

Study for Japan's Assistance for Grassroots Projects, Zimbabwe

(Period of the study: 1 month from February 1999 Our assignments: Survey on Local NGO)

Background of the Study

Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe made a contract with AAI for the preliminary study to effectively carry out the high quality activities in the implementation of Japan's Assistance for Grassroots Projects. The study items were to understand the activity condition of local NGOs working in the field of agricultural development and also to find out the promising projects of the target organization suitable as Japan's Assistance for Grassroots Projects. In practice, the candidate projects were evaluated from the viewpoints of potentiality, feasibility and cost effectiveness as much as possible.

Outline of the Study

Based on the readily available information and the interview survey results from "Africa Japan Forum", the field survey of local NGOs were carried out with the keywords of community participation, appropriate technology, small scale development and project sustainability. General survey was done for the NGOs recommended by the Network NGO conducting practice and extension of permaculture and the detailed survey was done for the selected 4 NGOs. Furthermore, the extra survey was done to understand the relation with agricultural production activities for each NGO and the plan of promising sample project was formulated.

Our Assignments

- Listing up the local NGOs working for agricultural development and selection of promising NGOs,
- Survey of selected NGOs on objective, establishment process, organization structure, activities and others,
- Formulation of feasible project based on the characteristic of each NGO and the situation of project site, and
- Investigation for the future direction of grassroots projects.

