

# Japan International Cooperation Agency South Sudan Office

## SUPPORT FOR "SHEP APPROACH"\* IN SOUTH SUDAN

**Profile** 

Duration: From Mar 2015 Type: Follow-up for KCCP

Area: Juba

Partners: Department of Horticulture of the Ministry of

Agriculture and Forestry, Jubek State

SDGs: Goal 2 (Zero hunger)

Goal 8 (Decent work & economic growth)



SS-SHEP Team works with JICA SHEP advisor.

In South Sudan, whereas Agriculture has high potential with its rich natural resources, the food demand heavily relies on the import and emergency aid. JICA has recognized the extension officers/workers as the key players who directly support farmers and their capacity development is very important for the agriculture development of the country. In this line, more than ten (10) officers from the State Ministry have participated in the JICA's training course on SHEP Approach since 2013, South Sudan SHEP Team (SS-SHEP Team) was formed in 2015 and is implementing its Action Plan to introduce this Approach to the farmers groups in Juba in cooperation with JICA. We expect that SHEP Approach helps farmers to understand more the market information such as price, demand and requirements for the products, and to be more competent and motivated to sell their products in the market by themselves.



SHEP Team introduces SHEP Approach to farmers group

Farmers Group conducts Market survey

Farmers visit Agro-dealer

#### \* What is "SHEP Approach"?

SHEP stands for "Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment & Promotion". The approach was developed through the JICA's technical cooperation projects in Kenya and has been introduced in 23 countries in Africa. This approach aims the capacity development and income increase of smallholders through the production and sales of vegetables. To change the farmers' awareness and behavior from "grow and sell" to "grow to sell", it provides farmers know-how on market-oriented horticulture. JICA supports SHEP Team in each country who works for farmers.

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