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Revised Report: This is revised report that corrects targets and indicators. The original report filed 7/30/2014 included irrelevant data from a previous grant.

Program Goal: *Vulnerable, rural populations in Sila Region are increasingly able to support themselves in a sustainable manner.*

Achievements:

The following sections highlight major achievements achieved this quarter:

Sectors	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period May 1– June 30, 2014				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (through June 30, 2014) Period			
	Targeted		Reached		Targeted (for life of project)		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
1 AFS	0	0	794	638	3,500	2,100	794	638
2 ERMS	0	0	0	0	450	270	0	0

SECTOR 1. Agriculture and Food Security (AFS)

Brief Sector Narrative:

The quarter under review focused on community meetings in the target villages where beneficiaries expressed their needs in terms of seeds and agricultural tools. As target villages were located far from any viable commercial center, it was not possible to use a voucher system, so WCDO relied on suppliers in Goz Beida for procurement of all the agricultural inputs (seeds and tools). As of June 2014, the WCDO team had distributed **39.7** metric tons of peanut seeds and will continue distribution of seeds throughout the month of July. As required, sample of seeds (millet, sorghum, sesame and peanut) were put to physical verification and germination tests by the National Office for Rural Development (ONDR) agronomists. The first sorghum seed stocks test failed and the supplier had to replace it by a different seeds stock which was confirmed to be good after ONDR tests. This delay in procuring quality seed meant transportation started as the rains began. While it was anticipated the seeds would be distributed before the end of the quarter, this will continue into the next. All 30 farmer groups received their toolkits.

SUB-SECTOR: *Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security*

Indicator 1: <i>Projected increase in # of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary HH</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	N/A until harvest	N/A	N/A	N/A	3 months	N/A
Indicator 2: <i>Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, by sex*</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	Total 794 M=484 F= 310	0	Total 794 M=484 F= 310	Total 3,500 M=2,100 F= 1,400	Total 23% M=23% F=22%
Indicator 3: <i># of people trained in organic pesticides/insecticides</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	600	0
Indicator 4: <i>Increased yield per hectare in SCI plots as compared with traditionally planted plots</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	50%	0

SECTOR 2. *Economic Recovery and Market Systems (ERMS)*

Brief Sector Narrative:

On Economic Recovery and Market Systems, 90 women groups are to be identified in the target villages of BREC project next quarter. These groups will be trained in the ROSCA principles during the next quarter. While it was planned to start that work this quarter, efforts to distribute seed were greater than expected, and delayed work in ERMS.

SUB-SECTOR: *Microfinance*

Indicator 1: <i># of people, by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to OFDA support</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	450 women	0
Indicator 2: <i>% of financial service accounts/groups supported by OFDA that are functioning properly</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	0	0	95%	0
Indicator 3: <i>Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	0%

Analysis of Overall Progress:

Due diligence requirements for seeds and tools procurement, long distance between seed stocks and target villages, and slight delays in grant approval were the major causes of delays in seeds distribution. So far only 39.7 out 233.71 metric tons of rainy season seeds have been distributed together with 30 traction animals, 26 horse carts, 90 plows, for farmers' groups. It is expected that these animals (horses) will help farmers plow larger surfaces compare to hand hoe plowing. The seeds distribution was slowly progressing due to some showers that damaged the sandy roads for trucks between Goz Beida commercial center and Ade project target location. Should there be heavy rain early July, it will be difficult to complete the distribution on time.

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Collaboration/Coordination:

WCDO took part in a discussion forum with a government mission that came to Goz Beida discussing microfinance/microcredit, very relevant to the BREC project and other WCDO projects, such as One Village Transformed (OVT). The Micro Credit Minister spared no effort to congratulate WCDO for its immense progress sustaining women in Sila Region. Other partners including UNDP, FAO and WFP were satisfied with WCDO-Chad's decision to shift to Ade sub-prefecture to implement the newly OFDA funded project.

New Developments:

The WCDO team has decided to include Maramara community in receiving agricultural tools (Traction animals, plows, horse carts, and peanut shellers), because the village properties (animals included) were consumed by a fire disaster that destroyed most of the village last March 2014. These items to be bought will be reported in the next quarter. WCDO has initiated a pilot

of Systematic Crop Intensification (SCI) principles, and training on this process will take place next quarter.

Challenges:

The program team expected the trucks transporting seeds up to the distribution sites, but some villages can't be reached by loaded trucks due to degraded roads, hence requiring additional re-loading with commercial pickups with additional costs. We expect more challenges in transportation in July as the rain may be heavier than it was in June. Some couple of villages expressed their need for corn seeds but the latest were not available on time.

Key activities for the upcoming quarter:

Distribution of rainy season inputs will continue. The upcoming quarter will also see the program team conducting training for farmers' groups and women ROSCA members. The System of Crop Intensification (SCI) activities will focus on transplanting millet and sorghum seedlings.

Other:

The upcoming quarter covers the entire rainy season in Eastern Chad. It is important to note that a heavy rain is likely to wash away sandy roads, overflow the wadis and flood the areas not only interrupting our project site visits but also creating more disasters among the communities.