

South region:

Beneficiaries hail impact of Japanese-sponsored projects

From Morine Tanyi in Kribi

Some beneficiaries of projects sponsored by the Japanese government in the Ocean Division, South region have praised the impact of the ventures in improving their livelihoods.

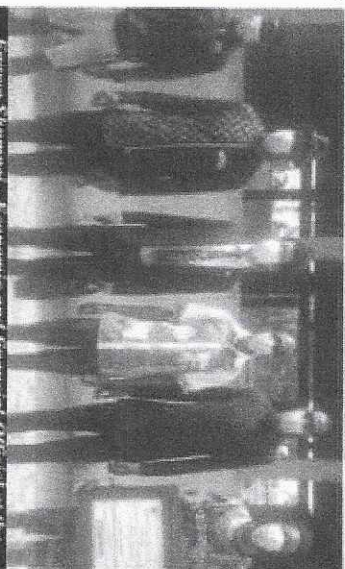
Beneficiaries assessed impact of the projects on their livelihood Friday March 26. This was during an evaluation mission carried out by officials of the Japanese Embassy in Cameroon. The delegation was led by, Egawa Shunpei, head of the Finance, Economy Cooperation of the diplomatic service.

While in the village of Mpalla, a community in the outskirts of Kribi, a project on the integrated breeding of piglets was evaluated.

The 11 million FCFA project is being implemented by the Kribi Catholic Diocese.

According to the President of the Kribi Diocese Committee for Socio-Charitable Activities, Daniel Jonathan Mba Ngobo, the said amount offered to them in 2019 been used for the construction of a centre where the training can take place.

"The centre is operational and we have been able to train over



Egawa Shunpei, Economic and financial official at the Embassy of Japan in Cameroon, stakeholders during stop in Mpalla

44 youth in pig farming and even though the results are not what we expected at the launch of the project, we still have hopes that more and more youths in our community would develop interest in the activity," he said.

The team, he added, has been able to take the project to different churches so as to make it known to the population.

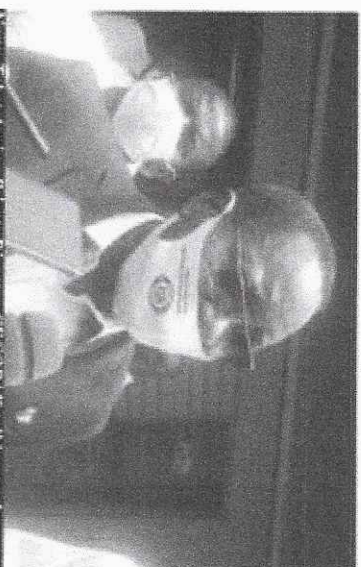
Mba Ngobo noted that the "project targets youths from the Ocean division and particularly those of the village of Mpalla for training in the domain of pig farming. The training is just about how to get into the breeding of pigs; that is from a piglet

to when it is ready for consumption," he said.

"Trainees at the end of their training programme are given some piglets and financial assistance to be able to start their own activity," Ngobo stated.

Oyir Semengue Thierry, one of the trainees told reporters that, "I have been at the center after finishing my training over four months ago but decided to continue so as to better acquire the skills. I intend to have a breeding center one day too, and why not employ other youths."

Besides visiting the pigery project, Shunpei also led the press to the Kribi Community



Nana Tabet, twice Prime Minister, Director CECOPAK talking to the press

Center for Artisanal Fishing better known by French abbreviation, CECOPAK.

The Director of the Center, Nana Tabet Arsene Pnyal, noted that thanks to the Cameroon-Japan cooperation, a modern equipment centre has been constructed to boost artisanal the fishing sector in the sea side resort town.

"The donation from the Japanese government permitted us to have a modern landing space for boats to the high sea for fishing and a market that respects the hygienic condition for the sale of their catch at the Mboou-Mlungu area," he explained.

"... We are in a tourist area, we were able to construct restaurants, warehouses, modern furniture workshop where boats are fabricated, modern toilets, an administrative bloc, an ice fabrication unit, all with help from Japan," he revealed.

Nana Tabet went further to note that the aid also permitted them to better manage the community despite some difficulties.

"We have just 12 parking spaces for over 100 fishermen and this makes things difficult for them as we are forced to put at least six to seven of them together thus the need to construct others," he told reporters.

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