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Rotary Zambia Footbridge Program Update

January 2010

Dear Rotary Bridge Committee,

Dear Friends, January 2010 has certainly started the year on a high note. We have selected and approved all 5 of the bridges in the grant and are well on our way to seeing great success in our first year.

Road Development Agency - RDA

We finally have a committed agreement with this RDA in which we have approved standards for the Suspended bridge technology in Zambia. Now we shall start work on creating Bridge profiles and registers for each region. Thanks to Nkole Bwayla from RC Nkwazi for his instrumental assistance with getting this agreement passed at the RDA.



NCC

No further updates.

University of Zambia

A team of 6 4th year engineering students have volunteered to work with the University of Washington team on the pedestrian bridge Linda-Libuyu. The team travelled with Program Manager Zoe Pacciani to Livingstone on January 22 to conduct the topographical survey and is now communicating regularly with the UoWS team on design. In addition, the head of Engineering, Dr Muya, has increased his support of the mission, offering mentorship assistance to the UNZA team. The dean of UNZA agreed to recognize the student's time as part of their obligatory practical assignments.

Bridges 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

With the selection and approval of all 5 (five) bridges in the grant now finalized we have started work making agreements with the communities and local government and taking topographical data. Bridge #1 Kamunjoma, Eastern Province: planning Bridge #2 Shamiyoyo, Western Province: design and scheduling Bridge #3 Munyumbwe, Southern Province: planning Bridge #4 Fupashi, Copperbelt: planning Bridge #5 Linda-Libuyu, Livingstone: design and scheduling Each month I will update you on each bridge's status and schedule and include a few of my favorite pictures. Please see following email with Report attachment for full update on bridge status and additional photographs.

Other

I have noticed a significant need for short span crossings in marshes and am trying, as a side project, to come up with a simple, inexpensive method of spanning these streams costing no more than \$1000 each. I will keep you posted on my progress.

Action Plan for February and March

As you know I will be taking leave in February but will be available should anything arise by email.

Thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Zambia Footbridge Program. We're excited to bring you up to date each month with our progress.

I will be sending another email shortly with attachments. Kind Regards



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