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Completion of Ngoma Irrigation Scheme

15 Million USD Irrigation scheme to benefit 980 farmers in Ngoma District



In the past three years Rwanda has been experiencing prolonged droughts and unpredictable rains, leading to loss of farmers' crops and food scarcity in some areas, specifically in the eastern parts.

It is responding to the above situation that JICA has supported construction of an irrigation scheme worth 15m USD to irrigate 300ha mostly on hillside of Remera and Rurenge sector of Ngoma District. More than 2000 local people got jobs during the construction period and 980 farmers will directly benefit from irrigation in this scheme. Market oriented crops such as vegetables, fruits and coffee among others will be cultivated.

One of the farmers who worked as casual labor during the construction period proudly highlighted some of tangible benefits he achieved. "With our daily salary, I was able to save through my SACCO account and bought a TV set, a cow, goats and pigs to mention a few. I'm now looking forward to more benefits once we start farming activities. Thanks to our country leadership and friendship with Japanese people"; Innocent Kayitare said.

The construction of the scheme was officially completed at the attendance of JICA Rwanda Chief

Representative Mr. Takada Hiroyuki with a Representative of Embassy of Japan, the Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Mr. Nsengiyumva Fulgence, and local authorities.

Project details

- ✓ Beneficiaries: 980 farmers
- ✓ Project cost: Grant amount: 13,215,596 Million USD (JPY 1,549,000,000 Yen)
- ✓ Rwandan contribution: 0.58 Million USD (393,477,800Rwf)
- ✓ Dam: Capacity 960,000m³
- ✓ Dam Height: 14.9m
- ✓ Canal: Main 28 km (open canal, pipe), Secondary 26km (pipe)
- ✓ Irrigation area: Hillside 265ha (165 by gravity & 100ha by pumping), Paddy 35ha (by gravity)
- ✓ Schedule:
- ✓ June, 2015-November 2016: Construction
- ✓ November, 2016: Storing water.

INSIDE PAGES

Waterworks experience sharing



WASAC staff following the presentation of Kobe waterworks

Science students' workshop



Students conducting experiment

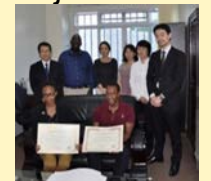
Inclusive Business Seminar



Meet the staff Mr. Masaki



Maternal and Child Health Project



JICA Burundi staff taking picture with Chief and Senior Representative of JICA Rwanda Office

Waterworks experience sharing *Kobe and Kigali cities expand their partnership*



WASAC Staff following the presentation from Kobe City Waterworks

From December 2nd to December 9th, a mission from Japan visited Rwanda in the framework of supporting on-going project and strengthening and expanding the partnership between Kobe and Kigali Cities. The mission team headed by Mr. Akihiro Miyazaki the director of Water resources group, Global environment department, JICA Headquarters and was composed of the staffs from JICA and Kobe Waterworks.

Kobe Waterworks team, a water utility from one of the biggest cities in Japan shared their experience with WASAC staff on December 6th 2016.

The presentation was composed of Water Supply in Kobe City, History of Waterworks, Water Distribution System and Prevention of Water Leakage. The visit by

Kobe Waterworks was realized in response to the joint declaration by Mayors of Kigali and Kobe Cities in May 2016.

Mr. James Sano, CEO of WASAC appreciated JICA's continuous partnership in improving service quality of WASAC and encourage the participants to maximize this opportunity by learning from a country which is ahead in reducing non-revenue water loss .

WASAC staffs were interested in the discussion learning from similarities of the two cities such as waterworks management by local governments, (independent and self-supporting management) but also some differences including the size of city and level of water consumption.

JICA has launched a new project with WASAC Ltd to enhance capacity to reduce non-revenue water in Kigali city. The three-year project is expected to significantly contribute to the utility's target of reducing revenue loss to 25 % in the next five years. Non- Revenue Water loss in Japan is estimated at 7% and Kobe city water leakage is 3.9% therefore Rwanda can learn best practices from Japan in managing non-revenue water. ●

JOB OBTAINMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Inclusive Business Seminar

With the support of JICA Expert Mr. Takashi SHIMIZU and in collaboration with National Council of Persons with Disability (NCPD), National Agriculture Export Development Board (NAEB) and other stakeholders in coffee industry as well as institutions supporting people with Disabilities (PWDs) organized a one day workshop on 24th November 2016 to share the experience on integration of PWDs in economic activities along coffee value chain.

In the opening remarks, JICA Rwanda Senior Representative, Mr. Ryutaro Murotani, mentioned that including PWDs in business is not for charity, it is an added value, since it shows to the consumers the uniqueness of your business. NCPD Executive Secretary and NAEB Representative welcomed the idea and promised commitment and support to inclusive business.

This workshop was a result of a pilot experience with Huye Mountain Coffee for the last coffee season. Facilitated by Mr. Shimizu and JICA Volunteer Ms. Ayaka Takahashi, students with deaf and dumb disability have been provided an opportunity of working in coffee washing station as On the Job Training program.

This workshop also served as an opportunity for networking between institutions supporting PWDs and Coffee washing stations for future collaboration in promoting inclusiveness of PWDs in their daily work. ●



JICA IN THE MEDIA

Private sector, Japan's Kobe Institute ink deal to boost ICT

The New Times
10th October 2016

Rwf10.8 billion irrigation scheme to benefit 980 farmers in Ngoma District

The New Times
1st December 2016

EAC borrows leaf from Japan, Vietnam for automotive industry

The New Times
13th December 2016

CALENDAR

JANUARY

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Center launching supported by JICA

Preparatory Survey Mission to formulate future irrigation project

Five participants from WASAC Non-Revenue Water Reduction Department will attend training in Japan for two weeks

Twelve volunteers will go back to Japan after two years mission in Rwanda and five new will arrive.

FEBRUARY

NCPD Expert Mr. Takashi Shimizu will finish his mission in Rwanda after two years

MARCH

Regional Launching workshop of the 2nd Edition of the OSBP sourcebook

Water week to be organized by MININFRA& and other partners

Preparatory Survey Mission to formulate future project on coffee

Science students learn to conduct science lessons JICA Volunteers organize workshop at TTC Muhanga



Students at TTC Muhanga performing experiments lessons

From 12th to 15th December 2016, 21 students from TTC Muhanga, Save and Nyamata had a workshop on “Make Up lesson” in TTC Muhanga. This workshop was organized by 7 JICA Volunteers in field of science and mathematics education; BEST group (Better Education in Science and Teaching).

During this workshop TTC students learned how to conduct a science lesson in a creative and attractive way. The objective of this workshop was to gather students who want to be science teachers in the future and let them perform same lessons for three times so that they can improve their lessons teaching skills and methodologies.

During this workshop, students practiced experiments among themselves showing how to teach a lesson and how to use learning materials to make it more understandable to students. For example students practiced lessons about: Properties of solids, liquid and gas, Importance of air, sensory organs, Finding the number of intervals and how this applies in real life. Each student practiced their lesson three times in front of other students and had a debriefing of each lesson and gave feedback to each other and they tried to improve in each lesson.

This workshop was a good opportunity for TTC Students to improve their teaching skills. “I have learnt a lot and I am now confident to conduct a science lesson, and I will share what I learnt with other students who were not present”, said Hategekimana Joseph, a student in TTC Muhanga. ●



JICA Rwanda Office gets new faces

Mr. Masaki Mikio has joined JICA Rwanda Office in December 2016 as Program Advisor for Agriculture and Aid coordination (SDG center) sectors.

Before coming to Rwanda he was a lecturer at Hokkaido University in Japan but has also working Ghana for 3 years from 2004 to 2007.

Mr. Masaki has also experience working in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia on various JICA Projects.

“I am happy to be back in Africa and work in Rwanda. I hope to contribute to this

country’s development with the experience I got in Asian countries as well as in Ghana in aid coordination and formulating new projects.

Mr. Masaki also wishes to work closely with Rwandan people and make friends in this beautiful country of 1000 hills in which he started to enjoy the food and drinks. ●



Mr. Themis Nyirimpeta started working in JICA Volunteering program in October 2016 as a Program Officer. Previously he has been working for VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) Rwanda as a program officer in the volunteering program as well.

“I joined JICA to advance my career in international development and I am lucky to come and work in the volunteering program which is almost similar to the work I have been doing in VSO for four years. I hope to contribute to the success of JICA’s activities

in Rwanda by making sure that my colleagues and Japanese volunteers get all the support they need to do their work.” Themis Nyirimpeta defines himself as a serious and focused person on whatever he does, he also like reading and drawing. ●



7th RJCC of EAC Trade Facilitation Project held in Kigali



On 24th November 2016, at Kigali Convention Center, JICA in partnership with Rwanda Revenue Authority hosted the 7th Regional Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting on JICA Trade Facilitation Project. The meeting was attended by the East African Revenue Authorities, the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration Rwanda, as well as senior officials from the East Africa Community Secretariat, the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the other concerned organizations. The RJCC meeting attendees reviewed and exchanged views after presentations by officials and project team members involved in the various projects components.

Mr. Richard Tusabe, Commissioner General of RRA thanked the Government of Japan for the good work done for capacity building and introduction of One Stop Boarder Post

(OSBP). The Cooperation has resulted in a number of improvements in day-to-day operations, which has facilitated cross-border and inter-regional trade and investment.

Mr. Hiroyuki Takada, Chief Representative of JICA Rwanda also recalled that in the last TICAD VI, the Government of Japan reaffirmed its commitment to contributing to the acceleration of African development through infrastructure and human resources development, economic diversification and the promotion of broad-based and private sector-led growth while pursuing equity and inclusiveness. Against this background, JICA has been implementing this project to promote smooth and efficient cross-border procedures as an essential component of trade facilitation in the Eastern African Region. "This meeting has arrived at a pivotal moment of the project at which several achievements such as operationalization of Rusumo OSBP between Rwanda and Tanzania, various capacity development initiatives and joint border surveillance exercises have

been realized and we are proud of them" says Mr. Takada.

In concluding, Mr. Seiichi Negishi, Deputy Director, Public Governance and Financial Management Team thanked the participants for strong ownership and leadership in implementing the project as well as the close collaboration between JICA and WCO with the launch of JICA/WCO joint project on Trade Facilitation in Africa.

The final evaluation of the project will be undertaken in 2017 to deliver lessons learnt. The launching of the 2nd edition of the OSBP sourcebook to be used in EAC countries is also expected to be in March 2016. ●



Maternal and Child Health Handbook

Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Handbook was created in Japan about 70 years ago. It contributed to reduce maternal and child mortality rate in Japan and now is expanded to various countries of Africa and Asia.

In Burundi, JICA in partnership with UNICEF and WHO introduced this handbook to promote a continuum of maternal, newborn and child health care by improving MCH services.

The handbook includes the component of reproductive health, nutrition, vaccination, prevention of HIV & malaria, and a page of civil registration as well as delivery certificate.

To estimate the effectiveness of the MCH Handbook in increasing the availability of information delivery at home, a survey was conducted in 23

health facilities of Gitega District. Between pre-post implementation stages, there were significant changes.

For example, the proportion of mothers having received the delivery certificate in home based records increased from 4.6% to 66.2%. The proportion of mothers having antenatal care records and delivery certificates in home based records increased from 1.4% to 95.1%. Moreover the proportion of mothers being advised on postnatal care by nurses increased from 35.9% to 64.2%. After this study, the Ministry of Health and Home affairs in Burundi decided to scale up the MCH Handbook nationwide.

Japan through JICA would like expand this handbook in many countries as an important tool for the continuum of care of the mother and child. ●

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