



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
17 Mon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ RESCAP Advisors meeting ■ ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report 	<p style="text-align: center;">Words from Advisors before leaving Zambia</p> <p>The time for us to leave Zambia will come at the end of the next week. We (Takahiro Miyoshi [left] and Tatsuo Narabu [right]) would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, working together with us during our 5-year stay in Zambia.</p> <p>We believe that we have done everything we could do as advisors of RESCAP to improve extension service of Zambia., So we would like to leave our messages with our thoughts as our last work before leaving. We are happy to observe in the final year of RESCAP that District Extension Strategies (DES) were prepared by following the recommended process/ procedures of extension management, which incorporate with appropriate technologies for potential crops/ commodities in the respective Districts. We found that the strategies were very realistic since they used available resources including financial resources from various stakeholders, and they were very practical because they were integrated with training of extension officers and the usage of demo calendar. It is a bit pity for us to say “Good-bye” to all colleagues but it is also our role as advisors to leave the country to the hands of people of Zambia, who will continue with the further improvement of Extension Services in Zambia for their future. We are hoping that you will establish a brighter future for the people of Zambia toward next Jubilee. Many thanks. One Nation One Zambia!</p>
18 Tue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Follow-up on MAL Website ■ ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report ■ ■ Compilation of the Project Account Report 	
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20 Thu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report 	
21 Fri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ■ Preparation of the Project Completion Report 	
<i>Upcoming Events/ Activities</i>		<i>This Week's Picture</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closure of RESCAP Office in the MAL HQ 12th December 2014 - Completion of the Project 14th December 2014 		<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="width: 70%;"> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">“MAL Website is up with downloadable documents! Again, They are free!”</p> <p>The Website for the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock is up again with various useful technical information documents produced with support of the RESCAP such as “Extension Management Guide” and Crop Production Guide for Northern/Muchinga Provinces. You can download various extension management related documents free! From http://www.agriculture.gov.zm/index.php?option=com_jdownloads&Itemid=1594&view=viewcategory&catid=9.</p> </div> </div>



I like My Extension Officer!

The followings are the stories of small scale farmers who appreciate the works of their Camp Extension Officers (CEOs) in and around their villages. The stories were collected during the Impact Assessment Survey of the RESCAP by Mr. Ryo ONO (JOCV Volunteer) and his counterpart staff in Lusaka, Northern, Muchinga and Western Provinces.

(Case 1)

Mr. Mulonda, a farmer, appreciated CEO who helped farmers with a lot of things and farmer adopted many innovations through CEO's service. The CEO taught them in groups through theoretical and practical sessions, and the lessons



learnt on intercropping, crop diversification, soil improvement and crop rotation. CEO facilitated, monitored and evaluated farmers' activities. He saw the good results of practicing the innovation. It benefited all villagers then he desired this information should also reach other farmers urgently. He appreciated the CEO's activity and followed the CEO's advice. He had been afraid to adopt new technology at first. But after practicing a new technology once and the results were very good with a lot of benefit, this made him adopt the innovation and he has been using it up to date. Hence he felt happy to learn new technologies and ideas.

(Interviewed with by Mr. Mulonda, a farmer, Kambobe)

(Case 2)

Mr. Kashamba, a farmer in Sioma knew the importance of soil fertility but his landlord did not allow to use fertilizer in his land. And also he could not afford to acquiring some manure. Therefore he faced low yields due to primitive agriculture systems. He experienced crop failure due to regional rainy pattern (region1). His CEO taught him about climate condition and advised him to buy early maturing varieties

suitable for the area. He felt lucky because He was getting timely advice from agriculture team.



He needed basic information on agriculture and agriculture extension service responding to his desire. He

appreciated that agriculture extension service was available to everyone.

(Interviewed with Mr. Kashamba, a farmer, Sioma)

(Case 3)

Ms. Pamela produced maize, rice, sweet potato, finger millet, sorghum and Chinese cabbage for home consumption and income generation. She was scared of hunger so she grew a lot of crops and

vegetables despite having a challenge with inputs (fertilizer). She had



irrigation systems but it did not run throughout the year. Her CEO brought extension service to her area. CEO taught and intervened her and other farmers on how to produce new crops throughout the year. CEO gave them advice the theoretically and practically by visiting farmers and also by setting demos. She felt happy because her livelihood has improved through adoption of new technology and achieved good yields on rice production. She appreciated CEO's follow up activities and visits very much.

(Interviewed with Ms. Pamela, a farmer, Luwingu)

Today's Laugh

