



RESCAP Weekly Progress in NOVEMBER 2014

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

Extension Service in Action!

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Date	Main Activities in This Week (■ HQ, ■ Northern ■ Lusaka)	News around
10 Mon	■ Data Analysis of Impact Assessment ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report ■ Preparation for the closure of the Office	Revision and Updating of District Extension Strategy Senanga District <p>In order to improve the quality of extension service delivery more strategically at District level, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Department of Agriculture) has introduced the concept of extension management for each District to identify and prioritize activities of extension officers based on farmers' needs, potentials and new technologies/varieties with limited resources. Senior Agriculture Officer (SAO) for Senanga</p>  
11 Tue	■ ■ ■ Public Holiday	
12 Wed	■ Meeting with Advisory Service and staff ■ Meeting with consultant for Ex-Post Evaluation of PaViDIA ■ Meeting with UNZA/JOCV on nutrition issues ■ Preparation for the closure of the Office	
13 Thu	■ ■ ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report	<p>District, Mr. Hillary Kasumu (second from left on the photo right) is one of District Officers who is fully utilizing this extension management concept with aim of realizing positive changes in agriculture, hence livelihood of small scale farmers. Mr. S. Mulele from the MAL Western Province recently visited his office with RESCAP Chief Advisor. The team was very pleased to know that SAO with his staff is fully integrating resources and activities of other stakeholders in extension delivery by sharing the District Extension Strategy with them through Agriculture Development Sub-Committee of the Senanga District Development Coordinating Committee.</p>
14 Fri	■ ■ ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report	
Upcoming Events/Activities		This Week's Picture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure of Project Office in the MAL Northern Province 14th November - Closure of RESCAP Office in the MAL HQ 12th December 2014 - Completion of the Project 14th December 2014 		 <p style="color: red;">"Farewell to Mr. Narabu at the MAL Northern Province"</p> <p>Mr. Tatsuo Narabu (Appropriate Technology Advisor: top far left) who has been based in Kasama since 2011 is fare welled by staff of the MAL Northern Province and a JOCV Volunteer based at MAL Kasama District Office, Mr. Funayama (bottom left). Mr. Narabu is wearing a Zambia jubilee anniversary t-shirt given by the staff. Thank you Mr. Narabu for your hard work to support the improvement of extension services!</p>

Honey Production News No. 2

Harvesting, processing, packing and selling honey!

Abel PaViDIA village –Chinsali District

Reported by Kensuke Ueda
(JICA Volunteer Chinsali DACO office)

A group of villagers in Abe village of Chinsali District started bee keeping in April 2012 using a traditional hive which is made by just hollowing round wood which is quite common in Zambia. Since last year, they've also started using improved modern hive known as "Kenyan hive" through PaViDIA. In October 2013 they got about 4-5kg of comb honey and shared all of them with the members since this was the first production.



Now this time in November 2014 they attempted to process and sell honey to the customers directly to market outside their village. Processing was done using cleaned used mosquito net and sieve. Even bees wax was

made after squeezing honey.

For the packing of honey, the farmers and Camp Extension Officers came up with their own idea. Instead of using used drinking bottles as usual they used clean small plastic bags and labeled it for adding value. Making labels and printing were helped by Camp Extension Officer, Mr. Inambao.



Immediately they started selling honey at Agriculture office, these were all sold out! Farmers realized that there is a big demand in town on pure honey straight from the field and customers asked them to bring more.

Mr. Mkosha, a lead farmer in the village said "It was fantastic! Since now we experienced whole bee keeping process from hive installation to the marketing, in the next harvesting season we're sure that we can do better business and those sales will be used for buying groves and hats so that more members can be involved in inspection and harvesting." And Camp Extension officer, Mr. Inambao said "We should not rely heavily on maize for our living. Bee keeping can do throughout the year and very profitable as we felt right now. Farmers appreciated it."

Farmers should not just count on someone's help like the birds opening their mouse in the nest, but stand on their feet and foster ability to think. Now a lead farmer, Mr. Mkosha managed to sell his products and know the customer trends. He is definitely going to come into the next business stage. Who's next to follow Mr. Mkosha?

Today's Laugh

