



RESCAP Weekly Progress in **AUGUST** 2014

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Date	Main Activities in This Week (■ HQ, ■ Northern ■ Lusaka)	News around
25 Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preparation for Information meeting with Dept heads at MAL HQ ■ Meeting on mushroom spawn production at Misamfu Research Station 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Information meeting with Dept Heads at MAL HQ</i></p> <p>The Advisory Service Branch of the Department of Agriculture invited all the heads of Departments of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to the information meeting which was held at the Long Acres Lodge on Tuesday 26th August 2014. The Advisory Services Branch has been undertaking a series of new measures to improve the quality of extension services delivery by extension officers throughout the country. A new Extension Management Concept involving the use of District Extension Strategies, Planning and Monitoring Diaries for Extension Officers, a comprehensive new format for the Farmers Register and a more harmonized extension delivery bringing on-board private sector players, are some of the key undertakings which have been introduced at District and Provincial Levels. Food and Nutrition Section has also been active in the activities of “Most Critical 1,000 days Programme (MCHP)” and “Scaling Up of Nutrition” (SUN). In order to make these measures work effectively in further improving the quality of extension services, The meeting was called so that all Departments within the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock are kept abreast with the new extension management concepts.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">   </div>
26 Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Information meeting with Dept heads at MAL HQ ■ Monitoring of Extension Management in Kafue and Chilanga District ■ Monitoring of Extension Management in Luwingu District 	
27 Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation ■ Meeting on Food and Nutrition ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation 	
28 Thu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation 	
29 Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation 	
<i>Upcoming Events/ Activities</i>		<i>This Week's Picture</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting with the Departmental Heads on Advisory Service activities (26 August) ➤ Project Terminal Evaluation (31st August – 20th September) ➤ Joint Coordinating Committee meeting (18th September) ➤ Meeting with PACOs on extension service management (25 September TBC) ➤ Management Training Workshops for Principals of Farmer Training Centres (FTCs) (Postponed to Sept/October TBC) 		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adoption of Line Marker(Hand-made)!</i></p> <p>A farmer with a group of MAL staff and villagers is showing a line marker for rice cultivation in dambo. He made it by himself after attending a demonstration organised by the Camp Extension Officer, Ms. Grace Chanda in Mundunkula Camp of Chinsali District.</p> 

Stories of PaViDIA Micro Project

In July 2014, RESCAP conducted a study of the PaViDIA Micro Project. There are two stories from the study.

Testimony of the best farmer In Kakolo Village in Kaputa District

Mrs Susan Bwalya is a 52 year old farmer who is involved in the rice production and chicken rearing sub-projects. She normally grows 1 Lima of rice on family fields. Before the MP she used to grow the local common local variety of rice. Last season she grew 1 Lima of rice of the new "Supa" Chama rice variety in her family field. She harvested 9 x 100kg bags of rice of which she sold 5 and retained 4 for food, seed, paying school fees, and paying for labour hire. Out of the rice she sold she was able to raise K900 because she sold the rice at K180 per bag. Her chicken enterprise does not seem to be doing as good as the rice. Out of one (1) hen she received from the MP she now has 9 chicks and the hen is brooding again.

She sees the benefits from the MP in terms of improved food security, household income for school and health fees. She has increased her income more from rice and she says she is now able to eat better, dress well and look after her children better. "I have bought a radio cassette player with memory card, two mountain bicycles, pots and plates, beds and mattresses, blankets and 5 pairs of bed sheets. I have made a foundation for a modern house at the boma for which I have bought 15 iron roofing sheets at K17 each", says Mrs Bwalya. She has also given out the better rice seed variety to other farmers wanting to grow it.

Expected benefits for an MP in incubation stage

Mr. Stanley H. Chansa is a farmer and head of household of Kayamba Village, Kampinda Camp, Nsama District. He is 40 years old and has a family of 6 to support.

He is a dynamic member of the Village Micro-Project Committee who is mainly involved in the goat rearing sub-project activities. Mr. Chansa has not received any goats yet from the MP since the project has not reached stage where participants are able to receive the goats from the project. His village MP group received a total grant sum of K9,400.00 of which K2,300.00 for chicken; Maize production K2,100.00; Fish farming K2,00.00 and Goat rearing K3,000.00).

Mr. Chansa said there was no tangible economic impact/change yet, but was quick to reveal some positive change with regards to his perceptions/views in participating on the PaViDIA Micro-Project. He listed the following benefits accrued: Mr. Chansa informed the team that the coming of PaViDIA in the area has enabled him to set a vision, and work around it to realize the vision. He told the team that his visions were two; by the year 2016 to triple the stock of his goats, which currently stand at 16. The other vision is that by the year 2016 he should acquire cattle for ADP to expand area cultivated.

Today's Laugh

