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1. Livelihood Improvement

(1) Tools

A series of meetings were held with DCDOs and CDOs from Amuru, Nwoya, Kitgum and Pader district. Consensus was reached on the following areas of Technical Assistance for livelihood improvement:

- CDD (Community Driven Development) group assessment by using Complementary Form in addition to CDD form
- Project tracking by using tracking form
- Data Maintenance of the Registered Groups

Interview was conducted to hear about the following points from the DCDOs and the S/C CDOs.

- Important indicators in the CDD groups assessment
- Measures to maintain the data/information of the registered groups

(2) Workshop

One day meeting was conducted on 22nd January 2015 to discuss the tools. The DCDOs and 6 S/C CDOs from the four Districts participated in the meeting. The draft forms were presented and the participants agreed to introduce the forms to the Department; expressing that it would be useful to improve the CDD implementation. At the end of the meeting, final drafts of the forms were developed. In addition, it was decided to conduct the workshop to train the CDOs in using the forms at each District Headquarters.



Meeting with DCDOs and CDOs in ACAP Office on Livelihood Improvement tools

(3) Training

Workshops were held at the four District Head Quarters (HQ) in order to train the S/C CDOs in using the forms. The DCDOs explained how to use the forms and the S/C CDOs provided various comments to improve contents of the forms. In addition, field exercise to fill the Complementary Form was conducted in the communities in Nwoya and Kitgum.



Livelihood improvement training workshop for CDOs in Kitgum District

Abbreviations

- DCDOs –District Community Development Officers
- CDOs –Community Development Officers
- CDD –Community Driven Development
- S/C –Sub County
- T/C - Town Council
- HQ –Head Quarters
- DWO –District Water Office
- TOT –Training of Trainers
- TPC –Technical Planning Committee

2. SUPPORT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WORK ENVIRONMENT

Acholi CAP project continues its support to improve the work environment of district and S/C offices. Areas of the Project's support in financial year of 2014 were 1 power back-up system, 28 motorbikes, and 4 set of desktop computer and printer. The handover of the equipment was completed in February 2015.

(1) Motorbikes to 6 districts (Amuru, Nwoya, Kitgum, Pader, Agago, Lamwo)

Motorbikes were provided to 22 CDOs in Agago and Lamwo District, District Water Officers in Amuru, Nwoya, Kitgum, and Pader District, and 2 Health Assistants in Kitgum District. Motorcycles enable them to improve their mobility to the field.



Handover ceremony, Agago District



Handover ceremony, Lamwo District

(2) Power back-up system to District Water Office (DWO), Kitgum

Solar back-up system was not functioned since 2012 at DWO, and some necessary test of water quality could not be done due to unstable power supply as those samples should be kept in a freezer for a week continuously.

In order to solve this problem, a back-up system was installed at DWO.



Installing 8 solar panels at Kitgum DWO



Inverter, Battery Box, and 6 Batteries

(3) Desktop computer and printer

Desktop computers and printers were provided to 4 S/Cs in Amuru, Nwoya, and Kitgum District.

A short training course was conducted at each S/Cs for operating and maintaining these equipment properly.



Basic training course <O&M for PC and Printer> in Atiak S/C, Amuru District

3. Training of Trainers (TOT) on How to Use the Planning Tools in Lamwo and Agago

Acholi CAP project conducted TOT on how to use the planning tools (selection criteria and necessary sheets) for S/C Chiefs, Town Clerks and CDOs in Lamwo District on 4th March, Agago District on 12th March, and Gulu District on 15th April 2015. Participants are expected to become trainers for S/C & Town Council Technical Planning Committee (TPC) members. In the training, "Training Manual" formulated based on experience in 4 districts (Amuru, Nwoya, Kitgum and Pader) was introduced as a guide for the trainings.



Discussion about ways forward after the TOT in Agago District

Feedback Sheet

Meanwhile, in 4 districts (Amuru, Nwoya, Pader and Kitgum), the Project concentrated on introducing feedback, revised Sheet through discussion with Planners to S/Cs and T/Cs.

The new Feedback Sheet is to disseminate information about projects approved for funding to communities and has two versions, English and Luo language, so communities who do not understand English also can understand the result of planning.



Reading Training Manual on the planning tools during TOT in Lamwo District

During the TOT, participants practiced to explain about the criteria and how to use the sheets and also to facilitate group exercises through role plays.

At the end of the TOT, the participants agreed to conduct trainings for their TPC members by using the training manual as preparation for next planning process which will start from July 2015. Currently, District Planning Units, the project team, S/C Chiefs and Town Clerks are coordinating to fix dates of their trainings in their S/C and T/C so Planner of 3 Districts (Gulu, Lamwo, Agago) and the project team can visit and support S/Cs and T/Cs.

The Project is targeting to finish the first training at each S/C and T/C in April and May, and additional trainings and consultation can be done before July 2015.



District Planer (center), Pader S/C chief (right) and Project Staff (left). Discussion on feedback sheet at Office of District Planning Unit in Pader

4. PILOT PROJECT III PROGRESS

(1) Procurement Process

Implementation of third round of Pilot Project by the four Pilot Districts of Amuru, Kitgum, Pader and Nwoya, construction of 8 Deep Boreholes in each District (32 in total), was started in the middle of January 2015 by advertisement in the Newspaper media.

With technical support from procurement experts, all the four Districts applied one stage two envelopes method of procurement procedure. The procurement process was successfully completed within two months and Agreement signing with contractor was done by all four districts in the middle of March 2015.

(2) Supervision Support

Short term expert, Mr. Shinichi ISEKI, arrived in February 2015 to support supervision management. On his arrival, he started his support by making technical clarifications into the Bid Documents prior to Agreement signing in order to improve on the quality of the Bid Documents.

At the end of March 2015, borehole sites handover to the contractors in all four districts were completed and the construction works are on-going; planned to be completed by end of July, 2015.



Site handover exercise, Kitgum District



Supervision of borehole siting exercise, Kitgum District

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