

Japan supports enhancing disaster resilience and employment creation in Somali with ILO

On 12 October 2022, Ambassador ITO Takako revisited the Somali Regional State and attended an official event held on the occasion of the completion of the project “Enhancing disaster resilience through employment intensive waterworks in Kebribeyah and Jijiga” funded by the Japanese Government and implemented by ILO.

Through the project, seven water detention ponds were constructed based on an employment-intensive approach in which nearly 500 refugees and host community members contributed their labor. This approach maximizes the input of local labor, materials, tools and equipment through local suppliers to enhance the community ownership of the intervention. Japanese NGO CORE provided technical training and advice through the introduction of *Do-nou* technology, which is a traditional Japanese flood response measure and pond embankment method.

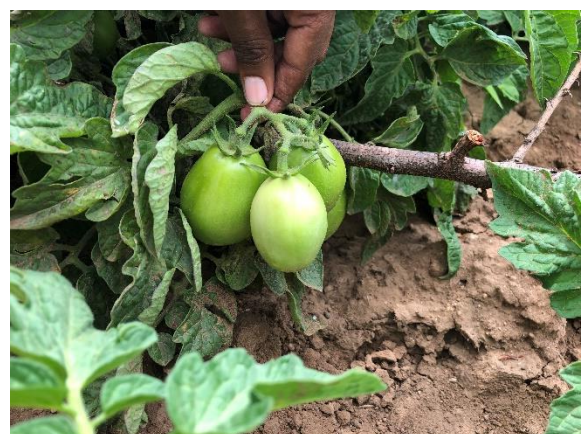
Participants to the event paid a site visit to one of the detention ponds sites, and observed how the water is now being utilized for feeding livestock and for farming, as well as for family usage except drinking. Maize, onions, tomatoes, peppers, etc. grow in the new farms around the pond for community consumption and cash income.



New water detention pond



New farms next to the pond



Tomatos grown in new farm



Water supply from the pond



With community members



Project sign board