

The Project for the Construction of a Maize Storage in Kasese District

1. Project Detail

Organization	Mesopotamia Notre Dame Rural Development Association (MENODA)
Amount of funding	US\$ 101,574
Signatory	Mr. Balyana Stephen, Executive Director
Name of the project	The Project for the Construction of a Maize Storage in Kasese District
Location of the project	Kasese District
Items funded through this project	Construction of a maize storage and procurement of a maize drier, a moisture meter and a truck
Date of Grant Signing	2 December 2014

Kasese District in the western Uganda, sharing the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), was seriously devastated by the armed conflict against the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) and the internal instabilities of the DRC during the 1990s. In spite of the fact that the central government has been taking up measures to resettle the farmers since 2000, the living standard remains very low as their farmland and infrastructure have not been fully restored. Mesopotamia Notre Dame Rural Development Association (MENODA), registered in 2008 as a community based organisation, has collaborated with Kasese District Government in order to improve the living standard of farmers in the district. The farmers in this area mainly grow maize, but most of them are very poor as their daily income is under 1 US dollar. This is because of the absence of a proper maize storage which can prevent maize being damaged by mold and bugs. Therefore, this project will construct a maize storage in collaboration with MENODA, from which 10,800 maize farmers are expected to be the beneficiary annually. In addition, by procuring a maize drier, a moisture meter and a truck, they can sell maize of better quality and in bulk at a higher price than before, which will contribute to increasing their income.

2. Grant Contract Ceremony

The Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, H. E. Junzo Fujita, has signed the grant contract with Mr. Balyana Stephen, Executive Director of MENODA, on 2 December 2014 at the Embassy of Japan.

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