



RESCAP Weekly Progress in AUGUST 2014

RESCAP stands for “Rural Extension Service Capacity Advancement Project through PaViDIA Approach”

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Date	Main Activities in This Week (■ HQ, ■ Northern ■ Lusaka)	News around
1 Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meeting with the Terminal Evaluation Team ■ Evaluation Field Visit to Kafue MAL Office (DACO/SAO) ■ Monitoring Visit to Muchinga Province 	<div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">Terminal Evaluation of the Project (1-20 September 2014)</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">   </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>The Terminal Evaluation of the RESCAP has commenced prior to the completion of the Project in December 2014. The three members of the evaluation team from the MAL and Mr. Terao, Evaluation Consultant dispatched by JICA HQ and Mr. Chibamulilo from JICA Zambia Office with Chief Advisor of the RESCAP are in Western and Northwestern Provinces this week. The Evaluation Team visited the offices of Senior Agriculture Officers (SAOs) in Lukulu, Kasempa and Solwezi Districts to check how they are using basic monitoring tools such as Report Submission Check List. The team also visited several villages where PaViDIA Micro Projects are being implemented with advice/facilitation of Camp Extension Officers (CEOs). The team also interviewed CEOs to evaluate the impact of training activities and use of Agriculture Diary (ADEOs). The evaluation will continue for the next two weeks. The results of the evaluation and recommendations will be presented at the Joint Coordinating Committee meeting on 18th September 2014.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;">  </div> </div>
2 Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evaluation Field Visit to Lukulu District(Western Province) ■ Impact Assessment Survey Report ■ Monitoring Visit to Muchinga Province 	
3 Wed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evaluation Field Visit to Kasempa District(Northwestern Province) ■ Impact Assessment Survey Report ■ Preparation for the Project Terminal Evaluation 	
4 Thu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evaluation Field Visit to Solwezi District(Northwestern Province) ■ Impact Assessment Survey Report 	
5 Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evaluation Field Visit to Northwestern Provincial Office ■ Impact Assessment Survey Report 	
<i>Upcoming Events/ Activities</i>		<i>This Week's Picture</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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) 		<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">Zimba District won 1st Prize</div> <p>Zimba District which is one of newly created Districts in Southern Province scooped the 1st Prize out of the 13 Districts that exhibited in the Agricultural Sector at this year's Southern Tourism and Commercial Show (STACS) in the Livingstone held from the 17th to 20th of July, 2014. This was the first time the District participated in the Provincial show. Congratulation to MAL Zimba Office staff!</p>

PAVIDIA UPLIFTING PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS IN SHIWANG'ANDU

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IT is a project that takes a holistic approach to eradicating poverty, it looks at empowering a "whole village" in its entirety at the same time individual families benefit gradually.

The project integrates and encourages villagers' participation in ensuring the project's success, it is a Project called PaViDiA.

The acronym PaViDiA stands for Participatory Village Development in Isolated Areas and it began in the country in 2002 and is a Japanese government supported project in collaboration with the Zambian Government that promotes sustainable agriculture through the active participation of locals.

The PaViDiA project is well-dotted around various Villages in Shiwang'andu District of Muchinga Province, with projects ranging from livestock to mushroom growing.

One notable success story is at a village called Mushishi which lies along the Great-North Road where the villagers keep goats and they have done relatively well.



One of the residents of the village Ludya Chanda, explains that when the project

began, villagers organising planks for the shelter and built it before the goats were brought in.

She says the whole village was involved in organising construction of the structure for their livestock and is still participating in feeding and keeping the goats.

Mrs Chanda reveals that the project started in June, 2013 with just seven goats in a village with a population of 120 people.

She explains that at the moment, the village has more than 13 goats which they plan to distribute gradually to households to enable them also start keeping goats too for their own benefit.

Mrs Chanda highlights that in Mushishi there are a lot of vulnerable people including orphans and the elderly people, hence the project is hugely beneficial to them. She adds that the project will help various families in her village to pay school fees for their children and generally be empowered.

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