





CORE TAKES DO-NOU TECHNOLOGY TO ZAMBIA

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DATE	ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS
25/10/2010	Arrival in Lusaka of both professor Kimura and Mr. Njuguna. Met at the Lusaka Air port by Mr. Caleb Banda of National Council for Construction (NCC) and taken to Hotel Belvedere.	
26/10/2010	Presentation by Professor of Do-nou Technology at the National Council for Construction (NCC) attended by senior construction personnel from both the public sector and the private sector among them the NCC Executive Director Dr. M.S. Mashamba. Professor Kimura showed how easy the technology was to learn, how effective it is and how it utilizes locally available raw materials to improve rural access roads. He stressed that Africa's problems requires Africa's solutions.	Senior Construction Personnel from the Public and private sector CORE staff.
	  <p style="text-align: center;">Filling the gaps Compacting</p>	Njolwe Community, officers from construction CORE staff
28/10/2010	Continued with the Work force of 17 people. Laid the second layer compacted initially manually and later using a roller compactor from National Council for Construction (NCC). Did side drains of 25m on both sides of the road.	Njolwe community, construction officers and CORE staff
	  <p style="text-align: center;">Final compaction Finished road</p>	

	  <p>Officers and the Njolwe community happy to have learnt and Participated in road maintenance using Do-nou technology[together we can do]</p>	
29/10/2010	<p>Njolwe farmer Group chairman Mr. Philli requested Professor Kimura to give a presentation on Do-nou technology to his farmers during a meeting the farmers were receiving farm inputs from the Government. Mr. Philli said the Company distributing the Inputs had threatened not to bring the inputs to Njolwe due to bad road and told the farmers that Do-nou technology had just come on time to save them from collecting the inputs from Lusaka 37 Kilometers away at their own expense.</p>	NCC,Njolwe farmers CORE staff
	  <p>Professor shows how it is done</p> <p>Njolwe farmers pay attention to the presentation</p>	

According to the way the Zambian officers from the National Council for Construction took the training. I feel they will continue with the Do-nou technology training and train more members of the community. I thank Professor Kimura for his tireless efforts in ensuring that the technology reaches as many people as possible in the Developing Countries. I also thank him for paying for my air ticket and my upkeep in Lusaka, being my first flight I will remember him forever and promise to work hard to ensure the technology reaches as many people as possible to improve their lives. During the training I learnt from him how I can calculate the amount of murram required for covering after laying, how to align without necessarily using the square and the importance of being precise in construction. I hope to use this to Improve on my daily work in CORE and anywhere else.