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Acronyms & Abbreviations

AGLS	Agricultural and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University
Bush School	The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University
CARE	Cooperation for Assistance and Relief Everywhere International
ConDev	The Conflict and Development Lab at Texas A&M University
DRC	Democratic Republic of the Congo
EMOS	Environmental Management for the Oil and Gas Sector
FLASCO	Latin American School for Social Sciences in Guatemala
HESN	Higher Education Solutions Network
HGB Foundation	Howard G. Buffett Foundation
ITAs	Innovations, Technologies, and Approaches
GCFSI	Global Center for Food Systems Innovation
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
Makerere	Makerere University
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MSU	Michigan State University
P4P	Purchase for Progress Initiative, part of World Food Program
SHIP	Shelter the Homeless International in El Salvador
SMGP	Student Media Grants Program
SPH	The School of Public Health at Texas A&M University
TAMU	Texas A&M University
UC Berkeley	The University of California, Berkeley
UCG	The Université Catholique du Graben
USAC	The University of San Carlos in Guatemala
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UT Austin	University of Texas at Austin
WFP	World Food Program
William & Mary	The College of William and Mary

Executive Summary

In the second quarter of program year two, spanning January 1 to March 31, 2014, Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University progressed on all three of its main objectives. Those objectives are informing better solutions to development challenges, identifying and fostering development solutions, and expanding the community of problem solvers to create a global network addressing global development. Four key milestones achieved this quarter include launching a joint Texas A&M University and Catholic University of Graben Capstone course in the Democratic Republic of Congo, securing eleven USAID summer internships for TAMU students, funding our first ITA award on local institutions in Senegal, and the convening of the annual Advisory Board to the Chair meeting. We also continued to strengthen our engagement with USAID's DRC Mission and provide a variety of engagement activities for TAMU students and faculty.

ConDev addressed the first objective of informing better solutions to development challenges using extensive interactions with USAID Missions in our focal countries of DRC, South Sudan, and Afghanistan to guide and inform our research goals. We continued our active engagement through emails, teleconferences, and with key people on our HESN team joining our weekly calls. Our work in DRC included in-country meetings with the DRC Mission staff, a joint course researching two development projects, and a staff visit to seek future collaborations based on recommendations by the mission as well as with our other partners. The proposed January market research project for the South Sudan Mission on the White Nile was canceled due to renewed high-level conflict, requiring the mission to reevaluate its objectives in the region. We continued working on specific research projects through on-going discussions with our Afghanistan liaisons.

ConDev met its second objective of identifying and fostering development solutions by soliciting concept notes for an open Innovations, Technologies, and Approaches competition, selecting the first ITA award winner, and sending a research team to DRC to evaluate two ITAs funded by a local university. The concept note call is open throughout the university, multi-disciplinary teams with a TAMU member, and organizations and universities in our focal countries. Our first ITA award winner will conduct research on local institutions in Senegal while incorporating research experience for 4 TAMU students. The research, in conjunction with a local university, will assess the effectiveness of a private health clinic to combat malnutrition and evaluate the success of a vocational training center teaching various skills to troubled youth.

ConDev addressed the third objective of expanding the community of problem solvers by working with our TAMU partners, HESN, and USAID to promote internship opportunities, host relevant development speakers, and engage students in a variety of research experiences. ConDev promoted and coached students for USAID and other HESN partner internships around the world and placed more HESN USAID interns than any other lab. We hosted a variety of speakers in the quarter including a USAID career panel, an author, and a photojournalist. ConDev funded students in research experiences in all four of our focal research areas, while our HESN partner MSU funded seven study abroad scholarships for TAMU students. ConDev also collaborated with UC Berkeley on expanding their Big Ideas competition for the entire HESN network. Finally, Dr. Mike Findley, a member of AidData's consortium at UT Austin, advised student research proposals and surveys.

During the second quarter of the second year of the project, ConDev made substantial progress in all three of our objectives and created the framework for further developments in the upcoming quarters. In the next few months we will build on our involvement with several DRC initiatives, select more award winners for the ITA competition, and send several more research teams and students to the field over the summer to complete research projects and experiences.

Part I: Key Activities

I.1. Summary of Key Activities

ConDev undertook activities related to all three of its main objectives. The first objective (informing better solutions to development challenges) was addressed through work with USAID Missions. ConDev worked with the Missions in DRC, South Sudan, and Afghanistan. Engagement with the DRC Mission has continued and the hub in Butembo, DRC has been officially established. The second objective (identifying and fostering development solutions) was addressed with the disbursement of funds for ConDev’s first ITA and the establishment of an ITA competition. The third objective (expanding the community of problem solvers to create a global network addressing development) was focused on with the introduction of several lectures and internship opportunities.

I.1.1. Events

The following major events were achieved during this reporting period (if applicable):

Event Name	Description	Start Date	End Date	Location (City)	Location (Country)
Launch of Spring 2014 DRC Joint Capstone Course	The joint capstone course is assessing two development projects chosen by Congolese UCG students and faculty. The class is assessing the effectiveness of a private health clinic to combat malnutrition and evaluating the success of a vocational training program for troubled youth. The capstone is comprised of eight TAMU students and four UCG students.	1/20/14	5/9/14	College Station, TX, Butembo and Bunyaku, North Kivu	USA and DRC
Disbursement of ITA Award	ConDev disbursed an ITA award to TAMU’s Dr. Jessica Gottlieb’s project “When are Local Leaders Good (and Bad) for Citizens? Examining Electoral Influence and Elite Capture in Senegal”.(See Part 8: Appendices for proposal.) This summer, Dr. Gottlieb will travel to Senegal with four Bush School students.			College Station, TX	USA
USAID Visit to TAMU	Dr. Genevieve Croft and Ms. Michelle L’Archeveque visited ConDev at TAMU. While here, they discussed upcoming	1/13/14	1/14/14	College Station, TX	USA

	events with ConDev staff and met with the DRC Capstone group to hear the group's plans and offer advice.				
HESN Internship Interviews	ConDev received applications from forty-six TAMU students for the HESN summer internship. Of these students, ConDev interviewed twenty-eight and sent their applications to USAID. Eleven TAMU students were offered internship positions and nine accepted.	1/13/14	1/25/14	College Station, TX	USA
Morehouse College Visit	Drs. Julius Cole and Sulayman Clark, from Morehouse College, visited ConDev at TAMU to discuss potential collaborations in DRC	1/22/14	1/22/14	College Station, TX	USA
Advisory Board Meeting	ConDev's Advisory Board to the Chair convened to discuss funding that supports the Chair. During the meeting, it was decided to keep separate Boards; one to the Chair and one to the Center.	2/17/14	2/17/14	College Station, TX	USA
Small Media Grants Program Exhibit	Mr. Christopher Bielecki, a 2012 SMGP winner, exhibited his Guatemala photos in an exhibit in AGLS.	3/19/14	3/31/14	College Station, TX	USA
Buffett Photo Exhibit	ConDev opened an exhibit of Mr. Howard G. Buffett's photography in the AgriLife Sciences building where ConDev is based.	1/20/14	ongoing	College Station, TX	USA
ConDev DRC visit	Dr. Leslie Ruyle, ConDev Program Coordinator, assisted with the Capstone course in Butembo and visited several ConDev current and potential projects in DRC.	3/5/14	4/1/14	Butembo, Goma, Bukavu, Lwiro, Rumangabo, North and South Kivu	DRC

1.1.2. Publications

ConDev had no publications during this reporting period.

I.1.3. Communications

Communication	Description	Date	Link
HESN Jobs	Announcement of AidData Program Manager position	1/8/14	http://condevcenter.org/hesn-jobs-aiddata-program-manager/
Internship Opportunity	Announcement of social enterprise internship in Rwanda	1/8/14	http://condevcenter.org/former-aggie-offers-internship-opportunity-in-rwanda/
ConDev Lecture	Announcement of “Innovation in Nutrition-Led Agriculture in Africa” by Papa Sene Diery lecture	1/12/14	http://condevcenter.org/condev-brown-bag-innovation-in-nutrition-and-food-security-in-senegal/
ConDev Panel	Announcement of USAID International Development Career Panel	1/12/14	http://condevcenter.org/international-development-career-panel-presented-by-usaid-staff-at-texas-am-university/
ConDev Course	Announcement of TAMU course on conflict and development	1/13/14	http://condevcenter.org/course-on-conflict-and-development-open-for-enrollment-at-texas-am-university/
Two Design Summits	Announcement of MIT’s Two Design Summits for International Development	1/16/14	http://condevcenter.org/mit-to-host-international-development-design-summits/
Summer Fellowship Opportunity	Announcement of AidData’s Summer Fellowship opportunity with ConDev	1/16/14	http://condevcenter.org/summer-fellow-opportunity-with-condev-hesn-partner-aiddata/
Job Announcement	Announcement of ConDev position opening- International Business Office Manager	1/28/14	http://condevcenter.org/jobs-condev-seeks-international-business-office-manager/
Job Announcement	Announcement of ConDev position opening- Communications Manager and Program Coordinator	1/31/14	http://condevcenter.org/jobs-communications-manager-and-program-coordinator-position-open-at-condev/
Scholarship Announcement	Announcement of Scholarship opportunity to study natural resources and conflict in the Peruvian Amazon rainforest	1/31/14	http://condevcenter.org/scholarships-study-natural-resources-and-conflict-in-the-amazon/
ConDev Lecture	Announcement of “War Front to Store Front” lecture by	2/7/14	http://condevcenter.org/condev-

	Paul Brinkley		lecture-from-war-front-to-store-front-with-paul-brinkley-at-apcc/
Internship Opportunity	Announcement of internship opportunity with USAID Indonesia	2/12/14	http://condevcenter.org/new-internship-opportunity-with-usaid-indonesia-deadline-friday/
ConDev Lecture	Announcement of “The Land Alliance: Technologies and Institutions Responding to Land Conflicts” lecture by Jolyne Sanjak and Jill Urban- Karr	2/24/14	http://condevcenter.org/the-land-alliance-technologies-and-institutions-responding-to-land-conflicts/
ConDev Lecture	Announcement of “Purchase for Progress” lecture by Ken Davies	2/26/14	http://condevcenter.org/condev-lecture-purchase-for-progress-with-ken-davies/
ConDev Lecture	Announcement of “HIV/ AIDs Programming” lecture by Dr. Margarethe Juncker	2/26/14	http://condevcenter.org/condev-lecture-dr-margarthe-juncker-on-hiv-aids-programming/
Call for Concept Notes	Announcement of ConDev ITA award competition	2/26/14	http://condevcenter.org/call-for-grant-proposals-transformative-innovations-technologies-and-approaches/
Scholarship Announcement	Announcement of MSU study abroad scholarship opportunity	2/27/14	http://condevcenter.org/scholarships-msu-announces-study-abroad-scholarship-deadline-march-15/
Internship Announcement	Announcement of MSU Officer GCFSI Summer Internship	2/27/14	http://condevcenter.org/internships-msu-offering-gcfsi-summer-internship-deadline-march-25/
Scholarship Announcement	Announcement of Environmental Essay Scholarships for students	2/27/14	http://condevcenter.org/scholarships-environmental-essay-scholarships-for-students/
ConDev Talk	Announcement for UN Coordinator to speak on World Hunger, Health	3/4/14	http://condevcenter.org/un-coordinator-to-speak-on-world-hunger-health/
Internship Announcement	Announcement for ConDev summer internship positions	3/4/14	http://condevcenter.org/internships-condev-offering-8-summer-intern-positions-deadline-march-24-2014/
#SMGP	Announcement for SMGP Showcase on March 19	3/7/14	http://condevcenter.org/smgp-showcase-march-19/

Internship Announcement	Announcement for Nine Aggies receiving HESN-USAID internships	3/12/14	http://condevcenter.org/nine-aggies-receive-hesn-usaid-internships/
#SMGP	Announcement of SMGP 2014 call for proposals	3/19/14	http://condevcenter.org/smgp-2014-open-for-proposals/
Photo Piece	Announcement for Conflict, conservation mesh in photographer's work	3/26/14	http://condevcenter.org/conflict-conservation-mesh-in-photographers-work/
Internship Announcement	Announcement for Internships at the International Coffee Organization in London	3/28/14	http://condevcenter.org/internships-at-the-international-coffee-organization-in-london/
Battalion Article	Announcement for Author to discuss efforts to fix Iraqi, Afghan economies	2/17/14	http://www.thebatt.com/news/author-to-discuss-efforts-to-fix-iraqi-afghan-economies-1.3141702#.U0wTAuZdUm8
Battalion Article	Announcement for UN Coordinator to speak on world hunger, health	3/4/14	http://www.thebatt.com/news/un-coordinator-to-speak-on-world-hunger-health-1.3147347#.U0wUauZdUm8
Battalion Article	Announcement on Exhibit aims to provide grasp on global conditions	3/17/14	http://www.thebatt.com/news/exhibit-aims-to-provide-grasp-on-global-conditions-1.3151392#.U0wULeZdUm8
News Email	Announcement for Upcoming career panel and lecture	1/13/14	
Update Email	Announcement for New employment and scholarship opportunities at ConDev	1/31/14	
Update Email	Announcement for Paul Brinkley ConDev lecture + scholarship deadline	2/11/14	
Update Email	Announcement for Upcoming ConDev lecture	2/25/14	
Update Email	Announcement for Upcoming ConDev Lectures + grant announcement	2/27/14	
Youtube	Video posted of USAID Career panel at TAMU	1/14/14	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVXkqxLTljQ
Youtube	Video posted of "Innovation in Nutrition-Led Agriculture in Africa" lecture by Papa Sene Diery	1/16/14	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vTdTOyTb2o

Youtube	Video posted of “War Front to Store Front” lecture by Paul Brinkley	2/18/14	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAeHLXFXUEM
Youtube	Video posted of “The Land Alliance: Technologies and Institutions Responding to Land Conflicts” lecture by Jolyne Sanjak and Jill Urban-Karr Lecture	2/26/14	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPawyd2m3xs
Youtube	Video posted of “Purchase for Progress” lecture by Ken Davies	3/6/14	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uktKgm5xtjM

1.1.4. Travel

The following international travel using full or partial HESN funding occurred during this reporting period:

Location (City, Country)	Number of Travelers	Partner(s) Engaged (if applicable)	USAID Engagement (if applicable)	Purpose	Outcome(s) & Next Steps
Butembo, DRC	7	UCG	USAID DRC Mission	Research on development projects and further strengthen TAMU’s relationship with UCG.	About 2,000 surveys were completed. The DRC capstone is analyzing the data collected and writing reports based on the findings.
Butembo, Goma, Kinshasa, Bukavu, Rumangabo, Lwiro, DRC	1	HGB Foundation, AidData, CARE	USAID and USAID DRC Mission	Meet with USAID’s DRC Mission, check on current HGB Foundation projects, visit potential ConDev projects.	Report on current ConDev work, several new contacts, solicited for grass root ITA concept notes and building linkages for further work. We will follow up on ITA submissions.

1.1.5. Solutions (Creation, Testing, Scaling)

The following innovations, technologies, and approaches were supported during this reporting period:

Name	Type (innovation, technology,	Phase (developed, piloted,	Beneficiaries Reached (i.e. 10s, 100s,	Focal Country or	Description
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	approach)	adopted, scaled, evaluated)	1000s, more)	Region(s)	
“When are local leaders good (and bad) for citizens?”	Approach	Developed	TBD	Senegal	Dr. Jessica Gottlieb is examining electoral influence and elite capture in Senegal. She will travel in summer 2014 with four Bush School students.

1.1.6. Datasets

ConDev have no new datasets to share this quarter.

1.1.7. Student Engagement

The following student courses and seminars were conducted or developed during this reporting period:

Course Title	Description of Status	Institution
“International Development Career” Panel	Dr. Genevieve Croft and Ms. Michelle L’Archeveque participated on a career panel specifically about their experiences with USAID’s Office of Science and Technology. More than thirty students, faculty, and staff attended the presentation.	TAMU, ConDev, USAID
“Innovation in Nutrition-Led Agriculture” Lecture	Papa Sène Dièry presented “Conservation Agriculture: A Nutrition Led Agriculture Project in Senegal”. The seminar highlighted the USAID Feed the Future program, Yaajeende. The project facilitates the production of food with micronutrients to meet the local population’s vitamin deficiency needs. Thirty-eight students, faculty, and staff representing ten TAMU departments and four colleges attended the seminar.	AGLS
“War Front to Store Front” Lecture	Mr. Paul Brinkley presented on his book <u>War Front to Store Front: Americans Rebuilding Trust and Hope in Nations Under Fire</u> .	
“Land Rights for Sustainable Development and Peace Building” Lecture	Ms. Jill Urban-Karr and Dr. Jolyne Sanjak presented on land tenure and conflict.	The Land Alliance, Focus on Land in Africa, Trimble Navigation, Ltd.

“Utilizing and Strengthening the Local Community for Optimal HIV/AIDS Programming: Experiences from Working in Asia and Africa” Lecture	Dr. Margrethe Juncker, a development and health expert, presented on her experiences working on HIV/AIDS programming in Asia and Africa. The seminar was co-sponsored with SPH.	SPH
“P4P: Leveraging WFP’s Annual \$1 Billion Demand for Staple Crops to Connect Smallholder Farmers in Africa and Central America to Markets” Lecture	Dr. Ken Davies, the Global Coordinator of P4P, provided an overview of the WFP’s P4P initiative. The lecture was co-sponsored with AGLS.	AGLS, WFP
“Combatting HIV/AIDS, a Crucial Part of the Millennium Development Goals” Seminar	Dr. Margrethe Juncker presented on MDG’s health initiatives to international studies students at TAMU.	AGLS, SPH
H.G. Buffett Photo Directed Discussion	Mr. Howard G. Buffett visited TAMU and walked through his exhibit with AGLS and Bush School students to describe the background of selected pictures.	AGLS, Bush School, HGB Foundation

The following fellowship and internship programs and field practica took place during the reporting period:

Program or Practicum Name	Host Institution(s)	Program Location (City, Country)	Student Type (undergrad, masters, PhD, undergrad/grad)	Description
Ghana No Till	TAMU	Ghana	Masters	Mr. Benjamin Davies traveled to Ghana to collect soil samples in Ghana for ConDev’s No Till project.
DRC Capstone Trip	TAMU and UCG	Butembo, DRC	Masters	Five Bush School students in the DRC Capstone group travelled with their advisor, Dr. Kishore Gawande, and ConDev’s Dr. Leslie Ruyle to conduct surveys. The surveys are related to the capstone’s research on a clinic’s effectiveness to combat malnutrition and on a youth employment center’s ability to teach vocational skills troubled

youth. The capstone team met with the USAID DRC Mission to discuss the research.

Part 2: Intra-Development Lab/ University Engagement

2.1. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

ConDev works with all of its TAMU campus partners, the Bush School, SPH, and AGLS, to bring lecturers from development-related fields and provide students with other opportunities in a number of different disciplines. In addition, ConDev has encouraged all of TAMU to participate in its ITA, SMGP, and internship competitions.

2.2. Partner Engagement

The following partners were engaged during the reporting period:

Partner	Partnership Funded (Funded, In kind, Unfunded)	Location (City)	Location (Country)	Relevant Activity Number(s) (if applicable)	Outcome(s)
HGB Foundation	Funder	Decatur	Illinois	1 photo exhibit	
UCG	Funded	Butembo	DRC		UCG has been selected as a central location for ConDev work in DRC. In addition, ConDev funded a capstone with Bush School and UCG students.
SHIP	Funded	Ciudad Delgado	El Salvador	2 evaluations	A TAMU student will travel to El Salvador this summer to collect conflict and food security data in Ciudad Delgado. In addition, she will conduct two case studies on innovative approaches initiated by SHIP, a non-profit organization in Ciudad Delgado.
FLASCO	Funded	Guatemala City	Guatemala	1 evaluation, 1 conference	ConDev will work with FLASCO to write a “State of the Art Review” of research programs and studies related to conflict in Guatemala in the last 5 years (2009-2013) and to hold a conference for

USAC	Funded	Guatemala City	Guatemala	2 evaluations	academics, policy makers, and intuitional leaders to discus issues related to conflict and poverty. Students from USAC will develop community projects in Chimaltengango and Santa Cruz del Quiché. In addition, these students will conduct survey data on conflict and poverty in the communities.
Bush School	Unfunded	College Station, TX	USA	Campus partner	ConDev collaborated with the Bush School to create the DRC Capstone and support lectures.
AGLS	Unfunded	College Station, TX	USA	Campus partner	ConDev collaborated with AGLS to support lectures.
SPH	Unfunded	College Station, TX	USA	Campus partner	ConDev collaborated with SPH to support lectures.

Part 3: High Value Areas of Collaboration [HVAC] (HESN Lab-to-HESN Lab)

3.1. Summary of Collaboration Across the HESN

This quarter, ConDev wrote joint research proposals and shared with student engagement activities with other HESN Labs. ConDev and AidData are writing specific research proposals on conflict. ConDev staff and TAMU faculty volunteered as mentors and judges for UC Berkeley’s Big Idea competition, and has several student teams competing. ConDev is also working with UC Berkeley and William & Mary on a joint proposal for an HESN wide Big Idea competition next year. MSU awarded seven study abroad scholarships to TAMU students. and William & Mary’s consortium worked with the DRC Capstone. ConDev also met with the Kinshasa, DRC based AidData fellow to discuss possibilities for collaboration.

3.1.1. Data

ConDev and AidData are working on joint research proposals that, if approved, should result in shareable data sets.

3.1.2. Solutions (Creation, Testing, Scaling)

ConDev, UC Berkeley and AidData are working on joint research proposals that, if approved, should result in the creation and testing of solutions.

3.1.3. Student Engagement

Partner HESN Lab	Activity Number (if applicable)	Completed / Ongoing Activity	Outcome(s)
MSU		Ongoing	7 study abroad scholarships awarded to TAMU students
UC Berkeley and William & Mary		Ongoing	ConDev is collaborating with UC Berkeley and William & Mary on a potential HESN wide Big Ideas competition.
William & Mary		Completed	Dr. Mike Findley consulted with the DRC Capstone course's research plan.
UC Berkeley		Ongoing	ConDev staff participated as judges in the Big Ideas competition
UC Berkeley		Ongoing	TAMU has two teams that have advanced in the Big Ideas competition

Part 4: USAID Engagement

4.1. USAID/Washington Interactions

Close communication via phone calls allowed ConDev and USAID Washington to update one another on organizational decisions, upcoming events, reporting and logistics, program/country updates, and other priority areas. Each week, ConDev and USAID Washington staff participated in calls in order to facilitate communication and keep each respective team informed on action items that needed to be completed as well as items that had been accomplished during the past week. During January 13-14, 2014, two representatives from USAID visited Texas A&M. Ms. Michelle L'Archeveque and Dr. Genevieve Croft met with ConDev staff to discuss upcoming events as well as transition Dr. Croft into her new role as liaison for TAMU within USAID. In addition to meeting with ConDev staff, Ms. L'Archeveque and Dr. Croft met with the Bush School Capstone group to discuss the DRC trip and the two representatives gave a career panel open to all TAMU students. The Career panel focused on jobs in international development with a focus on USAID.

4.2. USAID Mission Interactions

USAID DRC Mission: ConDev communicated with USAID DRC Mission staff on capstone activities and Lab research. Through regular phone calls and email exchanges, ConDev and the DRC Mission shared reports related to health, youth, conflict, and other issues in of importance in DRC. While visiting DRC, the Bush School Capstone group met with Ms. Asta Zinbo, a representative from USAID Kinshasa. In addition to the Capstone meeting with Ms. Zinbo, Dr. Leslie Ruyle presented to the DRC Mission on the ConDev's activities in DRC.

USAID South Sudan Mission: ConDev communicated regularly with the USAID South Sudan Mission on potential programs in the country. A planned trip during the last quarter was canceled due to increases in conflict. Due to the security situation in South Sudan, no activities or visits between ConDev and the South Sudan Mission have been completed. ConDev has been in contact with the Mission on continuing this partnership in the future.

USAID Afghanistan Mission: ConDev communicated regularly with the USAID Afghanistan Mission on potential research projects and priority areas for the Mission through phone calls, emails, and interaction with a DC based Afghan HESN representative.

Part 5: Monitoring & Evaluation

5.1. Progress Narrative

ConDev is slightly behind our M&E targets but will quickly meet our targets as the summer research season begins. We suffered a couple of setbacks with the loss of two out of seven staff members as well as the slow start to the year with January student and faculty vacations.

HESN Ref. (if applicable)	Indicator	FY14 Target	FY14 Actual	± % Deviation from Target	Explanation
Gin1	Total dollar value of outside (non-USAID) resources utilized to the dollar value of USAID investments	\$1,600,000			
Gin2	Number of transformative innovations, technologies, or approaches that were developed with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	1	1	0%	
Gin3	# of transformative innovations, technologies, or approaches that were piloted with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	1	0	-100%	The ITA developed by Dr. Gottlieb will be piloted in Senegal this summer.
Gin4	# of transformative	0	0	0%	

	innovations, technologies, or approaches that were adopted with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs				
Gin6	# of transformative innovations, technologies, or approaches evaluated with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	2	0	-100%	The DRC Capstone is currently evaluating two ITAs in Butembo, DRC. These evaluations will be complete by summer 2014.
Gin7	# of US students via HESN partners serving as fellows in developing countries (for more than one month)	2	0	-200%	Two SMGP winners will travel abroad this summer for two months to implement their research.
Olin1	Number of new data-related technologies, tools, approaches, and best practices supported or applied with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	1	0	-100%	In FY2014, the DRC Capstone will present on best practices for student field research in conflict areas. ConDev will provide a best practices guide to engaging with USAID Missions.
Olin2	Number of data sets provided to or made accessible to USAID operating units and programs, HESN partners, and the broader development community with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	1	0	-100%	The DRC Capstone will provide ConDev and USAID with two data sets next quarter.
Olin3	Number data-related analyses, mapping activities,	1	1	0%	

	and expert consultations provided for USAID operating units and programs, HESN partners, and the broader development community with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs				
O2in1	Time required for developing, piloting, adopting, scaling, and evaluating transformative innovations, technologies, and approaches receiving human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	-	-	-	No ITA has been through the entire process yet.
IR2.2in1	# of white papers, articles, assessments, analyses, and evaluations on development challenges, innovations, technologies, approaches, and contexts (drafted with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Developments Labs) published in targeted fora and publications OR provided to USAID operating units, HESN partners, and the broader development community	6	3	-50%	
IR2.2in2	# of citations of white papers, articles, assessments, analyses, and evaluations (drafted with human, financial, or institutional resources	1	0	-100%	As ConDev's work becomes more well known, the chances of being cited will increase.

	contributed by HESN Developments Labs) on development challenges, innovations, technologies, approaches, and contexts in targeted fora/publications/projects				
IR2.2in3	# of targeted communities who participated in assessment, analysis, and evaluation of innovations, technologies, and approaches supported with HESN Development Lab	10	3	-70%	ConDev will have researchers engaged in a number of communities in Latin America, Africa, and Asia this summer.
IR2.3in1	# of MOUs or other agreements signed with public sector, private sector, local community partners, and one HESN Development Lab	2	2	0%	
IR2.3in2	Number of stakeholders engaged in problem solving with one HESN Development Lab (disaggregated by partnership type)	7	5	-30%	ConDev will continue engaging with new stakeholders as staff members travel and start new research projects.
O3in3	# new development related classes or disciplines created by university departments with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	1	1	0%	
IR3.1in1	# of development programs/projects/efforts undertaken collaboratively by Network members	1	5	+400%	
IR3.4in1	# of students participating in short term practica or other	5	9	+100%	

	field experiences through human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs				
IR3.4in2	# of Hubs created with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	1	1	0%	
IR3.4in3	# of participants in Hubs, summits, and other problem-solving institutions created with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by HESN Development Labs	220	947	+250%	
	Number of activities undertaken by ConDev operating units to integrate sensitivity to conflict dynamics into diplomatic, development, or defense activities (taken from USAID Master Indicators 1.6.3-5)	0	0	0%	
	Number of transformative innovations, technologies, or approaches identified with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by ConDev	6	1	-85%	ConDev created an ITA competition to judge identified ITAs for the field. This competition will commence next quarter.
	Number of targeted communities that participated in an assessment, analysis, or evaluation of innovations, technologies, or approaches with human, financial, or	10	3	-70%	ConDev will work in many communities to conduct research and pilot ITAs this summer.

institutional resources contributed by ConDev				
Number of new groups or initiatives created through ConDev funding, dedicated to resolving conflict or the drivers of conflict (taken from USAID Master Indicators 1.6.1-12)	1	1	0%	
Number of workshops, seminar, lectures, and other presentations for students, faculty, staff, and other public audiences supported with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by ConDev	20	28	+50%	
Number of local women participating in a substantive role or position in a peace-building process supported with ConDev assistance (taken from USAID Master Indicators 1.6-6)	3	1	-60%	ConDev will work with its partners to ensure that more local women are hired this summer.
Number of local groups or initiatives dedicated to resolving conflict or the drivers of conflict whose capacity or durability were strengthened with human, financial, or institutional resources contributed by ConDev	1	1	0%	

Part 6: Lessons Learned / Best Practices

ConDev invested a substantial amount of time in meeting with students interested in interning with USAID over the summer with mock in interviews and CV/ resume assistance. Our time was well spent with the high percentage of success that our students achieved in the HESN process of the interviews. TAMU is the most well represented lab in the HESN internships.

Part 7: Future Activities

Our future activities will be research and student engagement heavy as we go into the summer break. We have been in contact with our AOR and acting AOR extensively about our plans, so all the support we need has already been addressed. Please see list below:

- USAID EMOS project – Uganda – April 1-30, 2014
- DRC Summit – Washington, D.C. – May 2-4, 2014
- Amazon Field School- Natural resource conflict in the Peruvian rainforest course – May 11-29, 2014
- ConDev Summer Internship – College Station, TX – June 2 - August 10, 2014
- HESN USAID Summer Internships- Washington, D.C. – May- August, 2014
- Local Institutions research project in Senegal- May- August 2014
- Latin America research projects begin – May 2014
- DRC Cacao project begins and new field based researcher moves to Butembo- May 2014