

Project for Development of the Construction Equipment Operator Training Centre

ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Training Needs Assessment (TNA) was successfully completed by Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS) from 2 to 16 December, in cooperation with MoWT and UNIDO. A series of interviews were conducted with MoWT instructors, road construction equipment operators (both from local district governments and the private sector), private sector companies, public organizations, several vocational training centers as well as the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) training center, and local district government staff involved with operators (district engineers, mechanical foremen).
- On 16 December, JMAS presented the key findings of the TNA to project stakeholders, including the Embassy of Japan, MoWT, Komatsu Ltd., Victoria Equipment, and the Uganda National Association of Building and Civil Engineering Contractors (UNABCEC). The presentation has been sent out to all project partners.
- The key findings of the TNA include an analysis of the technical skills gap for both instructors and operators. Based on the findings, suggestions for future training plans were proposed in the presentation. Furthermore, other recommendations such as the necessity of establishing an efficient maintenance and repair system were made.
- JMAS visited the Komatsu Dubai Training and Demonstration Center in Dubai, UAE on 18 December. They learned more about the training facility and training modalities for the planned MoWT instructor training.



Interview with construction equipment operators in Luwero district © UNIDO



MoWT instructors filling in the questionnaires prepared by JMAS © UNIDO

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY 2020

- In the week starting 13 January, a Senior Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) specialist will visit Uganda to (i) conduct a training on M&E system and tools, monitoring tool kit and guidelines for project staff, national partners and project counterparts, and (ii) improve the M&E framework of the project by co-developing a M&E roadmap with the project partners. UNIDO will communicate further details in due course to all project partners.
- The final TNA report will be submitted to UNIDO by JMAS over the course of January and will be shared with all project partners for comments. It will be discussed in detail during the first Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting in early March.
- UNIDO will begin with the preparation of the inception report, to be distributed to all project partners ahead of the first PSC.



TNA presentation given by JMAS on December 16 at MoWT © UNIDO