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

Sectors	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period January 1– March 31, 2015				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (through March 31, 2015) Period			
	Targeted		Reached		Targeted		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
1 AFS	0	0	0*	0*	3500	2100	3500	2100
2 ERMS	0	0	17	6	450	270	474	313
Total Beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	3500	2100	3500**	2100**

\*No new beneficiaries reached during period; beneficiaries are same beneficiaries reported last quarter  
 \*\*Total Cumulative Beneficiaries are estimated. The majority of ERMS beneficiaries are also AFS beneficiaries, so estimated at AFS totals to avoid double counting

### Achievements:

The following sections highlight major achievements this quarter:

### SECTOR 1. *Agriculture and Food Security*

#### Brief Sector Narrative:

#### Garden seeds distribution

In view of enhancing market garden activity this year, World Concern identified 1000 farmers in 24 communities and distributed vegetable seed packages to them. Farmers were identified based on access to land suitable for dry season vegetable gardening. The package per household was comprised of: 15g of tomatoes, 20g of turnip, 30g of arugula, 20g of onion, 30g of *molokhia*, a local legume, 10g of watermelon and 20g of okra. In Sila Region, women are more involved in garden farming than men; this is why they represented 61% of the 1000 households identified. More than 75% of garden farmers are returnees.

#### **Monitoring of garden farming activities**

Monitoring of garden vegetable farms took place from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 in 10 villages. During the visit, we realized that some crop seedlings germinated well and others were already mature for transplanting and, we advised them to start transplanting immediately. Beneficiaries are excited and motivated especially as they apply the technics learned in fertilizer making, farm protection and, saving their crops from animal destruction.

#### **Training of Garden Farmer Group members**

Farmer groups received three opportunities for training on vegetable gardening this quarter. The January training was on the timing and planning of vegetable gardens and use of electric pumps. In February, training on composting and organic fertilizers was offered. The final training, on bio-pesticides was offered in March and was the least attended. While the first two trainings were offered in partnership with ONDR (Rural Development Office) for Kimiti district, the final training on pesticides was offered in partnership with DPVC (Office for the Protection of Plants).

After the first training, the ONDR trainer determined that having all farmers attend the training was unproductive and unmanageable. Five candidates from each group were then selected to attend the subsequent trainings, which worked very well. This did, however affect the Indicator, as the target will not be achieved.

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

Indicator 1: <i>Projected increase in # of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary HH</i>	Target this quarter (Jan-Mar 2015)	Progress this quarter (Jan-Mar 2015)	Cumulative Target through 31 Mar 2015:	Cumulative progress to date through 31 Mar 2015:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	3	0	3 months	0%
Indicator 2: <i>Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, by sex</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0 (Note 1)	0	3500	3500	3500	100%
Female	0	0	1390	1390	1390	100%
Male	0	0	2110	2110	2100	100%
Indicator 3: <i># of people trained in organic pesticides/insecticides</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	600	149	600	149	600	25%
Indicator 4: <i>Increased yield per ha in SCI plots as compared with traditionally planted plots</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	50%	29%	50%	29%

Note 1: 1000 people benefited this quarter, but they were all beneficiaries of previous seed systems/agricultural input activities, so not counted here.

**SECTOR 2. *Economic Recover and Market Systems***

**Brief Sector Narrative:**

The ROSCAs received their final training, on “storage of agricultural products and deciding when to sell”. In addition to the members of 90 groups, there were 38 women who attended the trainings as auditors. A total of 474 women took at least one training, and 81% of group members attended at least two of the three trainings. While 100% of the groups are rotating payments, only about half of the groups are giving out loans to members. These loans were less than a month old, and none had yet been repaid. It is expected that, by the end of the grant 100% will have given out loans, but not all will have received full payment on a loan.

**SUB-SECTOR: *Microfinance***

Indicator 1: <i># of people, by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to OFDA support.</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	60	19	450	474	450 women	105%
Indicator 2: <i>% of financial service accounts/groups supported by OFDA that are functioning properly (Note A)</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	95%	0	95%	0	95%	0%
Indicator 3: <i>Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities (Note B)</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	\$1000	\$883 (Note C)	\$4,844	\$4,727	\$6,615	71%

Note A: Indicator 2 will be determined in final evaluation.

Note B: Indicator 3 Target for life of project was adjusted from original proposal amount of \$50,000 to \$6,615, as previously reported QE September 30, 2014.

Note C: Indicator 3 Progress this quarter total of \$883 includes an adjustment of \$70 from the prior quarter. (The total reported at December 31, 2014 of \$3,844 should have been reported at \$3,914).

**Analysis of Progress:**

All project interventions have been completed at this time, and the focus for the end of grant will be measuring the impact of this work.

ROSCAs are doing well, although they continue to move towards loan distribution slower than desired, since their ability to grow capital from savings is quite small. Higher success rates were seen with cash support, as they could start turning profit faster.

Results of rainy season harvest were promising, and the addition of dry and counter season agriculture will likely achieve at least 2 months of additional food security. There is continued interest by the farmer groups in techniques for increasing yield, but some topics, such as organic pesticides and fertilizers, are not gaining traction as much as desired.

**Collaboration/Coordination:**

WCDO remains an active member of all humanitarian coordination meetings at the regional level. We are present during cluster meetings (Agriculture and food Security, Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Education)

**New Developments:**

After discussion with OFDA, WCDO distributed all the remaining “rainy season” peanut seeds (not distributed in time), to the ROSCA group members that have pressed them into oil, since it was suspected they will not germinate. The groups will sell them as an income-generating activity.

**Key activities for the upcoming quarter**

Different evaluations will take place by ONDR, WCDO as well as the final project evaluation by Department of NGO Governance (DONG) next quarter.