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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AGM	Annual General Meeting
AOR	Agreement Officer's Representative
Baraza	Public forum
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
Boda Boda	Motorcycle Taxi
CBF	County <i>Bunge</i> Forum
CBs	County Boards
CBO	Community Based Organization
CMC	Central Management Committee
COP	Chief of Party
DC	District Commissioner
DCO	District Cooperative Officer
DO	District Officer
DYO	District Youth Officer
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FM	Frequency Modulation
FOG	Fixed Obligation Grant.
Jikos	Energy Saving Cooking Stoves
IGA	Income Generating Activity
IRI	International Republican Institute
KES	Kenyan Shilling
MC	Mercy Corps
MCBS	Murang'a County <i>Bunge</i> SACCO
MOIED	Ministry of Industrialization and Enterprise Development
MOLAD	Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture development
NACADA	National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse
NCBF	Nyeri County <i>Bunge</i> Forum
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NTV	Nation Television station
NYBA	National Youth <i>Bunge</i> Association
PERSUAP	Pesticide Evaluation Report & Safe Use Action Plan
PMP	Programme Management Plan
SACCO	Savings and Credit Cooperative Society
SC	Supervisory Committee
TOT	Trainer of Trainers
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VSL	Village Savings and Loans
VSLA	Village Savings and Loans Association
YAGPO	Youth Access to Government Procurement Opportunities
YYC	Yes Youth Can
YYC-C	Yes Youth Can-Central

I. Executive Summary

Background

Yes Youth Can! Rift Valley (YYC-RV) continues to strengthen the capabilities of youth and youth *bunges* to be agents of positive change in their communities. Using the ‘youth led, youth owned and youth managed’ approach, Mercy Corps in partnership with CBFs and SACCOs, are supporting this goal by pursuing four related objectives: 0) Mobilize youth and form youth representation structures at the village and county level; 1) Support youth to exercise a greater voice in local and national affairs; 2) Increase youth productivity, employment opportunities, and income; and 3) Increase young women’s access to social, political, and economic opportunities.

Qualitative Impact

During the reporting period, the YYC Central program continued to form partnerships with various stakeholders such as county governments, the national government, and the private sector and with civil society organisations to support youth expanded initiatives in the counties to ensure create sustainable linkages for the CBFs and SACCOs in the face of impending phase-out processes by Mercy Corps. Consequently, the 4 SACCO and CBF structures formed liaison committees to enhance mutual coordination which would create visibility for both structures in the counties as they ride on each other’s platform to push for a common agenda among members.

The key focus of the program was in the continued strengthening of the capabilities of the implementing partners to plan, implement and report on their programs in a more effective and transparent manner while learning from the strengths, errors and omissions that had been experienced by their predecessors in the preceding financial year. With the youth institutions receiving their fixed obligation grants and sub-award agreements, Mercy Corps continued to closely monitor CBFs and SACCOs performance in following financial and program processes and procedures. Some of the qualitative program highlights are as follows;

- (i) Murang’a County Youth Bunge SACCO signed a partnership agreement with Envirofit in which the latter pledged to engage bunge and SACCO members as sales agents for its energy saving jikos and solar energy equipment in the County. The SACCO has loaned 4 of its members KES 25,000 to startup the program.
- (ii) All 4 SACCOs registered with KUSCCO, the umbrella body for SACCOs in the country. Among the intended gains from the registration include: additional financial education and training, professional consultancy and advisory services and advice on core technologies suitable for SACCO operations.
- (iii) Nyeri County Bunge Forum partners with Nesi Limited, (a private company that deals with Yoghurt) to train CBF members from Nyeri Town, Tetu, Mukurweini, Mathira and Kieni constituencies on yoghurt manufacturing and retailing techniques. A few members have opened cafes incorporating yoghurt as their main selling points and are realizing good sales.
- (iv) Advocacy campaigns (covering issues such as drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDs, cancer awareness, road safety for the ‘boda-boda’ riders and environmental conservation) were conducted by bunges in Nyeri County. Drug and substance

abuse were highlighted as the key issues affecting young, a situation that has seen increased incidences of petty crime by the young people in order to sustain the vice. The outcomes of these sessions witnessed five youth volunteers for drug rehab and a further 30 HIV positive youths created a support group for each other to encourage them to embrace positive living through proper nutrition and proper drug medication.

- (v) Youth from the Nyeri CBF attended a regional youth capacity building training and exchange program in Murang'a County sponsored by the Nyeri County Government. The key issues addressed were the role of young people on devolution, and the thirty percent (30%) contract allocation for youth-owned registered companies.
- (vi) The Kirinyaga County Government conducted a training program for 12 CBF Board and Bunge members focusing on leadership and the devolved system of governance. These sessions have seen two bunge members elected as members of the County Assembly, while the current chairperson for Kirinyaga CBF is a youth representative in Ndia Constituency Uwezo Fund Committee.
- (vii) Nyeri CBF operationalized the 'Ni-Sisi' Platform, which is an online social media notice board that informs all about current youth opportunities and events that they can leverage for their own benefit.

Quantitative Impact

During the reporting quarter, a total of 99 new bunges incorporating 1,305 'at risk' youth (761 male and 544 female) were formed, bringing the overall total number of bunges in the region to 3,712 serving 78,323 youth (35,233 female and 43,090 males). In addition, a total of 15,920 youth were reached during this reporting period. Other quantitative highlights during the period are;

- (i) 5,356 youth (2,369 female and 2,987 male) attended Bunge meetings,
- (ii) 362 new members joined the SACCOs (151 female and 211 male),
- (iii) 220 individual loans and 2 group loans (benefitting 30 members) amounting to KES 13,529,544 were issued,
- (iv) 177 youth leaders (74 female and 103 male) CBF board members and bunge officials attended organizational capacity building training programs,
- (v) 41 advocacy events incorporating 272 bunges were held,
- (vi) 38 constituency feedback forums were conducted,
- (vii) 10 business linkages benefiting 11 bunges established, and,
- (viii) 40 mentorship forums were conducted for both young men and women by 50 mentors reaching a total of 1,967 youth (1169 males and 798 females).

Table I: Table showing transfers to YYC-Central CBF and SACCO Sub-awardees

Sub-recipient's name	Total budget (USD)	Start date	End date	Transfer 1	Transfer 2	Transfer 3	Transfer 4	Transfer 5	Transfer 6	Transfer 7	TOTAL (USD)	BALANCE (USD)
Kiambu CBF	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	11,481.94	4,764.79	15,605.05	-	-	-	-	31,851.78	78,148.22
Muranga CBF	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	11,237.11	10,557.49	13,706.94	6,364.19	5,283.53	4,081.22	-	51,230.48	58,769.52
Kirinyaga CBF	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	9,002.35	5,956.08	3,288.00	4,577.06	-	-	-	22,823.49	87,176.51
Nyeri CBF	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	7,854.12	4,735.29	5,924.65	4,565.13	17,334.59	-	-	40,413.78	69,586.22
Kiambu Sacco	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	6,117.65	6,764.71	3,529.41	8,470.59	12,285.88	14,823.53	-	51,991.76	58,008.24
Muranga Sacco	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	6,117.65	4,294.12	9,317.65	12,505.88	17,909.40	10,588.24	12,937.65	73,670.58	36,329.42
Kirinyaga Sacco	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	6,117.65	3,529.41	7,058.82	9,564.71	7,058.82	21,176.47	-	54,505.88	55,494.12
Nyeri Sacco	110,000.00	01-24-14	04-30-15	6,117.65	8,294.12	21,176.47	10,568.22	3,620.00	16,117.65	-	65,894.11	44,105.89
Total Sacco and CBFs	880,000.00			64,046.11	48,896.01	79,606.99	56,615.78	63,492.22	66,787.11	12,937.65	392,381.86	487,618.14

Mercy Corps has made no new sub-awards

Total Amount in the approved budget for sub-awarded: \$880,000.00

Total Amount sub-awarded to date: \$392,381.86 (44%)

Transfer information for each sub-award made in the past reporting period.

Constraints and Opportunities

The most constraining factors during the quarter were the continued management conflicts especially in Kirinyaga CBF due to the perceived non-transparent management of CBF funds, which resulted in the election of new ex-com officials. Another notable constraint has been the low fund absorption rate by both CBFs and SACCOs and approximately 44% of the funds yet to be absorbed by the SACCO partners. The illustrations below depict SACCOs fixed obligation grant milestone completion in the region.

Project Administration

During this reporting period, the CBFs' administrators and SACCOs' book keepers continued to be in charge of office operations as bank agents and were also responsible for both financial and program reporting. In addition, the YYC-C team continued to support the county boards and SACCO committees in project implementation and monitoring.

Subsequent Quarter's Work Plan

In the next quarter, Mercy Corps will continue to build the capacity for CBFs and SACCOs. More focus will specifically be on supporting improvement in governance systems, reporting and partnerships for sustainability after the program close-out.

CBFs and SACCOs will hold Annual General Meetings and Annual Delegates meetings respectively and in preparation, we will facilitate planning for these events. CBFs will work with village *bunges* to update *bunge* rosters, develop a voter register and oversee elections at village and constituency levels ahead of AGMs between February and April, 2015. On the other hand, SACCOs, will develop strategic plans, conduct elections of delegates and expedite annual financial audits ahead of ADMs to be conducted between February and March, 2015.

The CBFs and *bunges* will continue to hold outreach campaigns and re-sensitization activities with *bunges* to drive up registration numbers. Additionally, youth and their *bunges* will also be engaged in civic/advocacy campaign issues together with community service campaigns.

The CBFs led by the communication officer will hold radio talk shows on local FM stations to ensure additional coverage in terms of CBFs and SACCO visibility. Other programmed activities encompass holding trade fairs, exhibitions and talent shows in order to market their products and attract investors.

The SACCOs will also continue to create members' awareness and hold education and recruitment drives in order to recruit more members and disburse loans to qualified members. All 4 SACCOs will, according to the cooperative legal framework, undertake 2014 financial audits, and conduct Annual Delegates Meetings (ADMs). Before the ADMs, Mercy Corps will have conducted SACCOs Organization and Business Review workshops to deliberate on the respective SACCO audit report which will be presented in the delegates meeting.

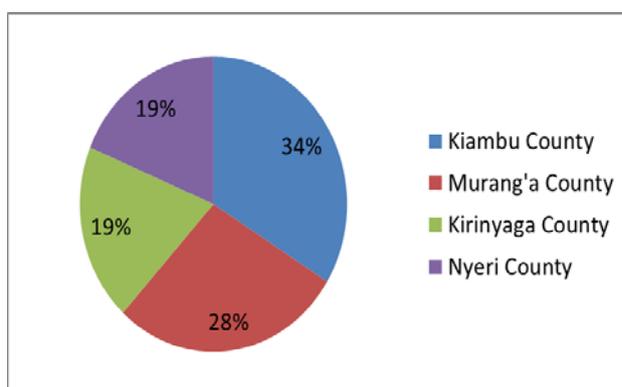
Internally, Mercy Corps will continue to address identified capacity gaps and offer training and mentorship to village *bunges*, SACCOs, and county boards. The CBF officials will be trained on communication skills to enable them to document and share the impact of YYC as well as tell their stories to different audiences. This will help them in positioning themselves for more collaborations and partnerships after Mercy Corps exits.

The M&E office will conduct county program review meetings with all CBFs to assess their progress and deliberate on how best they can improve on the areas in which they lag behind in terms of target achievements. A focused end-line evaluation will also be conducted in a bid to document the impact of the YYC program to its beneficiaries.

II. KEY ACHIEVEMENTS (Qualitative Impact)

Objective 0: Form youth representation bodies at village and county levels

Outcome 0.1: 15,000 youth aware of Yes Youth Can! – C Program:



The region continued to hold mobilization and sensitization meetings and advocacy campaigns that led to the formation of ninety nine (99) new *bunges* that include a membership of 1,305 new members. Mercy Corps' outreach efforts this quarter have reached a total of 15,920 youth bringing the total to 988,548 youth who are aware of the Yes Youth Can program in the region. The same forums/meetings and education

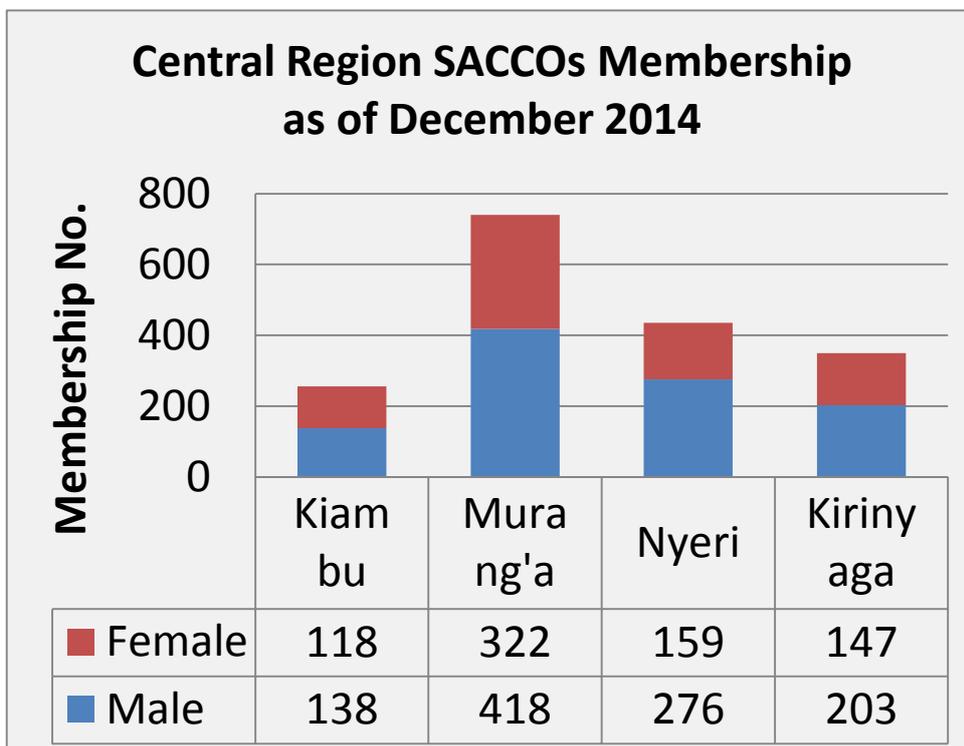
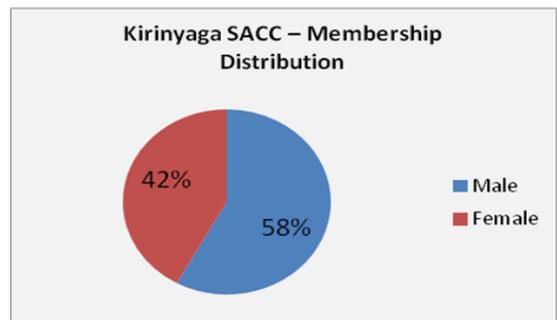
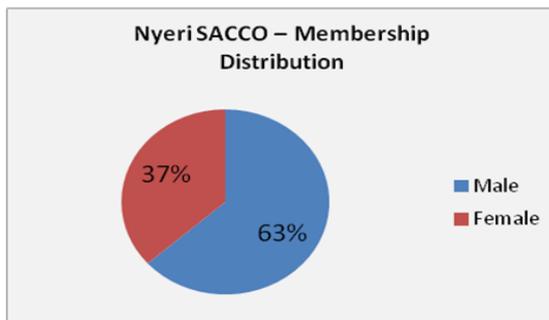
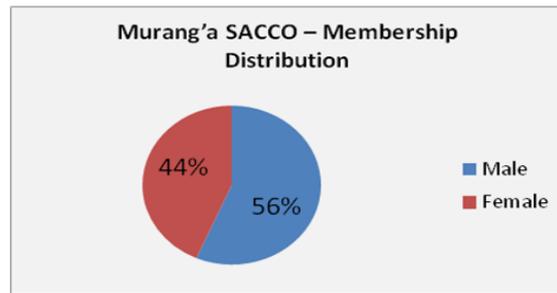
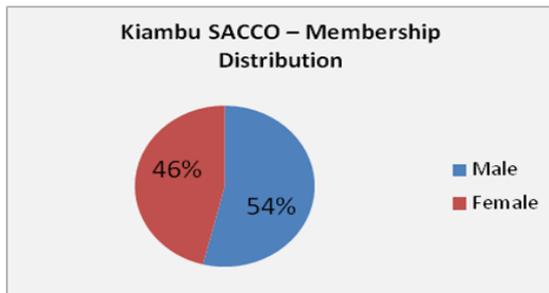
forums were used by SACCO officials and delegates to popularize and recruit more members, which saw increased SACCOs cumulative membership from 1,419 youth, (595 female and 824 male) to 1,781 (746 female and 1035) male).

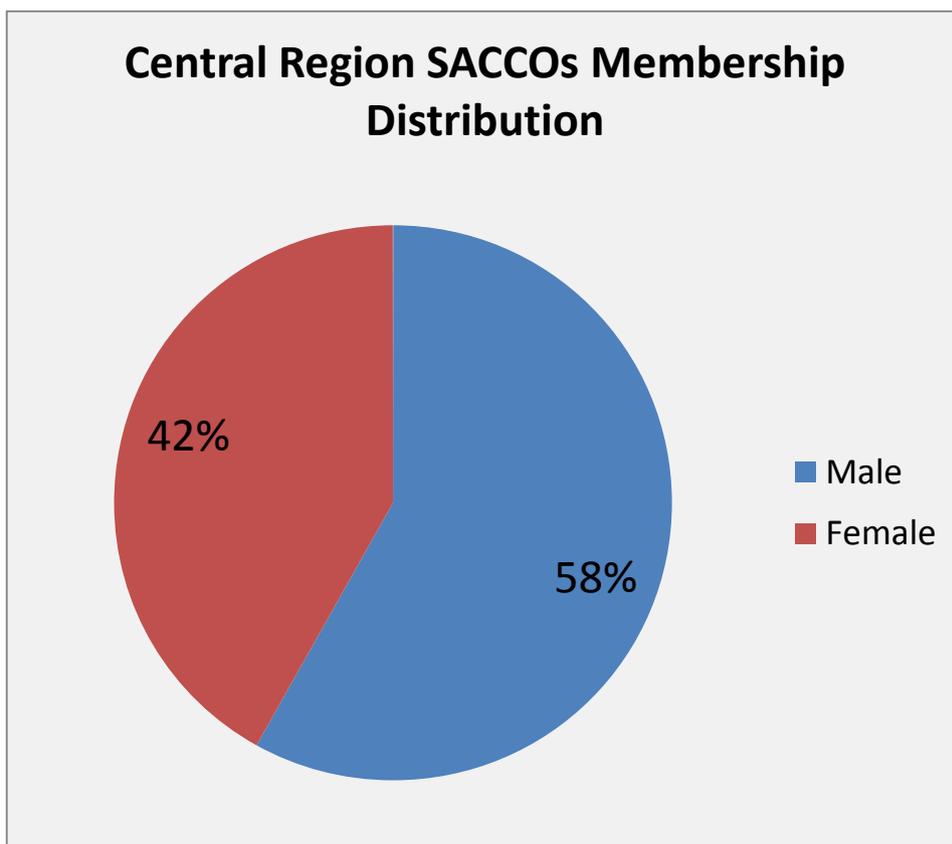
Table 2: SACCO Membership

Parameter	County Youth Bunge SACCOs				
	Kiambu	Murang'a	Nyeri	Kirinyaga	Totals
Total Number of Members	256	740	435	350	1,781
Total Number of Female Members	118	322	159	147	746
Total Number of active Members	116	235	391	329	1,071

Total Number of Active Female Members	64	112	129	130	435
Total Membership Potential (CBF members)	27,056	22,251	11,027	11,458	71,792
Current Membership as a % of Potential	0.95	3.4	3.9	3.05	2.82
Active Members % of the Registered Members	45	32	90	94	60
Total Number of Constituencies Covered	12	7	6	4	29
Average Number of Members per Constituency	21	106	73	88	61.41

SACCOs Membership Distribution





Outcome 0.2: Youth representation structures formed in the four counties

The Four (4) CBF and SACCO structures are well established and operational in Central region. In this reporting period, ninety nine (99) new village youth *bunges* were registered leading to a cumulative figure of 3,712 *bunges* since the program inception. SACCO coordinating teams were elected at constituency level to support the board members in planning, implementation and reporting of program activities.

Table: 3: 15th Quarter and cumulative bunge formation by county

County	Number of <i>bunges</i> formed by Sept 30 th 2014	No. of Female and Male by Sept 30 th 2014		No. of <i>bunges</i> formed this reporting quarter	No. of Female and Male in the "new" <i>bunges</i> formed		Cumulative <i>Bunges</i> Formed	Cum. Female and Male	
		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male
Kiambu	1,199	12,827	15,079	30	139	224	1,229	12,966	15,303
Murang'a	1,012	11,160	12,557	5	32	53	1,017	11,192	12,610
Kirinyaga	699	5,819	8,112	6	39	61	705	5,858	8,173
Nyeri	703	4,883	6,581	58	344	423	762	5,227	7,004
Totals	3,613	34,689	42,329	99	544	761	3,713	35,233	43,090

Objective 1: Support youth to exercise a greater voice in local and national affairs

Outcome 1.1: Bunge, CBF and SACCO capacity building to implement activities and support the youth increased

During this reporting period all the SACCOs were trained on strategic business planning and management. The purpose of the training was to develop long term business strategies, which resulted in the development of robust 5 year strategic plans by the four SACCOs.

The quarter also saw both CBF board members and SACCO officials attend a capacity building training facilitated by MC and USAID aimed at strengthening their capacity in sub-grant management. The training also acted as a review meeting for the CBF and SACCOs to reflect on their progress and strategize on the way forward.

In Kirinyaga County, a “Devolved System of Governance and Leadership” training was held by the County Government of Kirinyaga where twelve (12) CBF and SACCO leaders took part. Meanwhile, Murang’a CBF with the help of Mercy Corps organized constituency ‘sit-downs’ with the constituency coordinating teams and board members with the aim of demystifying the programme management table targets. As a result of the training/meeting, the youth have obtained skills in programme planning and are now more focused to meet the set targets within the set timelines. SACCO officials were also trained on an integrated financial and accounting system by Tangaza Pesa SACCO solution programme through which they were to install and automate their financial and accounting function. Murang’a and Nyeri SACCOs have since installed the system but it has yet to be operationalized.

The CBFs also held a series of meetings and trainings with Envirofit and Amiran Kenya in order to increase opportunities for the youth to engage in different income generating activities. Envirofit is engaging the youth in the region as sales agents of its energy cook stoves and solar energy equipment. Murang’a SACCO has since signed a formal partnership contract with Envirofit and supported some of its members to procure the Envirofit products (energy cooking stoves and solar lighting equipments) to start or diversify their businesses. The venture is expected to grow during the coming quarter of the programme.

The quarter also saw youth from the bunges and the Nyeri CBF excom attend regional youth capacity building training and exchange program in Murang’a county sponsored by the Nyeri County Government. The issues addressed included the roles of young people in devolution and information about the Government’s thirty percent procurement target for businesses owned by youth, women and people with disabilities.

Outcome 1.2: Youth bunges actively engaged in civic issues

During this reporting period, a total of forty one (41) advocacy campaigns were conducted reaching a total 272 bunges and 3,779 (1,682 females and 2,097 males) youths. The advocacy campaigns focused on issues such as drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDs, cancer awareness, road safety for the boda-boda riders and environmental conservation among others. Drug and substance abuse was noted as a key issue affecting young people which has led to sustained increase in petty crimes such as theft of household items in order to sustain their addiction. In Nyeri town constituency five (5) youth owned up to drug

addiction and sought rehabilitation. In addition, 30 HIV positive youths also presented themselves as ready for counselling services, treatment and peer support.

Baraka Youth Bunge in Ndia Constituency, Kirinyaga County initiated a '*Mia kwa Wiki*' (one hundred in a week) initiative. The initiative involved members donating KES 100 on a weekly basis for charity to assist vulnerable children in Josephine Wambui's children's home and Kibirigwi special unit in Ndia Constituency. In Kiambu constituency, the youth partnered with the Red Cross to eradicate jigger infestation in Ruturu village. Approximately 200 people (men, women and children) were treated.

In Murang'a County, the training of trainer teams facilitated trainings on constitutional implementation in Kangema constituency, (seventy-two (72) youth (26 men and 46 women) and in Kiharu, thirty six (36) youth were trained. The training was aimed at improving the youth's knowledge on the constitution namely the bill of rights and the constitution's devolution clauses.

Peace and reconciliation campaigns attended by 105 youth (53 male and 52 females) were organized by board members in lower Gatanga. The campaigns were meant to promote peace between the Kamba and Kikuyu communities living in Kakuzi ward in the Murang'a County following heightened political tension between two neighboring communities. The youth engaged in various recreational activities such as tug of war and other games to support peace efforts by the local administration. As a result of these activities, the two tribes are reported to be living in harmony.

In Murarandia ward of Kiharu constituency, forty seven (47) youth attended a forum on the effects of drug abuse and involvement in crime. The forum was facilitated by a mentor, John Kiriamiti, who a renowned author and a reformed criminal. The attendees were sensitized on the impact of peer pressure, drug addiction and wealth creation. At the end of the training a total of 3 youths were registered as new SACCO members.

Outcome 1.3: Youth-led advocacy efforts strengthened to influence policy and public investment decisions

During the quarter, the CBF board members and village *bunge* officials rallied their members to organize forums and advocacy events aimed at influencing county leadership to adopt youth friendly policies. The 'Face of the Youth' bunge in Nyeri Town Constituency mobilized youths from around the county to participate in the financial review bill 2014-15. The participants were able to air their views on contentious articles and sections of the proposed financial bill.

Thimu-Mukindu Youth Bunge held a peaceful demonstration to advocate for better access roads in Baragwi ward in the Gichugu constituency of Kirinyaga County. This led to the ward representative and the area Member of Parliament awarding them a KES 1.5 million from the Constituency Development Fund to construct a foot-bridge within their ward. The foot bridge now connects Kariru and Guama villages which were previously inaccessible to one another.

Youth bunge members from Maragua and Gatanga constituencies met with their respective deputy county commissioners at their sub county levels during the period. A total of thirty youth from Maragua (22 men and 8 women) were incorporated into the District

Community Policing Committee and were tasked to give regular security updates and briefs to the sub county administration. In Gatanga, the Deputy County Commissioner promised to take action on the heightened crime reported by the youth members.

In Murang'a County, Mamba Youth bunge held a sitting with the Maragua Town's County Administrator at the start of this reporting quarter where they sought to be awarded the youth tender for the rehabilitation of the Gakoigo stadium. In response to this endeavor, the county government minister in charge of public works and development visited the site and pledged that the field would be rehabilitated by youths in a contract that would be formalized in 2015.

Outcome 1.4 Local Government responsiveness to issues important to youth increased

The county governments continued to play a critical role in the development of the youth and youth *bunges*. In central region twenty (20) board members and youth from the *bunges* sit in various committees representing youth's perspective in their various counties. These committees include the Uwezo fund and Constituency Development Fund Committees.



A bunge member from Mathia youth bunge receives a cheque worth 100k from Engineer Ngari in Ndia

The Nyeri County Government supported the Nyeri CBF to facilitate youth bunge members to a leadership training exchange visit in Murang'a. The training was conducted by the TNA chairperson, the Director for Public Procurement and Oversight Authority and various members of parliament from Murang'a County. The involvement and roles of youth in various committees and devolution was the major focus of this training. Subsequently eight executive committee members and five other bunge members applied for various board committee membership in the Tana Water Service Board to represent their various constituencies.

After the launch of Kirinyaga County Youth Bunge SACCO in 2013, the County government also launched their own youth SACCO. The youth SACCO thereafter lobbied the County Government to abandon the formation of a parallel youth SACCO and instead support the YYC-supported Kirinyaga County Youth Bunge SACCO. The government dissolved their SACCO after an understanding was reached that the County Government should support youth initiatives rather than compete with them. This has resulted in a steady growth of the Youth Bunge SACCO, evidenced by the Kirinyaga SACCO emerge as the best performing SACCO in the region during this reporting period.

Bustani Youth Bunge in Kiharu continued with their monthly clean-up of Murari River Park. During the clean-up exercise, the youth came together to do general ground work at the park, which is part of their action plan to become the leading advocate for environmental matters in Murang'a town. The County Government has continued to support them by giving them cleaning equipment and have gone further to award them with a beautification tender for Murang'a town.

Objective 2: To facilitate and provide new livelihood opportunities for youth

Outcome 2.1: Youth SACCOs benefit members by way of loans

During this reporting period a total of 220 individual loans and 2 group loans (benefitting 30 members) amounting to KES 13,529,544 were issued. Kirinyaga County Bunge SACCO disbursed a total of 77 loans amounting to KES 4,435,344. Among the loans disbursed 76 were individual loans and one group for business start-ups and expansion. Similarly Murang'a County Youth Bunge SACCO disbursed 88 loans to 41 female and 47 male totaling to KES 3,530,000. Among the loans, 65 were enterprise loans which facilitated the youths to scale up or start up businesses. Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO disbursed 21 loans with 20 of them being for business startups and expansion, and one group loan totaling to KES 2,109,200. As a result of these loans, five (5) youth have been employed by the businesses scaled up or started using the loans.

Kiambu County Youth Bunge SACCO revised their loan policy capping the first loan at KES 100,000 thus attracting an additional 37 applicants and so far they have awarded business loans amounting to KES 3,455,000 to individuals 36 (male 24 female 12).

Table 4. Key Performance Indicators: December 2014

Performance Indicator	County Youth Bunge SACCOs				Totals/ Averages
	Kiambu	Murang'a	Nyeri	Kirinyaga	
Total Member Registration Fees	124,350	265,420	291,400	178,000	859,170
Total Share Capital	278,000	752,968	758,095	615,800	240,863
Average Shareholding	1,086	101,752,432	1,743	1,759	1,350
Total Members' Savings	1,419,994	1,600,317	2,113,778	2,378,652	7,512,741
Average Savings/deposits per member	5,547	2,163	4,859	6,796	4,218
Total Amount of Loans to Members	4,591,000	6,189,400	6,444,758	5,533,440	22,758,598
Total Number of Loanees	132	208	112	109	561
Total Number of Group Loans	2	1	1	4	8
Average Loan per Member	34,780	29,757	57,542	50,766	40,567
Total Amount Repaid	828,733	1,615,677	1,140,986	946,088	4,531,484
Interest Earned	86,199	117,774	104,811	21,491	330,275
Cumulative amount received from Mercy Corps	4,519,300	6,261,999	5,600,998	4,633,000	2,101,297

Outcome 2.2: Youth obtain skills for employment and gain income through local business

During the reporting period, Mahira Youth Bunge from Tetu constituency was trained on techniques of growing tissue culture bananas by Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and they received seedlings from the same institution. The Bunge has mobilized interested bungenes from the area and is cascading the training with the aim creating economies of scale for leveraging market opportunities in the banana value chain.

Other highlights during the period include:

- Thunguma Vision Youth Bunge from Nyeri constituency assisted by an agricultural extension officer makes a profit of KES 175,000 from growing potatoes from a hired 2 hectare farm.
- United Vision Youth Bunge from Othaya constituency secured a KES 100,000 tender to supply 10,000 seedlings to the Othaya CDF.

- Nyeri County Bunge Forum partners with Nesi Limited to provide training on yoghurt making in Nyeri, Tetu, Mukurweini, Mathira and Kieni constituencies.
- Six youth bungenes from Kieni Constituency in Nyeri County were trained on brick making. Clarity Youth Bunge with 122 members is currently producing bricks and selling them in the local market.
- 159 youth (106 males and 53 females) were trained on various entrepreneurial skills in a bid to improve their business management in Kiambu County. The training was followed by a business forum in Gatundu South constituency and a committee was formed to map youths from various bungenes running business for future linkages.
- Three agribusiness trainings conducted in three constituencies in Kiambu County namely Limuru, Githunguri and Gatundu North equipped 306 youth (176 males and 130 females) with various skills that expanded youth's market for produce.
- In Kiharu constituency, the Rabbit Republic Organization facilitated training on rabbit husbandry for thirty (30) youth (21 men and 9 women.) With this knowledge, it is envisaged that the youth bunge members will be better placed to produce quality rabbit products.
- Murang'a County Youth Bunge SACCO signed a partnership agreement with Envirofit in which the latter was to engage bunge and SACCO members as sales agents for its energy saving jikos and solar energy equipment in the County. The partnership will enable youth to sell energy saving jikos with the combined outcomes of decreasing household fuel expenses and conserving the environment.
- 30 youth attended a three-day hydroponic fodder production in Kandara constituency, which was supported by Pan African Agribusiness and Agro Industry Consortium.

Objective 3: Improve young women's access to political, social and economic opportunities

Outcome 3.1: Young women & Men champions engaged to work with young female bunge members on socio-economic empowerment

Linkages between experts and individual youth members continued to play a key role in ensuring social-economic advancement among youth members. Loise from Pepeta Iwake Youth Bunge in Nyeri County was able to start a salon, M-pesa and boutique business in the same premises after a session of financial literacy mentorship in Limuru Constituency. The quarter also witnessed youth from the counties undertake campaigns against gender based violence (GBV). Gatanga Constituency hosted a dialogue forum facilitated by GBV experts. At the event, men were made ambassadors and custodians of the reduction of GBV in the constituency.

Outcome 3.2: Young women, men reached through mentorship forums

A total of 40 mentorship forums reaching 1,967 youth were held during the quarter. The forums focused on different issues affecting the youth such as financial literacy, nutrition, reproductive health, cervical cancer awareness, drug and substance abuse, economic empowerment and life skills. The forums were as follows;

- In Murang'a County, sixty two (62) young women discussed topics ranging from self-confidence and esteem to the place of young women in the society.
- In Kiharu, forty eight (48) young men discussed social emasculation, alcoholism, drug abuse and business start-ups.

- Kiambu hosted 4 forums including 425 youth (293 young men and 132 young women), culminating with seven youth being paired to a rehabilitation counselor to help them deal with drug addiction.

Outcome 3.3 Success stories collected from YYC beneficiaries

The communications office in central region collected and disseminated success stories throughout the YYC-Central region. The youth bungees and SACCOs will receive documentation training in the next quarter to enable them to write their own stories with the addition of quality illustrations including photographs. Three of the five success stories collected for this quarter are shared under **annex III**:

Lessons Learnt

- Continuous capacity building on organizational development and strengthening of youth structures is critical for program and business model implementation. This includes development of strategic/business plans for effective management, and automation of operational systems for enhanced efficiency.
- Respective youth bodies have their organizational and business uniqueness. Consequently, there is no “one size fits all” way of working with youth. If they are to be supported programmatically and technically their uniqueness must be taken into consideration and they should be encouraged to learn from each other.
- With YYC being the biggest youth network in the counties, the CBFs can be a driving force to influence policies and decision making within the county governments.

III. ACTIVITY PROGRESS (Quantitative Impact)

During the reporting period, the program reached a further 15,920 ‘at risk’ youth bringing the total to 988,548 youth who are currently aware of the Yes Youth Can! Program. This was achieved through a combination of mobilization and sensitization meetings conducted by the CBFs and SACCOs across the region, which also led to the formation of 99 bungees bringing the cumulative bungees formed to 3,712. A total of 5,356 youth (2,369 female and 2,987 male) attended *bunge* meetings while three hundred and sixty two (362) new members joined the SACCOs (151 female and 211 male). A total of 220 individual loans and 2 group loans (benefitting 30 members) amounting to KES 13,529,544 were issued during this period.

In addition, one hundred and seventy seven (177) youth leaders (74 female and 103 male) from CBF board members, officials or *bunge* officials attended organizational capacity building training programs. Forty one (41) campaign events involving three hundred and eight bungees were also held during the period. The issues discussed ranged from community policing, drug and alcohol abuse, environmental conservation, HIV/AIDS among others. Thirty eight (38) constituency feedback forums were conducted across the four counties that gave village *bungees* the opportunity to engage with their respective CBF leaders and discuss work plans, achievements and plot their way forward.

Table 5: Performance Data Table

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of people from ‘at-risk’ groups reached through USG-supported conflict mitigation activities;														
INDICATOR NUMBER: 0.1														
UNIT: People	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender													
	County		Activity Title				W		M		Sub-total			
	Kiambu County		YYC activities				1202		2032		3234			
	Murang’a County		YYC activities				1013		2273		3286			
	Kirinyaga County		YYC activities				416		586		1002			
	Nyeri County		YYC activities				3234		5154		8388			
Totals						5,865		10,045		15,920				
Results: Youth aware of Yes Youth Can program														
Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at December 2014				FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	
			Achieved prior to this quarter		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
	Kiambu County	0	0	123,604	245,646			1202	2032	124,806	247,678			50,000
Murang’a County	0	0	115,171	229,245			1013	2273	116,184	231,518			50,000	75,000
Kirinyaga County	0	0	55,996	110,974			416	586	56,412	111,560			50,000	75,000
Nyeri County	0	0	37,310	54,692			3234	5154	40,544	59,846			50,000	75,000
Totals	0	0	332,081	640,557			5,865	10,045	337,946	650,602			200,000	300,000

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of Village bungenes formed & registered with a bunge roaster														
INDICATOR NUMBER: 0.2a														
UNIT: Number of bungenes	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and activity													
			Activity Title										Sub-total	
	Kiambu County		Bunge Mobilization				30						30	
	Murang’a County		Bunge Mobilization				5						5	
	Kirinyaga County		Bunge Mobilization				6						6	
	Nyeri County		Bunge Mobilization				59						59	
Totals						99						99		
Results: Youth representation structures formed in the 4 counties														
Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at December 2014		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension			
			W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M		

setting targets and tracking		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
Kiambu County	0	1,199		30	1,229		125
Murang'a County	0	1,012		4	1,016		125
Kirinyaga County	0	699		6	705		125
Nyeri County	0	703		59	762		125
Totals	0	3,613		99	3,712		500

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of County Forums formed & registered.

INDICATOR NUMBER: 0.2b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and activity	
UNIT:	Activity Title
County Forum	Sub-total
Kiambu County	County Mobilization
Murang'a County	County Mobilization
Kirinyaga County	County Mobilization
Nyeri County	County Mobilization
Totals	0

Results: Youth representation structures formed in the 4 counties – County Elections

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as	FY 2015	End of Project Target
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	at Dec 2014	Target	under extension
		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
Kiambu County	0	1		0	1		1
Murang'a County	0	1		0	1		1
Kirinyaga County	0	1		0	1		1
Nyeri County	0	1		0	1		1
Totals	0	4		0	4		1

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of CBF Board members, officials or Bunge officials who attend organizational capacity building training programs

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.1

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
UNIT: People			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Capacity building training	31	39	70
	Murang'a County		Capacity building training	17	23	40
	Kirinyaga County		Capacity building training	10	12	22
	Nyeri County		Capacity building training	16	29	45
	Totals			74	103	177

Results: Youth CBF board members and SACCO Officials gain skills to effectively capacity to run youth activities

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved		This Reporting Period				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	
			Prior Periods		31/December/14		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
	Kiambu County	0	0	21	27			31	39	52	66			20
Murang'a County	0	0	18	24			17	23	35	47			20	30
Kirinyaga County	0	0	39	25			10	12	49	37			20	30
Nyeri County	0	0	28	39			16	29	44	68			20	30
Totals	0	0	106	115			74	103	180	218			80	120

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of young people who have the capacity to lead, manage and govern organizations

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.2

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
UNIT: People			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	7	12	19
	Murang'a County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	7	10	17
	Kirinyaga County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	1	3	4
	Nyeri County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	3	5	8
	Totals			18	30	48

Results: Youth having the capacity to lead, manage and govern organizations

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for	Baseline		Results Achieved		This Reporting Period				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	
			Prior Periods		31/December/14		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	

setting targets and tracking	Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target			
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M		
Kiambu County	0	0	0	0			7	12	7	12			3	4
Murang'a County	0	0	0	0			7	10	7	10			3	4
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			1	3	1	3			3	4
Nyeri County	0	0	0	0			3	5	3	5			3	4
Totals	0	0	0	0			18	30	18	30			12	16

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of bunge members elected to national and county leadership positions															
INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.3															
DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender															
UNIT: People			Activity Title				W	M	Sub-total						
	Kiambu County		Bunge members elected in government				0	0	0						
	Murang'a County		Bunge members elected in government				2	7	9						
	Kirinyaga County		Bunge members elected in government				0	2	2						
	Nyeri County		Bunge members elected in government				2	4	6						
	Totals						4	13	17						
Results: Youth having a voice and getting elected in both national and county leadership positions															
Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at		FY 2015		End of Project		
			Periods		Target				Dec 2014		Target		Target under extension		
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	
Kiambu County		0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			1	2
Murang'a County		0	0	0	0			2	7	2	7			1	2
Kirinyaga County		0	0	0	0			0	2	0	2			1	2
Nyeri County		0	0	0	0			2	4	2	4			1	2
Totals		0	0	0	0			4	13	4	13			4	8

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth who attend Bunge meetings

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.4a

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
UNIT: People			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Bunge Meetings	442	620	1062
	Murang'a County		Bunge Meetings	376	487	863
	Kirinyaga County		Bunge Meetings	962	1266	2228
	Nyeri County		Bunge Meetings	589	614	1203
	Totals			2369	2987	5356

Results: Youth actively participate in Bunge activities

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at		FY 2015		End of Project	
			Periods		Target				Dec 2014		Target		Target under extension	
	Achieved before this quarter						Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	10,564	14,554			442	620	11,006	15,174			1,000	1,500
Murang'a County	0	0	9,057	13,516			376	487	9,433	14,003			1,000	1,500
Kirinyaga County	0	0	6,988	11,545			962	1266	7,950	12,811			1,000	1,500
Nyeri County	0	0	4,858	9,532			589	614	5,447	10,146			1,000	1,500
Totals	0	0	31,467	49,147			2,369	2,987	33,836	52,134			4000	6,000

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth members of bungen who have completed USG-assisted civic education training programs

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.4b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
UNIT: Number of people	County		Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Civic education	103	147	250
	Murang'a County		Civic education	48	60	108
	Kirinyaga County		Civic education	0	0	0
	Nyeri County		Civic education	10	24	34
	Totals			161	231	392

Results: Youth bungen, actively engaged in civic issues

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target	
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	1,154	1,721			103	147	1,257	1,868			40	60
Murang'a County	0	0	969	1,445			48	60	1,017	1,505			40	60
Kirinyaga County	0	0	1,333	2,007			0	0	1,333	2,007			40	60
Nyeri County	0	0	842	1,401			10	24	852	1,425			40	60
Totals	0	0	4,298	6,574			161	231	4,459	6,805			160	240

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of community service projects implemented by bunges

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.4c

UNIT: Number of Community service projects	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and activity		
	County	Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Community service	3
	Murang'a County	Community service	2
	Kirinyaga County	Community service	2
	Nyeri County	Community service	7
Totals		14	

Results: Community service project implemented

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior	This Reporting Period		Achieved as at	FY	Target for extension,
		Periods	31/December/14	Period	Dec 2014	2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved prior this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	22		3	25		10
Murang'a County	0	21		2	23		10
Kirinyaga County	0	18		2	20		10
Nyeri County	0	11		7	18		10
Totals	0	72		14	86		40

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of Constituency Feedback Forums held

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.4d

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and activity			
UNIT:	Activity Title	Sub-total	
County Forum	Kiambu County	County Mobilization	11
	Murang'a County	County Mobilization	9
	Kirinyaga County	County Mobilization	4
	Nyeri County	County Mobilization	14
	Totals		38

Results: CBF officials engaging with bungen on working plans, budgets, achievements and way forward

Additional Criteria <i>If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking</i>	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at	FY 2015	Target for extension,
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	Dec 2014	Target	Sept2014 – July 2015
Kiambu County	0	6		11	17		36
Murang'a County	0	15		9	24		21
Kirinyaga County	0	8		4	12		12
Nyeri Count	0	28		14	42		18
Totals	0	57		38	95		87

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of bungen involved in youth-led advocacy campaigns targeted towards policy and public investment decisions.

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.5

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity			
UNIT:	Activity Title	Sub-total	
Bungen	Kiambu County	Campaign	188
	Murang'a County	Campaign	36
	Kirinyaga County	Campaign	1
	Nyeri County	Campaign	47
	Totals		272

Results: Youth-led advocacy efforts strengthened to influence policy and public investment decisions

Additional Criteria <i>If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking</i>	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/December/14	Achieved as at Dec 2014	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015

		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	254		188	442		50
Murang'a County	0	320		36	392		50
Kirinyaga County	0	118		1	119		50
Nyeri County	0	111		47	158		50
Totals	0	803		272	1,111		200

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth exercising a greater voice in local community and national affairs

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.6

DISAGGREGATE BY: County				
UNIT:	Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
People	Kiambu County	183	246	429
	Murang'a County	488	632	1120
	Kirinyaga County	6	12	18
	Nyeri County	1005	1207	2212
	Totals	1,682	2,097	3,779

Results: Central youth exercising a greater voice in local community and national affairs

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
		Prior Periods		Target		Achieved		W	M	W	M	W	M
		Achieved		W	M	W	M						
Kiambu County	0	26	36			183	246	209	282			60	90
Murang'a County	0	13	38			488	632	501	670			60	90
Kirinyaga County	0	10	17			6	12	16	29			60	90
Nyeri County	0	16	36			1005	1207	1021	1243			60	90
Totals	0	65	127			1,682	2,097	1,747	2,224			240	360

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of local government officials who attend meetings and stakeholder forums to improve their governance skills and their ability to engage youth in the development process

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.7

UNIT: People	DISAGGREGATE BY: County			
	Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	22	18	40
	Murang'a County	14	18	32
	Kirinyaga County	2	3	5
	Nyeri County	26	27	53
	Totals	64	66	130

Results: Central youth networked to foster cooperation and understanding

Additional Criteria <i>If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking</i>	Baseline	Results Achieved		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
		Prior Periods Achieved		Target		Achieved		W	M	W	M	W	M
		W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	26	36			22	18	48	54			10	20
Murang'a County	0	13	38			14	18	27	56			10	20
Kirinyaga County	0	10	17			2	3	12	20			10	20
Nyeri County	0	16	36			26	27	42	63			10	20
Totals	0	65	127			64	66	129	193			40	80

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth bungen connected to other public and private sector initiatives/players that support expanded youth activities.

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.8

UNIT: Bungen	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity		
	County	Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Campaign	0
	Murang'a County	Campaign	4
	Kirinyaga County	Campaign	3
	Nyeri County	Campaign	4
	Totals		11

Results: youth bungen connected to other public and private sector initiatives/players that support expanded youth activities.

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	0		0	0		5
Murang'a County	0	0		4	4		5
Kirinyaga County	0	0		3	3		5
Nyeri County	0	0		4	4		5
Totals	0	0		11	11		20

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth bunges using affordable and reliable communication channels to reach to their bunge members and connect with other bunges

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.9a

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity			
UNIT:	County	Activity Title	Sub-total
Bunges	Kiambu County	Campaign	20
	Murang'a County	Campaign	12
	Kirinyaga County	Campaign	10
	Nyeri County	Campaign	12
	Totals		

Results: Youth bunges using affordable and reliable communication channels to reach to their bunge members and connect with other bunges

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	0		20	20		10
Murang'a County	0	0		12	12		10
Kirinyaga County	0	0		10	10		10
Nyeri County	0	0		12	12		10
Totals	0	0		54	54		40

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of followers of the Facebook accounts

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.9b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County						
UNIT: Number of people			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
		Kiambu County		Facebook followers	477	723
	Murang'a County		Facebook followers	1224	1832	3056
	Kirinyaga County		Facebook followers	2100	3240	5340
	Nyeri County		Facebook followers	1525	2520	4045
	Totals			5,326	8,315	13,641

Results: Youth who have access to the social media accounts opened by their bungenes for ease of sharing ideas and communication.

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015			
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Target		Target			
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M		
Kiambu County	0	0	0	0			477	723	477	723			40	60
Murang'a County	0	0	0	0			1224	1832	1224	1832			40	60
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			18	35	18	35			40	60
Nyeri County	0	0	0	0			1525	2520	1525	2520			40	60
Totals	0	0	0	0			5,326	8,315	5,326	8,315			160	240

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth who register, buy shares and save with the SACCO

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.1a

DISAGGREGATE BY: County						
UNIT: Number of people			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
		Kiambu County		Registration, share purchase and saving	15	14
	Murang'a County		Registration, share purchase and saving	16	16	32
	Kirinyaga County		Registration, share purchase and saving	41	59	100
	Nyeri County		Registration, share purchase and saving	17	49	66
	Totals			89	138	227

Results: Youth SACCOs benefit members by way of loans

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	

			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	98	130			15	14	118	138			60	90
Murang'a County	0	0	264	302			16	16	322	418			60	90
Kirinyaga County	0	0	106	143			41	59	147	203			60	90
Nyeri County	0	0	127	249			17	49	159	276			60	90
Totals	0	0	595	824			89	138	746	1035			240	360

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of loans awarded to youth

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.1b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity			
UNIT:	Activity Title	Sub-total	
Loans issued	Kiambu County	Loans disbursed	37
	Murang'a County	Loans disbursed	96
	Kirinyaga County	Loans disbursed	71
	Nyeri County	Loans disbursed	33
	Totals		237

Results: : Youth SACCOs benefit members by way of loans

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	96		36	132		75
Murang'a County	0	120		88	208		75
Kirinyaga County	0	35		77	112		75
Nyeri County	0	88		21	109		75
Totals	0	339		222	561		300

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth benefiting by way of income from enterprises initiated or scaled up through loans taken from the SACCO

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.1c

DISAGGREGATE BY: County					
UNIT:		Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
No. of people	Kiambu County	Microenterprise activity	13	24	37
	Murang'a County	Microenterprise activity	41	55	96
	Kirinyaga County	Microenterprise activity	28	52	80
	Nyeri County	Microenterprise activity	12	25	37
	Totals		94	156	250

Results: Youth SACCOs benefit members by way of loans

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
		Prior Periods		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
		W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	33	46			13	24	46	70			60	90
Murang'a County	0	28	59			41	55	69	114			60	90
Kirinyaga County	0	27	26			28	52	55	78			60	90
Nyeri County	0	41	48			12	25	53	73			60	90
Totals	0	129	179			94	156	223	335			240	360

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth that gain on-the-job experience through private sector apprenticeships or life skills training

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2a

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender					
UNIT:		Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
Number of people	Kiambu County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	0	5	5
	Murang'a County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	0	0	0
	Kirinyaga County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	0	0	0
	Nyeri County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	2	2	4
	Totals		2	7	9

Results: Youth obtain employment or skills in or for local businesses

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved		This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July	
		Prior Periods									

													2015	
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	17	25			0	5	17	30			10	15
Murang'a County	0	0	34	34			0	0	34	34			10	15
Kirinyaga County	0	0	29	34			0	0	29	34			10	15
Nyeri County	0	0	8	13			2	2	10	15			10	15
Totals	0	0	88	106			2	7	90	113			40	60

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of people gaining income, employment or better employment as a result of participation in USG-funded workforce development programs

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2b

UNIT: Number of people	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
			Activity Title		W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		13	24	37
	Murang'a County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		28	37	65
	Kirinyaga County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		28	52	80
	Nyeri County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		12	25	37
	Totals				81	138	219

Results: Youth gain income or obtain employment or better employment

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
			Prior Periods		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	81	111			13	24	94	135			40	50
Murang'a County	0	0	219	195			28	37	247	232			40	50
Kirinyaga County	0	0	111	142			28	52	139	194			40	50
Nyeri County	0	0	30	51			12	25	42	76			40	50
Totals	0	0	441	499			81	138	522	637			160	200

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth who take part in exhibitions, trade fairs and competitions aimed at gaining product exposure and attracting investment to the area

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.2c

UNIT: Number of people	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender				
		Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Youth taking part in exhibitions	0	0	0
	Murang'a County	Youth taking part in exhibitions	0	0	0
	Kirinyaga County	Youth taking part in exhibitions	0	0	0
	Nyeri County	Youth taking part in exhibitions	0	0	0
Totals			0	0	0

Results: : Youth gaining product exposure for their products and attracting investors as a result of participating in trade fairs and exhibitions

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as		FY 2015		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
			Prior Periods		Target		Achieved		at Dec 2014		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	180	170			0	0	180	170			300	450
Murang'a County	0	0	3	5			0	0	3	5			300	450
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			300	450
Nyeri County	0	0	1,050	495			0	0	1,050	495			300	450
Totals	0	0	1,233	670			0	0	1,233	670			1,200	1,800

INDICATOR TITLE: Number established linkages to increase youth market access and productivity in the agricultural and other sectors within the county

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.3a

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity		
		Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Established Linkages	2
	Murang'a County	Established Linkages	4
	Kirinyaga County	Established Linkages	0
	Nyeri County	Established Linkages	4
Totals		10	

Results: Establishment of linkages that increase youth market access and productivity in the agricultural and other sectors within the county

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved Prior Periods to this quarter	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at Dec 2014	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	0		2	2		2
Murang'a County	0	0		4	4		2
Kirinyaga County	0	0		0	0		2
Nyeri County	0	0		4	4		2
Totals	0	0		10	10		8

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth benefiting from the established linkages within the region

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.3b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender					
UNIT:	Activity Title		W	M	Sub-total
Number of people	Kiambu County	Linkages	34	36	70
	Murang'a County	Linkages	10	34	44
	Kirinyaga County	Linkages	0	0	0
	Nyeri County	Linkages	28	36	64
	Totals		72	106	178

Results: Youth bunge members benefiting from the established linkages within the region

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	0	0			34	36	34	36			20	30
Murang'a County	0	0	0	0			10	34	10	34			20	30
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			20	30
Nyeri County	0	0	0	0			28	36	28	36			20	30
Totals	0	0	0	0			72	106	72	106			80	120

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth trained on entrepreneurship or gaining new skills that help them earn an income and address daily challenges

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.4

UNIT: Number of people	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender					
			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Entrepreneurship Trainings	200	278	478
	Murang'a County		Entrepreneurship Trainings	12	51	63
	Kirinyaga County		Entrepreneurship Trainings	0	0	0
	Nyeri County		Entrepreneurship Trainings	28	36	64
Totals			240	365	605	

Results: Young people gaining entrepreneurial or life skills that help them earn an income and address daily

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
	Achieved		Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	0	0			200	278	200	278			20	30
Murang'a County	0	0	0	0			12	53	12	53			20	30
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			20	30
Nyeri County	0	0	0	0			28	36	28	36			20	30
Totals	0	0	0	0			240	365	240	365			80	120

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth bunges who have leveraged and accessed technical and improved services from their County Governments (e.g. procurements, contracts)

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.5

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity			
			Sub-total	
	Kiambu County		Bunges Accessing Government Services	0
	Murang'a County		Bunges Accessing Government Services	1
	Kirinyaga County		Bunges Accessing Government Services	3
	Nyeri County		Bunges Accessing Government Services	1
Totals			5	

Results: Youth bunges leveraging and accessed technical and improved services from their County Governments (e.g. procurements, contracts)

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14	Achieved as at	FY 2015 Target	Target	for extension,
		Prior Periods to this		Dec 2014		for	

setting targets and tracking		quarter					Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved	Target				Achieved
Kiambu County	0	0		0	0		5
Murang'a County	0	0		1	1		5
Kirinyaga County	0	0		3	3		5
Nyeri County	0	0		1	1		5
Totals	0	0		5	5		20

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth bunges who are able to raise additional financial investment funds to support their enterprises or have accessed government funds (Uwezo, YEF, WYF)

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.6

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity		
		Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Bunges Raising additional Income	30
	Murang'a County	Bunges Raising additional Income	44
	Kirinyaga County	Bunges Raising additional Income	37
	Nyeri County	Bunges Raising additional Income	2
	Totals		113

Results: Central youth raising additional financial investment funds to support their enterprises or have accessed government funds (Uwezo, YEF, WYF)

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at	FY 2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Dec 2014	Target	Target
	0	0		30	30		5
	0	0		44	44		5
	0	0		37	37		5
	0	0		2	2		5
Totals	0	0		113	113		20

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of Mentorship Forums held

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.3a

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity		Sub-total
		Activity Title	
	Kiambu County	Mentorship Forums Held	5
	Murang'a County	Mentorship Forums Held	4
	Kirinyaga County	Mentorship Forums Held	0
	Nyeri County	Mentorship Forums Held	31
	Totals		40

Results: Central youth networked to foster cooperation and understanding

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at	FY 2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	28		5	33		10
Murang'a County	0	34		4	38		10
Kirinyaga County	0	25		0	25		10
Nyeri County	0	20		31	51		10
Totals	0	107		40	147		40

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of mentors paired with young women and men

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.1b

UNIT: Number of people	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender				
		Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Mentorship sessions	4	6	10
	Murang'a County	Mentorship sessions	5	4	9
	Kirinyaga County	Mentorship sessions	0	0	0
	Nyeri County	Mentorship sessions	14	17	31
	Totals		23	27	50

Results: Young women and men champions engaged to work with young female and male Bunge members respectively

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at	FY 2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target

			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	41	36			4	6	45	42			10	10
Murang'a County	0	0	46	39			5	4	51	43			10	10
Kirinyaga County	0	0	40	36			0	0	40	36			10	10
Nyeri County	0	0	50	46			14	17	64	63			10	10
Totals	0	0	177	157			23	27	200	184			40	40

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of people reached through young women and men mentorship forums organized in the community

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.2a

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender							
UNIT:			Activity Title		W	M	Sub-total
Number of people			Mentorship sessions		136	317	453
	Kiambu County		Mentorship sessions		88	144	232
	Murang'a County		Mentorship sessions		0	0	0
	Kirinyaga County		Mentorship sessions		574	708	1282
	Nyeri County		Mentorship sessions		798	1,169	1,967
	Totals						

Results: Young women and men reached through young women and men mentorship forums

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/December/14				Achieved as at Dec 2014		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	380	460			136	317	516	777			125	125
Murang'a County	0	0	489	534			88	144	577	678			125	125
Kirinyaga County	0	0	308	456			0	0	308	456			125	125
Nyeri County	0	0	267	339			574	708	841	1,047			125	125
Totals	0	0	1,444	1,789			798	1,169	2,242	2,958			500	500

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of success stories

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.3

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity	
	Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	SACCO Stories documented 0
	Murang'a County	SACCO Stories documented 0
	Kirinyaga County	SACCO Stories documented 2
	Nyeri County	SACCO Stories documented 3
	Totals	5

Results: Success stories collected from YYC beneficiaries

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/December/14		Achieved as at	FY 2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Dec 2014	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	5		0	5		5
Murang'a County	0	9		0	9		5
Kirinyaga County	0	7		2	9		5
Nyeri County	0	3		3	6		5
Totals	0	24		5	29		20

IV. CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Through this reporting period, Mercy Corps witnessed persistent leadership integrity lapses and management conflicts evidenced by the Kirinyaga ex-com committee being expelled from office. Other noteworthy challenges included:

- Manual and basic accounting systems and intense competition from other SACCOs, which have led to slow and stifled growth.
- Low fund absorption by CBFs and SACCOs, compared to the obligated funds.

However, the SACCOs have since registered with KUSCCO, the umbrella body for SACCOs in Kenya. Registration with KUSCCO provides opportunities for the Youth Bunge SACCOs to benefit in terms of advocacy and lobbying the government on behalf of the SACCO members, SACCO education and training, professional consultancies and advisory services and access to current SACCO technologies.

V. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

During the quarter, a detailed YYC-C Performance Monitoring Plan was updated to guide effective follow up on the progress against results during program implementation. Similarly, the partners drew their county specific PMPs with customized targets for the extension period.

An internal data audit identified some data gaps when the partners started implementing the program directly. The gaps were rectified and data was stored in a project database overseen by Mercy Corps' M&E department. Further, Mercy Corps conducted a training of all Field Officers directly working with the partners. The training covered pertinent areas such as:

- i. Regional PMP and indicators and development of county specific PMPs
- ii. Review of data collection tools and reporting templates
- iii. M&E basic principles, elements of data quality and their relevance to YYC program
- iv. Best practices in data analysis, storage and reporting.

The Field Officers were thereafter charged with the responsibility of cascading the training to the partners. They transferred the knowledge and skills acquired from the training to the partners who have since been using the reviewed tools and templates adopted for data collection and reporting. The CBF Administrators and the SACCO Bookkeepers continued with their key role in ensuring the day to day running of the CBF and SACCO offices, and actively participated in the monitoring of project activities and documentation of program progress. They accomplished all this with the oversight role played by the CBF and SACCO leadership as well as the technical support from MC staff.

VI. PROGRESS ON GENDER STRATEGY

The results of a gender analysis conducted in the region and documented in the "Gender Assessment Report Yes Youth Can! Rift Valley and Central Provinces; 2012" helped lay down the mentorship agenda for bungenes in the region. Among the issues addressed over the implementing period for young men include but not limited to their redefining themselves in terms of personal goals and shifting roles in the family, their perceived

masculinity and traditional patriarchal nature of society being challenged as women become more empowered. The young women's forums have covered topics ranging from sexual reproductive health, family planning, access to economic and leadership opportunities all challenging young women to be the drivers of their own lives by taking responsibility and making choices geared towards their empowerment. These forums have greatly assisted in changing attitudes to various stereotypical attitudes that have plagued both young men and women and helped address potentially explosive topics in an objective manner.

VII. PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND MONITORING

During the quarter, Muranga, Nyeri, Kirinyaga and Kiambu CBFs planted trees. Youth from the counties were trained by AMIRAN and Ministry of Agriculture Extension officers on the values of retaining natural vegetation, especially tree cover, planting trees, and other conservation farming measures. The threats identified were soil exposure to erosion as a result of digging of holes and disposal of polythene bags during tree planting exercise. The mitigation measures put in place were refilling the holes with soil and mulching them.

VIII. PROGRESS ON LINKS TO OTHER USAID PROGRAMS

Mercy Corps continued to provide linkages across the board. The Nyeri County Bunge Forum has been working with International Republican Institute (IRI) which is a USAID Funded program providing training to the board members on leadership and devolution. These trainings have been instrumental in addressing the role of young people in leadership, devolution and shaping the youth perspective on how to best engage with their respective county governments.

IX. PROGRESS ON LINKS WITH GoK AGENCIES

The YYC-C County CBFs and SACCOs have continued to work with different ministries and departments within the Government of Kenya. Some of these include the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, Provincial Administration and its local administration representatives and the Ministry of Industrialization and Enterprise Development (MOEID), which has worked closely with the SACCOs through their DCOs.

CBF board members also sit on various development committees such as the Uwezo Fund such as the Kirinyaga CBF President.

X. PROGRESS ON USAID FORWARD

Enhanced organizational capacity building activities will be a major program focus in this final phase of YYC program in order to ensure sustainability of these youth institutions.

XI. SUSTAINABILITY AND EXIT STRATEGY

In the next quarter, Mercy Corps will continue to build the capacity for CBFs and SACCOs. More focus will specifically be on supporting improvement in governance systems, reporting and partnerships for sustainability after the program close-out. Mobilizations and targeted education forums will be held geared towards increasing SACCO and *bunge* membership.

CBFs and SACCOs are expected to hold Annual General Meetings and Annual Delegates meetings respectively and in preparation, we will facilitate planning for these events. CBFs

will work with village *bunges* to update *bunge* rosters, develop a voter register and oversee elections at village and constituency levels ahead of AGMs between February and April, 2015. On the other hand, SACCOs will develop strategic plans, conduct elections of delegates and expedite annual financial audits ahead of ADMs to be conducted between February and March, 2015. YYC program close out and end line evaluation will be conducted in the next quarter.

XII. GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (if applicable)

Not applicable

XIII. SUBSEQUENT QUARTER'S WORK PLAN

In the next quarter, Mercy Corps will continue to build the capacity for CBFs and SACCOs. Mercy Corps will place more focus on improving CBF and SACCO governance systems, reporting and partnerships for sustainability after the program close-out. Mobilizations and targeted education forums will be held geared towards increasing SACCO and *bunge* membership. CBFs and SACCOs will hold Annual General Meetings and Annual Delegates meetings respectively and in preparation, we will facilitate planning for these events. CBFs will work with village *bunges* to update *bunge* rosters, develop a voter register and oversee elections at village and constituency levels ahead of AGMs between February and April, 2015. On the other hand, SACCOs, will develop strategic plans, conduct elections of delegates and expedite annual financial audits ahead of ADMs to be conducted between February and March, 2015. All the activities of the subsequent quarters are informed by the work plans of the respective county boards and SACCOs with Mercy Corps playing a facilitative role.

Table 6: Planned Activities

Planned Activities from Previous Quarter	Actual Status this Quarter	Explanations for Deviations
Mobilization meetings to reach out to more youth in Central and form more <i>bunges</i>	On-going	This is a YYC continuous activity to enroll more youth as <i>bunge</i> members.
Capacity building trainings that are need-based per county	On-going	This is essential in order to equip the youth with necessary skills for growth and sustainability
Constituency Feedback Forums	On-going	To update <i>bunges</i> on their progress and to ensure that the boards and <i>bunges</i> are on the same page on program implementation as well as having an all-inclusive work plans drawn from the <i>bunges</i>
Train CBF in the four counties on communication and documentation of success Stories	Ongoing	This will help in preparing the CBFs gain experience of operating as autonomous organizations in documenting and telling their own stories.
Hold advocacy campaigns on	On-going	It is a continuous activity that gives youth a

civic issues affecting the youth		platform to address the issues they confront in their communities
Hold mentorship forums and gender outreach campaigns within the region	On-going	It is a YYC continuous activity to sensitize the communities about gender issues and incorporating gender in our programming
Hold stakeholder forums in the four counties	On-going	This is meant to give youth a platform to identify with the potential stakeholders and work with them in their respective counties
Hold trade-fairs, exhibitions and talent shows to gain product exposure	On-going	Exhibitions expose the youths to available market links in the area and also attract investors in their respective counties
Hold review meetings with all the CBFs	To start in Feb	This will be done to review the progress in regards to the achievements of YYC program targets per county.
Public forums with government partners and CBFs/ young <i>Bunges</i> to enhance youth participation	On-going	Youths are able to engage with the county government and air their views on important matters
Link youths to opportunities in the county government, MOIED and MOALD	On-going	This will enable youth to tap into the opportunities available in the county government
SACCO agricultural sector and other youth-friendly loan products developed	On-going	Youth will have an opportunity to acquire loans and better their lives hence economic empowerment
Educate and recruit youth into youth <i>bunge</i> SACCOs in the four counties	On-going	This will grow the SACCOs and ensure their sustainability for years even after YYC program closes
Train <i>Bunge</i> SACCO committees on roles and processes in SACCO management	Ongoing	Youth <i>Bunge</i> SACCOs will continue to receive technical support from Mercy Corps and GoK partners on SACCO management
Constant updating of County <i>Bunge</i> Roaster and <i>Bunge</i> Tracker	On-going	This will be very crucial so as to ascertain the no. of <i>bunges</i> , membership of the <i>bunges</i> as well as the various individual and group enterprises
<i>Bunges</i> subscribing to the CBFs	On-going	The subscription will enable the daily running of the CBF affairs and also be a way of <i>bunges</i> owning and taking part in CBF affairs.
SACCO ADMs	To be done in March	The SACCO members will meet to review their budgets, policies and reports.
Supporting SACCO credit committees in conducting credible youth loan appraisals for onward lending from YYC revolving fund	Ongoing	This activity will receive greater attention this quarter as YYC capitalizes youth <i>bunge</i> SACCOs

XIV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note: the financial data provided in this section is an estimate of the financial condition, and does not constitute the contractually required financial reporting as defined in the Award Notice.

Cash Flow Report and Financial Projections (Pipeline Burn-Rate)

The cash flow chart (Chart 1) below is derived from the financial table (Table 2), also provided in this section of the report. Both provide a visual representation of the “burn rate” of the project – both actual and projected. The main categories include:

- 1) **Obligations** (the funds authorized to date for expenditure on the project; this is NOT the Total Estimated Cost, but amount already obligated up to the time of the writing of this report),
- 2) **Actual expenditures** through the current reporting period, and;
- 3) **Pipeline projection** (expenditures expected, by quarter, for the coming three quarters, based on planned project hiring, procurements, expansions, etc.).

Chart 1: Obligations vs. Current and Projected Expenditures

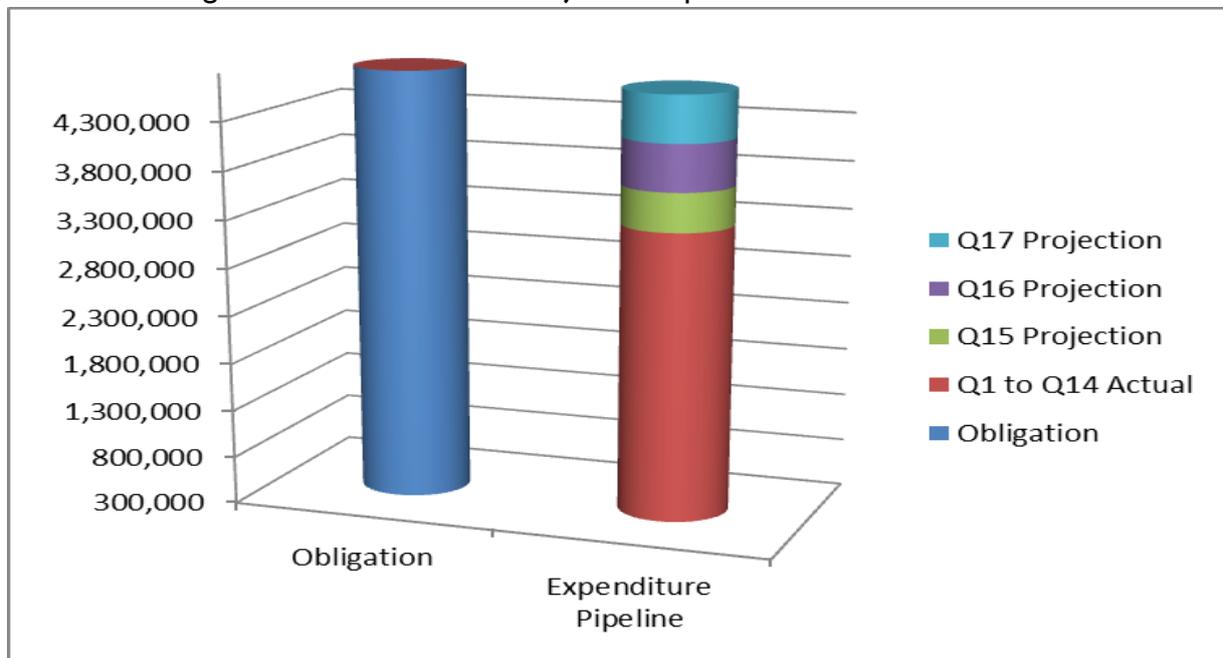


Table 7: Budget Details
T.E.C: \$ 4,777,314.00
Cum Obligation: \$ 4,777,314
Cum Expenditure: \$3,300,446

Obligation	1st to 14th Quarter Actual Expenditures	15th Quarter Projected Expenditures	16th Quarter Projected Expenditures	17th Quarter Projected Expenditures
4,777,314	3,300,446	401,025	480,572	480,572
Personnel	939,769	73,939	78,500	78,500
Fringe Benefits	347,005	25,950	26,690	26,690
Travel	62,004	3,526	4,500	4,500
Equipment	45,564	0	0	0
Supplies	36,060	1,296	1,500	1,500
Window of Opportunity Fund	1,078,565	220,682	273,000	273,000
Other Direct Costs	336,288	25,600	28,000	28,000
Indirect Costs	455,191	50,032	68,382	68,382

Budget Notes

Personnel	Salaries for the coming quarters are calculated based on the expected number of engaged staff in program implementation and the award closeout process.
Fringe Benefits	Fringe benefits are constant ratio against all salaries and wages calculated based on the Kenya Labor Law requirements and Mercy Corps internal policies. Increase is expected in the 13 th and 14 th quarter due to the grant closeout and payment of the final dues.
Travel	Travel expenses are projected to continue increasing in 13 th and 14 th quarter during the intensive grants monitoring and closeout activities.
Equipment	Depreciation rate expense is expected to be constant and based on the vehicle usage under this program.
Supplies	Any procurement is expected to cover possible replacement of supplies that are out of working order.
Window of Opportunity Fund	Expenditures related to direct program implementation, inclusive of capacity building expenditures, CBF and SACCO sub-awards. It is projected that budget under Investment and Grant Fund will not be fully utilized before the end of the program; budget underspent is expected.
Other Direct Costs	The level of expenditures is expected to increase slightly during the award closeout process.

Indirect Costs

Calculated as per Award conditions.

New Sub-Award Details

No new Sub-awards this period.

Total Amount in the approved budget for sub-awards: \$880,000

Total Amount sub-awarded to date: \$392,381.86 (44%)

Table 8. Transfer info for each sub-award made in the past reporting period:

Sub-recipient's name as per the registration document	Total budget amount in USD	Start date	End date	Trasfer 1 (USD)	Trasfer 2 (USD)	Trasfer 3 (USD)	Trasfer 4 (USD)	Trasfer 5 (USD)	Trasfer 6 (USD)	Trasfer 7 (USD)	TOTAL (USD)
Kiambu County Board Forum YYC (CBF)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	11,481.94	4,764.79	15,605.05	-	-	-	-	31,851.78
Muranga Youth Bunges County Forum (CBF)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	11,237.11	10,557.49	13,706.94	6,364.19	5,283.53	4,081.22	-	51,230.48
Kirinyaga Youth Bunge's County Forum (CBF)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	9,002.35	5,956.08	3,288.00	4,577.06	-	-	-	22,823.49
Nyeri Youth Board Forum (YYC) (CBF)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	7,854.12	4,735.29	5,924.65	4,565.13	17,334.59	-	-	40,413.78
Kiambu County Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	6,117.65	6,764.71	3,529.41	8,470.59	12,285.88	14,823.53	-	51,991.76
Muranga County Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	6,117.65	4,294.12	9,317.65	12,505.88	17,909.40	10,588.24	12,937.65	73,670.58
Kirinyaga County Youth Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	6,117.65	3,529.41	7,058.82	9,564.71	7,058.82	21,176.47	-	54,505.88
Nyeri County Youth Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000.00	1/24/2014	4/30/2015	6,117.65	8,294.12	21,176.47	10,568.22	3,620.00	16,117.65	-	65,894.11
Total Saccos & CBFs	880,000.00	333,304.00	336,992.00	64,046.11	48,896.01	79,606.99	56,615.78	63,492.22	66,787.11	12,937.65	392,381.86

XV. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Constraints and Critical Issues

With exactly four months for the sub-agreements and program implementation, the critical issue is to ensure the money obligated to the youth will be fully disbursed while maintaining program quality.

Personnel

We have decentralized support to the counties with each county assigned a field officer to coordinate and support youth initiatives from the county, while key program support staff will continue to offer mentorship to SACCOs and CBFs.

Changes in the Project

No changes

Contract, Award or Cooperative Agreement Modifications and Amendments

No changes.

List of Deliverables

- Fixed Obligation Grant Agreements modification for the four County SACCOs
- Sub-grant agreements modifications for the four County Youth Bunge Forums

Summary of non-USG Funding

None for this award

Type of Accounting System Used During Reporting Period

Mercy Corps has changed its accounting system from MASS 90 to Navigator effective December 1, 2013.

Schedule of Future Events

Date	Location	Activity
2 nd -13 th February	<i>Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga</i>	Constituency feedback forums
3 rd -5 th February	<i>Kiambu, Nyeri Murang'a , Kirinyaga</i>	Communications/program review meeting
9 th February	<i>Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga</i>	SACCO organizational and business worKESop
15 th February	<i>Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga</i>	SACCO 2014 Financial audit
27 th February	<i>Murang'a</i>	Trade Fair
23 rd - 27 th March	<i>Murang'a</i>	Constituency Forums
31 st March	<i>Kirinyag , Kiambu, Nyeri, Murang'a</i>	Annual delegates meetings

XVI. INFORMATION FOR ANNUAL REPORTS ONLY

XVII. GPS INFORMATION

During the quarter YYC-C collected information on Global Positioning System for all activities conducted in the quarter. An attachment of all the GPS data is attached in an MS Excel format.

Annex I: Success Stories

A YOUTH BUNGE'S INVOLVEMENT IN STRAWBERRY FARMING

There is a huge demand for strawberries in the food production industry in Kenya. Strawberries are consumed in large quantities either as a fruit or in fruit juice, jams, desserts, cakes and milkshakes, among other delicacies. Artificial strawberry flavor is used to make lip gloss, soap and other cosmetic products.

When you approach Caroline Machai's homestead, you immediately notice the short, healthy bushes laden with hearty looking strawberries. This unique strawberry-growing project is the brainchild of Kiathimu Sorters and Sprayers Youth Bunge. This nine-member bunge started this project after one of the members attended a strawberry fruit production and seed sale training at the TruFoods plant in Limuru, sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture. The move was a ray of hope for a bunge facing financial challenges.

"After the training, our bunge member bought 10 stems of strawberry at Ksh 50 each and taught the other members about strawberry production. We were so excited; this was a unique crop with high returns. We immediately began planting strawberry stems on my small piece of land, and we soon realized that a single stem produces 30 seedlings in only two months" Caroline states.

Soon, word went round in Gichugu that there was a youth bunge in the strawberry business and other young people started buying seedlings from them to begin their own projects. The Ministry of Agriculture, impressed with the bunge's progress, placed an order for 15,000 tons of strawberries per week. Unfortunately, the group could not fulfill the request because they didn't own a dedicated piece of land to grow the strawberries, a common barrier youth face in Kenya. This set-back, compounded by inventory losses caused by diseases and children picking the matured fruits, created a hopeless feeling among the Kiathimu youth bunge members. But in

September 2013, Mercy Corps, through the Yes Youth Can program, was able to strengthen the bunge strawberry enterprise by training the members on advocacy, entrepreneurship and resource mapping. The Ministry of Agriculture also prepared them to combat diseases affecting the fruit. The bunge embraced these trainings and changed their strategy; they now sell stems on a large scale and fruit on a smaller scale.

"We sell anything from 18-28 pellets of strawberries per week at Ksh 150 per pellet or container. Each pellet contains 15 pieces of the strawberry fruit. However, selling strawberry seedlings are our main source of income, and we sell a minimum of 200 seedlings per week at Ksh 50 each. Our major highlight was selling 900 strawberry seedlings at an exhibition," Caroline states.

In a bid to exclusively engage in large-scale greenhouse strawberry fruit production, Kiathimu youth bunge plans on taking out a SACCO loan from the Kirinyaga County Youth Bunge SACCO. The loan will enable them to lease an acre of land in Gichugu so they can meet the market's high demand for strawberries and earn higher returns for the group.



Caroline Machai shows strawberry stems to a customer before selling them in her farm in Karumandi, Kirinyaga County



Caroline tends to strawberries in her homestead in Karumandi, Kirinyaga County

Being part of the Yes Youth Can program is the genesis of our success as the Ministry would not have approached us if we were not organized in a bunge group. In addition, the training we received was instrumental in enabling us to surge ahead. For that we remain entirely thankful,” she concludes.

INFLUENCING YOUTHS in NGAMWA

For an area with a huge population of youth involved in agribusiness and boda boda, or motor-cycle taxibusines, James Mbuthi’s phone accessory business stands out. Located in the heart of Mukurwe-ini in Nyeri county, Tuffone Communication Limited deals in airtime sales, phone charging and repair.

James Mbuthi speaks confidently about the great example he has set for the youth in Ngamwa sub-location in Nyeri County. His thriving business demonstrates the impact that the Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO (NCYBS) loans have on youth owned enterprises. The SACCO loan he recently took out has enabled him to acquire a PA system that he hires out for events.

“Establishing this business has not been easy. For six years I struggled to meet the demands of my customers. At that time, I only sold a few accessories and provided phone charging services.



James inspects a client’s phone at his shop in Ngamwa market, Nyeri County

In February 2013, the Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO (NCYBS) conducted a SACCO drive in Ngamwa market. James became a member and started making regular savings. At that time, the youth in his village were skeptical and thought that he had joined a pyramid scheme, but after receiving a cheque worth Ksh 60,000 that enabled him to boost his business, they developed confidence in the youth SACCO and joined in large numbers.

“Before I received the SACCO loan, I used to make a profit of Ksh 6,000 per month but now my earnings have drastically grown to a whopping Ksh 25,000 every month. The SACCO loan has undoubtedly accelerated my business to greater heights,” he states.



James talks to us in his hat shop located just next to Tuffone Communications Limited in Ngamwa, Nyeri County

As a member of Kafuta Business Owners Youth Bunge, James and other members of his bunge also meet every week for a rotating savings and credit group. “On Thursdays, we each contribute Ksh 700 and an extra Ksh 200 as welfare. Members receive a total of Ksh 60,900 in turns in order to boost their businesses”, James states. “As service to my community, I believe it is important to encourage the youth in Ngamwa and beyond to join the SACCO and borrow loans to help them start or boost their businesses,” says James.

Mercy Corps, through the Yes Youth Can program, trained the Kafuta Youth Bunge members on entrepreneurship skills, which has helped them manage their businesses professionally. This has seen Kafuta Youth Bunge members serve as positive change agents in their localities.

YOUTH BUNGE THRIVES ON TIMBER ENTERPRISE

The Mwireri Youth Bunge started a business practice that has made them the talk of their small town in Nyeri County. Composed of 12 members, eight of whom are women, the Mwireri Youth Bunge logs, buys and sells timber and firewood, and then replants trees to regenerate the forest.

To fund the project, the bunge used savings it had raised through a funding mechanism called table banking. Every two weeks, each member contributes Ksh 100. Members who



Mwireri Youth bunge members at work in Ng'amwa, Mukuruweini location, Nyeri County

borrow funds pay the money back with 10% interest. After a year, the bunge had saved Ksh 25,000; they banked the funds in the Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO.

Although armed with the chief's permission to cut down trees in the forest in Ngamwa, the bunge became concerned with the issue of deforestation. They held a meeting In June 2014 and decided to start a tree nursery to plant and replace trees in areas where they had cut trees.

Mercy Corps, through the Yes Youth Can program, trained one of their bunge members on strategic business management. This training was instrumental at enabling the bunge to manage its enterprise in a more professional way.

Every bunge member has managed to plant 90 trees in their home area. In addition, the bunge has a total of over 1,000 exotic and indigenous trees in the nursery which they plan on selling in the near future.

Based on the savings the bunge had earned through table banking, the Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO was able to present the group with a Ksh 94,000 cheque in November 2014. The youth bunge SACCO operates under a matching fund policy, courtesy of USAID; members receive a sum total of three times their savings. The bunge used the money to purchase a power saw and trees costing Ksh 72,000 and Ksh 10,000 respectively. Since the group did not have the knowhow of logging, they hired a logger who receives a quarter of their profits.

“In December we made our first profit of Ksh 5,000 , and we were ecstatic. In addition, each of our male bunge members accompanies the logger to the forest to learn the ropes of felling trees. ” Joseph laughs. “Were it not for the Yes Youth Can program, which gave us the capital to start the business, we would not be where we currently are. We are embracing our challenges knowing that the future is bright”, he concludes.