



Improving Livelihoods of Conflict-Affected Populations (ILCP) in Douentza District, Mopti

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AID-FFP-15-00053

Annex A: Annual Results Report

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i. Project Activities and Results

Indicator	Disaggregates	Comment
Total number of project participants targeted	Male: 12,483	
	Female: 12,037	
Total number of project participants reached	Male: 12,970	Targeted data were estimated using the household demographic profiles. The actual data displays a difference of 15%
	Female: 10,413	
Actual average cost per project participant	Cash	\$691.42
	Voucher	N/A
	LRP	N/A
	Title II	N/A
Average cost per project participant per month	Cash	57.61 \$
	Voucher	N/A

	LRP	N/A
	Title II	N/A

During the first two quarters, the IRC was able to complete preparations for the first cash distribution, including validating beneficiary lists, designing, printing and distributing beneficiary cards, and entering into contract with the cash distribution agency. The first cash distribution was postponed due to delays with project start-up and preparations for distribution and will take place in October 2015. The second distribution is planned to take place in January 2016 as stated in the original work plan and the third distribution will take place in March 2016, the first month of next year's lean period, to replace the distribution that was supposed to occur in June 2015 (also during the lean period).

The context has not changed in the implementation area since the beginning of the project, with the exception of Mondoro commune where the security situation is more volatile. In early September 2015, while on duty in the village of Ouro Allaye Tem, three members of the project team were attacked by a group of armed men and stripped of their belongings, including two motorcycles purchased under the current FFP grant. Field visits have resumed in the commune and the project team is engaging with local authorities to devise the best way of improving security conditions for the teams. The IRC is carefully monitoring the situation in other parts of the district, while pursuing project activities. For the moment, the team has not been able to provide the beneficiary card to the 403 beneficiaries in the village of Ouro Allaye Tem.

Cash transfers and food vouchers

ii. Challenges, Success, and Lessons Learned

The primary challenge of the project has been the lack of security in some parts of Douentza, particularly in the village of Ouro Allaye Tem in Mondoro commune. The project team plans to change their approach to access beneficiaries in this village, by making themselves less visible in the communities and having the local administration convey most of the messages to beneficiaries.

The first cash distribution was postponed due to delays with project start-up and preparations for distribution. Many roads were inaccessible during the rainy season. To mediate this issue, the IRC used motorcycles instead of a vehicle.

Lastly, as farming activities intensified, beneficiaries became more difficult to locate in their villages – most of whom stay at their farms or the farms of their employers for almost a week at a time, before returning to their homes. As a result, there was a delay in validating the beneficiary lists. The team is now fast-tracking the distribution of cards by working with more staff in distribution teams