

INTRODUCTION: This report is about the ENGIM/SJFAP project activities for the month of March 2013. ENGIM and SJFAP work very closely with particular projects especially in agriculture and infrastructure. ENGIM provides mostly the financial resources whilst SJFAP provides the indigenous knowledge and mobilization of the communities.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN MARCH

- BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AT ROFOTANEH VILLAGE:** This project is funded by private donors through the SJF and this project is located in the Chiefdom of Marampa. This bridge is situated along the road that links farms to market for several peasant farmers. The villages of Rofuthaneh, Rogbloh and Rolabour are actively involved in providing the much needed community participation and support. When completed, this bridge will see an increase in the supply of agricultural produce to the market.

This activity finally started with huge and committed community participation and most of the materials for the construction work are now on site.



- POULTRY ESTABLISHMENT PROJECT:** The birds are now 10 weeks old and are extremely doing well with only 2% mortality. Perches and local feeding troughs made of Bamboo cane for the pullet stage are now been placed inside the poultry house. The pox vaccine will be administered at 16 weeks old.

Challenges for the activity: The care taker should be provided with a simple mobile phone so that he could quickly communicate to his supervisor when there is trouble or any strange happenings in the poultry.

Feed should be bought abundantly before the season of plenty maize expires so that this enterprise can fully function throughout the year. Maize production should also be undertaken in some communities and it should be followed by SJFAP in order to have a sustainable poultry production.

- WATER WELLS PROJECT** - For these years 2013-2014, ENGIM together with SJFAP will construct twenty water wells. Among these, twelve will be financed by "CIELO E TERRA VINI" s.p.a; three of them by ENGIM and five by private donors. Very recently two more water wells have been added and they are funded by a Spanish donor. Presently, the phase of digging has been completed in 19 water wells (At present digging of 19 wells is already completed) and sand has been deposited in ten communities. The activity of

lining has been completed in Rothongbai Village, where also a school construction project is pending. In three other communities the lining activities are still ongoing. We have found some difficulties with only one site now as bed rocks prevented the completion of the water well, which is why a new community has been advised to be selected. The SJFAP truck that has been very helpful in this activity is broken down and seems to be very difficult to repair so hiring of trucks for this activity seems to be the answer for now.

- **WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH SJFAP STAFF:** Weekly meetings are held on Mondays in the SJFAP office so that effective coordination, planning and review are done for the next and subsequent weeks ahead. SJFAP has already conducted a workshop for SILC secretaries in Marampa and Buya Romende on record keeping and managing a meeting on the 7th, 8th and 9th of March 2013 at the new Spain office. This activity was totally funded by the participating communities. Repairs to the office premises is urgent and SJFAP is asking for the entire building to be under their authority as this will also increase security of the property.
- **FOLLOW UP ON MPT-P (Moringa Pilot Tree Project):** This project has been thoroughly accessed and an intensification phase is now underway. Ten communities are establishing nurseries of 1000 seedlings each bringing the total number of seedlings to 10,000. The nursery sites will be established in the pilot villages and the seedlings will be later transplanted not only in the fields of the pilot villages but also in another village/community close to the pilot. In this way we can also reach other communities with the Moringa project. Donor funds are available for this intensification project and are Le 3,280,000/00. This amount aims to cover the cost of watering cans, sieves and seeds and the communities will provide significant inputs like polybags, labour and sensitization of new communities.
- **S.A.D PROGRAM:** A total of **150** children are benefiting from this project: **57** in Freetown, **78** in Lunsar and **15** in Portloko. A workshop will be organised in Freetown on the 6th of April with the theme GENDERED VIOLENCE. Arrangements for this workshop are quite in place and it will definitely take place.
- **RENEWAL OF ENGIM AS INGO - PROCESS FOLLOW UP-** This process has been very tough to follow but that notwithstanding some strides have been made, and to date the following have been achieved, an Audit report for 2012/2013 has been prepared, progress report, forms for registration, contact at the different line Ministries for attestation is in progress with almost all of the attestations secured; proposal for 2013 /2014. Although we are poised to finish this work by mid March 2013 yet still this activity is ongoing, an annual work plan has also been requested
- **HEALTH SECTOR MEETING IN PORTLOKO:** This meeting was robustly attended by the Director together with Angela and Sylvia. In this meeting we formally presented our credentials as ENGIM and talked about our activities in the Health sector which included the water wells construction and the proposed drug lab. I will say we were welcomed but warned about adhering to their bureaucratic procedures which we promised to do. The third Wednesdays of each month have been slated for the monthly meetings.

- PILOT SWAMP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT MENDESORA VILLAGE:** The Pilot Swamp development project is going on fine with 50% of the development work accomplished. The tools for the community tool bank have all been supplied and the work is proceeding as desired with our service provider and the Field agent actually hard on work. This project has the training in SRI, vegetable and rice cultivation activities still in the pipeline. The actual swamp development work is in progress.



Challenges envisaged:

This work needs frequent supervision and that being far away from the project site this might in a way slow than the work and the Food for Work (FFW) might finish before the end of the development work.

- PARISH HALL CONSTRUCTION HOLY CROSS CHURCH KISSY- FREETOWN;** This work is in progress with a difficult excavation work already carried out manually as the foundation has



to be built on a rock. The foundation walls have been built and the work is progressing. Proper coordination and reporting of activities together with its accounting format and procedures has been urged. Building materials for the construction work are now on site.

- DRUG LAB IN MABESSENEH HOSIPITAL:**

The search for funds is still going on in Italy with the involvement of universities and other organizations.

- FUTURE COMPLEX:** My personal opinion about this enterprise is that it needs to be restructured such that its purpose and direction are clearly understood by all stake holders. The role of the country Director of ENGIM clearly spelt out, a system designed for proper accountability and transparency. Two meetings have been held in the month of March and it was to iron out the problem of the metal work department, which was closed down

temporarily because of fraud by one of its members but has resumed operation since that was advised. Some amount has been paid (Le800, 000/00) and this has been kept awaiting the full payment to be made.

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