

PRESS RELEASE

JAPAN AGREES TO EXTEND A GRANT AID TO RWANDA UP TO JPY 1,549,000,000 (APPROXIMATELY USD 15.3 Million) FOR THE PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF IRRIGATION SCHEME IN NGOMA DISTRICT

Date of Signing: August 8th, 2014

Venue: Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning of the Republic of Rwanda

A Japanese Grant aid amount up to JPY 1,549,000,000 (approximately 15.3 Million US dollars) will be extended to the Government of the Republic of Rwanda.

The Exchange of Notes will be signed between Hon. Claver GATETE, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, and H. E. Mr. Kazuya OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan on 8th August, 2014.

This Grant, which will be implemented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), is aiming at helping to improve and stabilize agriculture productivity in Ngoma District through such activities as the construction of a water reservoir and irrigation facilities that will enable farmers to utilize agricultural water more efficiently and promote intensive agriculture.

The project will be implemented in Rurenge and Remera Sectors in the Eastern Province (Figure1).

The project's outline (Figure 2 and 3);

(1) Beneficiary area is 300 ha in total (Hillside; 265ha, Paddy field; 35ha)

(2) The Project main components

- Dam (Height; 14.9m, Dam Capacity; 960,000m³)
- Regulating tanks (3 tanks)
- Irrigation Canals (Main; 28km, Secondary; 27km)
- Materials (Solar panels, Pump facilities and Hose pipe)
- Soft components (i) Establishment and strengthening of Water Users Organizations (WUOs) , ii) Support the Operation and Maintenance of the irrigation facilities and iii) Test filling of the reservoir).
- Plot construction (Demo plot)

(3) Overall estimated schedule (Figure4)

October, 2014- Detail Design

July, 2015- Construction.

August, 2016- Storing water.

August, 2017- Commencement of irrigation farming.

Another important aspect of this grant is that it is aiming at supporting Rwanda to mitigate and/or adapt the potential effects of climate change such as change in the pattern of rainfall.

This support is in line with the EDPRS2 and Rwanda's efforts to develop agriculture sector that is one of the main drivers of its economic development and poverty reduction. Related to this irrigation project, Japan is providing the following technical cooperation in agriculture sector;

- 1) An irrigation adviser from JICA has been dispatched to the Task Force of Irrigation and Mechanization at the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) for the advisory service of the irrigation projects in Rwanda since 2011.
- 2) A Technical Cooperation Project entitled "Smallholder Market Oriented Agriculture Project" which is designed to improve livelihoods of smallholder farmers through various activities intended to develop their capacity.

These also show Japan continuous support to the Government and the people of Rwanda.

It is the sincere hope of the Government and the people of Japan that this Grant assistance will contribute to increase and stabilize agriculture productivity in the project area, and be utilized efficiently and effectively.

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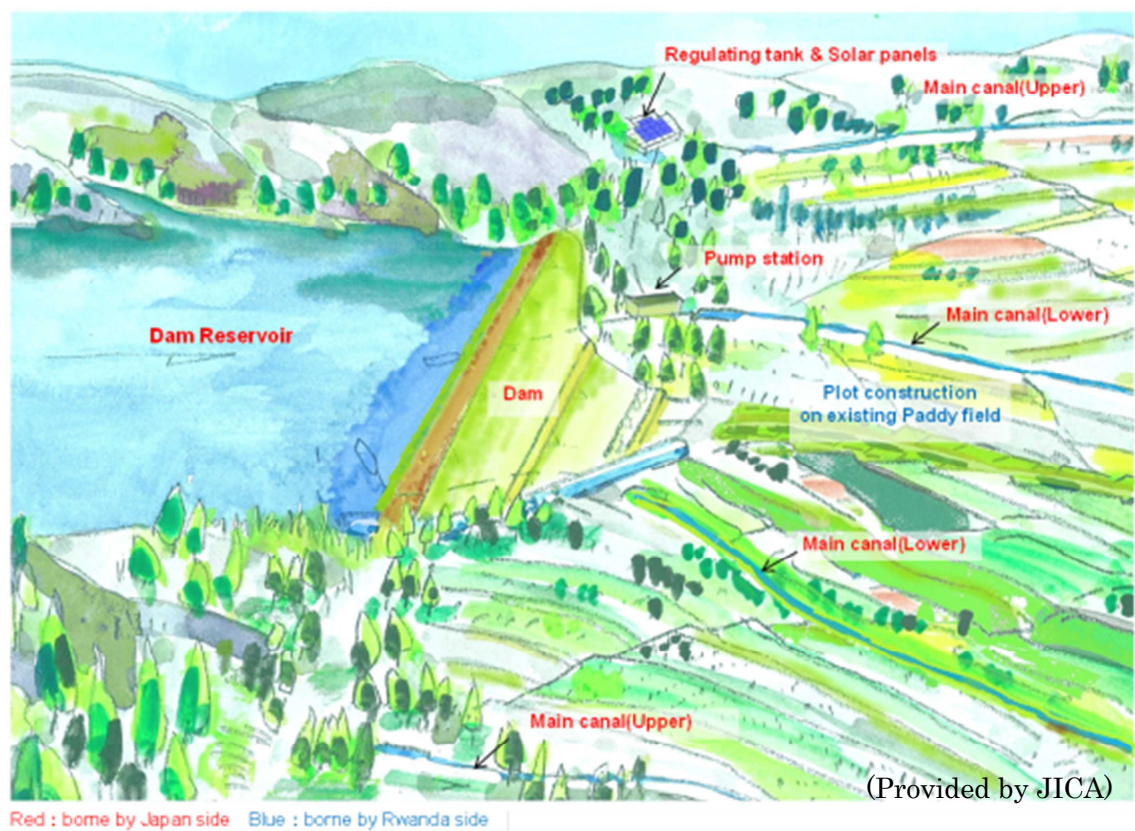
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(Figure1) Location Map of the Project

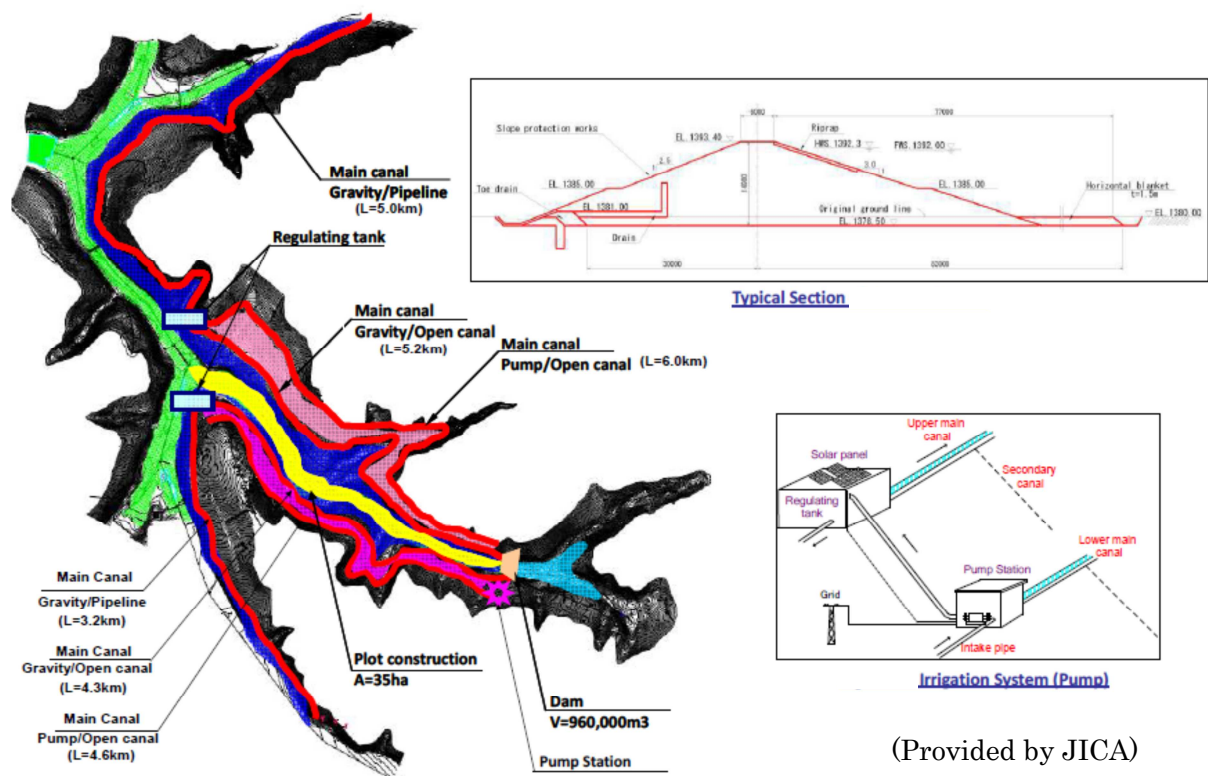


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(Figure2) Conceptual Drawing of the Project



(Figure3) General Layout of the Project



(Figure4) Overall estimated schedule of the Project

Year/Month	2013				2014				2015				2016				2017																			
Work Item	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J
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Detail Design,PQ and others																																				
Construction																																				
Storing water																																				
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Implementation of soft-component																																				

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