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INTRODUCTION

The DRC Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP) aims to improve the food security of 3,150 vulnerable IDP, returnee, and host-community households (HH), which is approximately 18,900 individuals, in the Kalehe territory of South Kivu through a short-term program to increase HH food access and improve HH productive capacity. EFSP supports these vulnerable households through the provision of monthly food vouchers worth \$90 to affected households each month to meet 100% of immediate HH food needs. In addition the program provides agricultural inputs and training to support livelihood recovery and increased resilience in the longer term. The direct beneficiaries represent 7% of the population of the approximately 46,666 HH (~280,000 individuals) along the Kalehe Littoral Axis.

This report covers the period from **July 2013** through **September 2013**. It should be noted though that World Vision did not receive a signed award until September 9th, 2013.

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS IN FY13 Q4

General

Through the end of the reporting period World Vision devoted the majority of time to project startup activities. Upon receiving the Pre-Award Letter on August 12, 2013, staff recruitment began and by the end of September 2013, all but 6 staff had been hired. Of the remaining six staff, two had been identified and World Vision was in the process of negotiating their contracts.

While originally to be run out of the Goma regional office, it was decided that the program would be run out of World Vision's Bukavu office due to the proximity of the targeted geographical area. Additionally, this move allows the EFSP to be further removed from the ongoing security issues present in North Kivu province.

The procurement process began for the project during the period under review. Plans were made for procurement of supplies and materials related to the various activities. Other supplies and materials related to all project aspects were procured (e.g. computers, printers).

Project staff began working on establishing parameters for conducting the baseline study. World Vision intends to conduct the baseline study concurrently with beneficiary registration in order to maximize efficiency of project resources.

SO 1 – Increase HH food access (during the reporting period)

Through the end of September 2013, the project had not yet registered any beneficiary households. The Detailed Implementation Plan (DIP) submitted as part of the proposal package anticipated being able to select and register beneficiary households during the month of September as well as to sensitize on gender issues and equality. In addition, all vendors were supposed to be selected and agreements signed. By the end of this report period, the project was

not able to accomplish this activity. These activities were not able to be accomplished due to a lack of staff. As mentioned under “General” above, the majority of the period under review was spent in staff recruitment.

Table 1: Beneficiary Registration

	Planned (HH)	Achieved (HH)	Variance
Quarter 4 (FY13)	3,150	0	3,150

SO 2 – Improve HH productive capacity

As part of the DIP for the period under review, World Vision proposed to select and register beneficiaries for Strategic Objective (SO) 2 – Improve HH productive capacity. This was not achieved by the end of the period. These beneficiary households will likely be the same as those selected and registered under SO 2. World Vision also proposed to distribute seeds and tools to registered beneficiaries for the October planting season. This will not be possible given delays in startup and World Vision proposes instead to undertake this activity during the January/February 2014 planting season. This change is not believed to affect the intended outcomes of the project.

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Variance Explanation

Variances incurred under SO1 and SO2 activities are as a result of delays in staff recruitment and minor security issues. Because higher level staff were not brought on board until the end of the period under review, registration activities were not able to be accomplished. The Goma support office was also shut down for nearly one week due to security problems (*described below*).

Security issues and implications on project implementation

Towards the end of August into early September, mortar shells were fired into the Goma area where the project’s support services are located. This resulted in the shutdown of the office for approximately half of a week. There were no staff injured during this attack.

While other security incidents were recorded during this time period, they were mainly located in North Kivu province and did not affect the implementation of the program.

Staffing issues

Apart from not being able to hire all project staff, no prominent staffing issues occurred during the period under review.

Project visits and outcomes of visits:

There were no project visits during this period. However, a visit by two World Vision employees was planned for the purpose of assisting with the Startup Workshop and other startup activities.

Significant Issues/Challenges

Overall there were no significant issues or challenges during this period.

Actions taken

As a result of delays in startup, project staff are revisiting workloads and identifying temporary resources to consider how to maintain the distribution targets for the upcoming quarterly periods.