

Site visit to Detention pond development in Somali Region

On 11 April 2022, Ambassador Ito Takako visited the Somali Regional State and verified the progress on the project “Enhancing disaster resilience through employment intensive waterworks in Kebribeyah and Jijiga”. She also had a meeting with Acting Regional President and high-ranking officials from the Somali Regional Government on the response to the frequent occurrence of disasters such as drought in the region.

The objective of this project is to enhance disaster resilience through the development of seven detention ponds, which are to be constructed by IDPs and host communities in Kebribeyah and Jijiga, Somali Regional State. Through the visit to the pond development site, Ambassador Ito acknowledged that community members are encouraged to feel involved in the public development through their involvement in the construction activities of the project. She also learned that community members have interests in the spillover effects of the pond development, not only in providing water for people and livestock, but also in agriculture development.

Japanese NGO CORE is collaborating with the ILO in the construction of the detention ponds and training on the introduction of “Do-nou”, which is a traditional Japanese flood response measure and method of pond embankment construction. The Somali Region and the community expressed their willingness to expand such technologies to other areas.



Speech by Amb. Ito



Development using Do-nou technology



Exchange with local community



Meeting with High-rank Official of Somali region