities for the past 6 months and discuss the planned activities for the next 6 months. The key participants are CAOs, District Planners, Community Development Officers from 7 districts, and District Water Officers from the Pilot Districts of Acholi Sub-region together with officials from MoLG and OPM.



TWG meeting in Kitgum District

In this meeting, the District officials had a good opportunity to express key issues relating to the Projects activities in their districts. The work plan presented for the next 6 months (December 2014 to May 2015) was approved by TWG members.

## Strengthening Capacity in Compilation of Development Plan

Acholi CAP project together with District Planning Unit conducted "One Day Workshop on Compilation of Lower Local Government Development Plan" in each district of Acholi Sub-region (7 districts in total) . The workshop started on 11th Nov in Nwoya District until 4th Dec 2014 in Lamwo District participated by sub-county chiefs, town clarks, and S/C CDOs. This workshop was designed as Kick Off to compile 5 year development plan for period of 2015/16 to 2019/20.



Mr. Sudo, Short Term Expert having discussion with a participant in Amuru District



Planner of Nwoya District facilitating discussion on way forward

District Planners explained structure of 5 year development plan based on “The Local Government Development Planning Guidelines” and directions of National Development Plan-II. Meantime, Mr. Akira Sudo, Japanese short term-expert explained purpose of 5 year development plan, difference between 5 year plan, and annual plan.

As a follow up of this training, recap of the planning tools was also conducted during the “Workshop on Compilation of Lower Local Government Development Plan” in these districts in December. After the recap, some participants showed their confidence to utilize the tools, but also pointed out necessity of trainings for other members of sub county technical planning committees.



Planner of Kitgum District explaining structure of 5 year development plan



Recap of the Planning Tools by Population Officer of Lamwo District



Planner of Agago District explaining National Development Plan-II

### Third Pilot Project Progress

Mr. Richard, Deputy CAO of Agago District mentioned in his closing remarks that it was time for district and sub-counties to compile new 5 year plan, so this workshop was very timely.

ACAP plans to support four pilot Districts of Amuru, Nwoya, Kitgum and Pader for the implementation of the third round of pilot project, that is, construction of 32 Boreholes in total in 4 districts.

### Spreading the Planning Tools to Agago, Lamwo and Gulu Districts

Acholi CAP project conducted the introductory trainings on planning tools (selection criteria and necessary sheets) for the first time in Agago, Lamwo and Gulu districts in October 2014. The trainings were mainly facilitated by District Planners/Population officers together with project staff and participated by sub county chiefs/town clerks and sub county CDOs.

All 32 communities were confirmed after the assessments of their consistency with the sub-county development plan, accessibility of communities, and communities’ compliance with the requirements such as communities’ contribution and formation of Water Users Committee.

Implementation of third round of pilot projects will start in January 2015 and will be completed by the end of August 2015.

## Training of Water Users Committees

Following the formation of Water Users Committees (WUC) in 66 communities where boreholes were drilled under support of JICA-ACAP Pilot Project I and II, trainings of members of the committees are going on. Trainings are facilitated by sub-county CDOs and Health Assistants (H.A) who received Trainers' Training in March and May 2014 together with Sub county Heads of Hand Pump Mechanics.



Training of WUC by Sub County Health Assistant

3 day trainings were completed in 13 communities so far, and trainings will be continuing in other communities. Using training materials such as handbook and simple tools provided by the Project, members of WUC receive trainings on such topics as rules and regulations, record and book keeping, hygiene and sanitation, and routine maintenance and simple repairing.



Training on routine maintenance and simple repair by head of Hand Pump Mechanic

## Effective use of training course in Japan

7 ex-trainees gathered on 16th December at Acholi CAP office (1st meeting on 5th September). They have begun to execute the ideas obtained through training course in Japan for last 3months. For example, Nwoya ex-trainee started to promote strict time management and Lamwo ex-trainee suggested to enhance local-tourism and cultural event to attract more tourists.

High interest, deep consent, and cooperation of the entire district are essential to execute these good ideas. Ex-trainees are struggling to find the best way to dialogue

with communities, convey and share lesson learnt through public lecture, and obtain cooperation from their colleagues within the district officers.



Ex-participants feedback meeting at ACAP office



### <Staff Introduction>

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### Where was your last assignment?

I worked at JICA Astana Liaison Office of Kazakhstan (Central Asia) as Project Formulation Advisor from July 2011 to May 2014.

### Message for readers

Let's work together for further development of Acholi region. Capacity development is a key factor and I strongly believe all of you have a great potential for it. We would be so glad if our ACAP project could contribute for improving capacity development.

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