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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ADM	Annual Delegates Meeting
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AOR	Agreement Officer's Representative
<i>Baraza</i>	Public forum
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
<i>Boda Boda</i>	Motorcycle Taxi
<i>Bunge</i>	Swahili word for 'Parliament'
CBF	County <i>Bunge</i> Forum
CBs	County Boards
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCTs	Constituency Coordinating Teams
CDF	Constituency Development Fund
CMC	Central Management Committee
DCO	District Cooperative Officer
DYO	District Youth Officer
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FOG	Fixed Obligation Grant.
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
Jikos	Energy Saving Cooking Stoves
ICOBO	Imenti Community Based Organization
IGA	Income Generating Activity
IRI	International Republican Institute
KEBS	Kenya Bureau of Standards
KIED	Kenya Institute of Enterprises Development
KIRD	Kenya Institute of Research and Development
Kshs	Kenyan Shilling
KUSCCO	Kenya Union of Savings and Credit Cooperatives
MC	Mercy Corps
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
NYBA	National Youth <i>Bunge</i> Association
NYS	National Youth Service
OVOP	One Village One Product
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
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

The Yes Youth Can! Central (YYC-C) Program is aimed at strengthening the capabilities of youth and youth *bunges* in Central Kenya 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 this reporting period, Mercy Corps continued to work with the 4 County Bunge Forums and 4 Youth SACCOS as partners in achieving the four program objectives. The program continued to increase the visibility of all YYC-C programs through public media, public mobilization and sensitization meetings and stakeholders’ forums reaching a total of 501,604 youth and increasing the cumulative number to 1,490,152 young persons reached since program inception. Activities related to the formation of new village *bunges* and the revitalization and strengthening of existing ones was conducted through public meetings, radio talk shows, social media and project activities by their respective CBFs and SACCOs. Different partnerships were established for the youth organizations that strengthened youth representation in the youth structures formed in the four counties.

The period also witnessed an increase in management trainings, public education fairs and other capacity building initiatives focused on *Bunges*, CBFs, SACCOs’ leaders and their secretariats to ensure proper implementation of activities and support of the youth in the transition phase. A total of 186 youth leaders were trained in leadership and management best practices, agro-processing quality controls, partnership and networking, membership management.

Meanwhile, *bunges* continued to actively engage in civic issues with CBFs supporting their village *bunges* in varied advocacy campaigns on issues such as substance abuse, HIV/AIDs, security and children rights’ awareness. The activities encompassed the participation of government officials, who committed to address youth concerns through ensuring increased representation of the youth in county community development committees and increased funding support for youth initiated and managed projects.

The CBFs and SACCOs initiated a number of linkages and partnerships with the public and the private sectors in all the counties through flagship projects designed to map and link *bunges* and partners engaged in similar value chains in the region. These value chains comprise horticulture, rabbit keeping, apiculture, aquaculture, sunflower farming, chilli farming, strawberry farming, garbage collection, banana value addition, the arts industry, mushroom farming, dairy and agro forestry farming. Some of the partnerships developed are as follows:

- I. Muranga CBF developed 3 MOUs with JNT Farm Consultants for strawberry farming, Green Acres Bunge for Apiculture and Mwea Aquafish for aquaculture. The

partnerships revolve around skills transfer, production support services and marketing.

2. Kiambu CBF partnered with Cheer Up Program, a Community Based Organization (CBO), who will train Fifty four (54) youth (32 male and 22 Female) on growing and value addition of oyster mushrooms.
3. Mahira Youth Bunge from Tetu Constituency partnered with N-Doxad Enterprises who trained them on banana processing technology. The trained members of bunge are now trainers of trainers of the Banana flagship project and are planning to hold trainings in the neighboring Mukurwe-ini constituency thereby enhancing banana production among eleven village bunges in an additional two constituencies.

A total of 163 individual loans and 4 group loans amounting to Kshs. 10,697,780 were issued for the establishment of new businesses or expansion of exiting ones. Concurrently, Mt. Kenya Bottlers distributed 13 electric coolers to 13 SACCO members in Kirinyaga County under the Coke under the 5by20 initiative.

Quantitative Impact

During the quarter, an additional 501,604 youth (264,874 males and 236,730 females) were reached by the YYC-C Program through a combination of radio talk shows, SACCO and CBF forums, mobilization and sensitization meetings. A total of 177 new *bunges* were formed leading to a cumulative figure of 3,889 *bunges* formed since the inception of the program. Furthermore, 1,071 youth (605 male and 466 female) actively engaged in advocacy campaigns leading to a cumulative figure of 5,042 youth (2,829 male and 2,213 female). In addition, 67 *bunges* took part in the advocacy campaigns leading to a cumulative figure of 1,178 *bunges*.

883 youth (300 male and 583 female) benefitted from mentorship, leading to a cumulative figure of 6,083 youth (3,258 male and 2,825 female), engaging a total of 199 male and 213 female mentors. 1,591 new members joined the youth SACCOs (833 male and 758 female) while a total of 163 individual loans and 4 group loans (benefitting 203 members) amounting to Kshs 10,697,780 were issued during the period.

Table 1: Transfers to CBF and SACCO Sub-Awardees

No new sub-awards

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

Total Amount sub-awarded to date: \$607,970.91

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

Sub-grant period: 24th January 2014 to 30th April 2015

Based on program estimates and not confirmed by Mercy Corps HQ finance

Sub-recipient	Total budget	Total Expenditure	%expenditure to date	Balance (USD)
Kiamb CBF	110,000	54,450.94	49.51	55,549.06
Muranga CBF	110,000	92,463.07	84.04	17,536.93
Kirinyaga CBF	110,000	22,823.49	20.75	87,176.51
Nyeri CBF	110,000	86,402.92	78.55	23,597.08
Kiambu Sacco	110,000	79,521.09	72.29	30,478.91
Muranga Sacco	110,000	94,847.06	86.22	15,152.94
Kirinyaga Sacco	110,000	84,744.70	77.04	25,255.30
Nyeri Sacco	110,000	92,717.64	84.29	17,282.32
Total	880,000	607,970.91	69.09	272,029.09

Constraints and Opportunities

During the period, Mercy Corps witnessed mismanagement of finances by leaders and management conflicts in the county youth organizations, both at the CBF and the SACCO levels. Mismanagement of funds by the Kirinyaga SACCO led to the cancellation of the partnership agreement between Mercy Corps and Kirinyaga CBF, which adversely impacted our ability to achieve the county program targets.

Project Administration

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. The Mercy Corps YYC-C team continued to support the county boards and SACCO committees in project implementation and in monitoring program activities.

Subsequent Quarter's Work Plan

The next quarter marks the end of the sub-award agreements with the CBFs and SACCOs, and hence transfer of funds to allow a 90 days close-out period for the program. The sub-grantees will finalize implementation in April and submit their financial reports per the agreement. Mercy Corps will conduct the end of program evaluation as well as ensure proper documentation, back-up and storage of YYC-C documents and reports in readiness to program closure in July 2015. The next quarter also marks the end term of all elected CBF board members. The CBFs will hold Annual General Meetings (AGMs) as per their respective constitutions. The 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 April and June 2015. In addition, the CBF will carry out constituency forums where elections of regional leaders are expected to take place. The audited financial report will be presented to the youth during these forums and AGMs.

Additionally, the three (3) remaining SACCOs will hold their Annual Delegates Meetings (ADMs) according to the Cooperative Societies Act by the 30th April, 2015; presenting 2014 financial audit accounts thereof. All the SACCOs will continue to recruit more members and disburse loans to qualified members. The SACCOs will also continue to create members' awareness and hold education and recruitment drives in order to recruit more members. Internally, Mercy Corps will continue to address identified capacity gaps and offer training and mentorship to respective village *bunges*, county boards and SACCOs.

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:

YYC-C program continued with its sensitization agenda in a bid to reach out to youth in the region. The YYC-C youth from both the CBFs and SACCOs conducted two (2) radio talk shows, on a popular vernacular radio station, *Inooro FM's Hagaria and Kuihuria* talk shows in the months of February and March respectively reaching an estimated 492,020 youth audience.

The interactive discussion was led by seven youth leaders as panelists and the content was focused on the YYC program, its mandate and objectives, village youth *bunges* formation, different SACCO products and the processes of representation within the CBFs and SACCOs. Additionally, CBFs conducted mobilization, sensitization meetings and social media reaching a total of 9,584 youth (4,886 Male and 4,698 Female). Youth *bunge* SACCOs managed to recruit 1,591 youth (833 Male and 758 Female).



Mr. Benard Kuria, a board member from the Muranga County Youth Bunge Forum talks about the impact of YYC! in the Inooro FM studios.

Outcome 0.2: Youth representation structures formed in the four counties

During the period, the four CBFs formed 177 new village youth *bunges*, bringing this number to a total of 3,889 *bunges* formed since the inception of YYC program in the region. This is greatly attributed to the increased sensitization meetings conducted by the CBF, the inception of the flagship projects in the region by the CBFs and radio talk shows. Additionally, a total of 89 village *bunges* were registered by their respective SACCOs.

The SACCOs conducted seventeen branch meetings (constituency forums) in all the constituencies across the region with an objective of electing and/or confirming SACCO delegates for the year 2015. A total of 19 (8 women, 11 men) new delegates were elected while 126 (85 M 60 F) were confirmed and will take part in the respective ADMs. Kirinyaga Youth Bunge SACCO conducted the ADM in the month of March where a female delegate was elected as the new SACCO Board Chairperson. The other 3 SACCOs will conduct their ADMs in the next quarter, on or by 30th April, 2015.

Table:2: 1 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 Male	
		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male
Kiambu	1,229	12,966	15,303	30	163	287	1,259	13,129	15,590
Murang'a	1,017	11,192	12,610	112	713	967	1,129	11,905	13,577
Kirinyaga	705	5,858	8,173	6	0	0	705	5,858	8,173
Nyeri	762	5,227	7,004	30	163	287	792	5,390	7,167
Totals	3,713	35,233	43,090	177	1,039	1,541	3,885	36,282	44,631

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

Management Trainings

Mercy Corps held on-site effective communication training in the four counties targeting two CBF and SACCO officials per each County. The training also focused on success story writing and documentation, public speaking and public relation skills. Other trainings carried out are as follows:

- Muranga CBF trained 15 members of the constituency coordinating teams in communication and negotiation, interpersonal skills, self-confidence and negotiation skills. The skills benefitted the CBF while organizing and conducting the trade fair during the period.
- Murang'a SACCO conducted training on operational efficiency. The nine CMC members, one accountant and three interns were trained on integrative SACCO accounting and financial system by Soft Wizards Enterprises to operationalize the SACCO's financial Management Systems
- Officials of Safaricom Telco trained eight (8) leaders and officers from all SACCOs on 2nd generation mobile money transfers to increase efficient service delivery. During this training, Muranga SACCO was declared an accredited Safaricom agent for M-Pesa money transfer, which will assist the SACCO to earn additional income to increase its capitalization base and operational sustainability.
- The deputy President of the Nyeri CBF participated in a leadership skills training in Mombasa Kenya. The officer was facilitated by Amkeni Wakenya; a UNDP led facility set up to promote democratic governance in Kenya. The training has brought a new dimension in organizing and conducting of advocacy related activities by the CBF.
- Nyeri CBF supported two of its leaders to participate in Products Standardization training, by Kenya Bureaus of Standards (KEBS). The training will help the CBF management to guide village *bunges* undertaking flagship projects.

Public Education Fairs

The Nyeri CBF held a Gala dinner to engage stakeholders, and potential local partners. The event attracted seventy six (76) participants (43 male and 33 female) who contributed a total of Ksh.408,000 to the Nyeri CBF for their future youth activities. Among key private sector players represented were Decent Solution, Nyeri Central Business Development Committee, Aqua-Dew and Cup Cake Lingerie. Four youth *bunges* and the bunge SACCO attended the Gala and showcased their products before the invited guests.



Nyeri CBF president Ms. Zipporah Njeri receives a cheque from Decent Solutions during the Gala dinner event in Nyeri.

Anniversaries

Nyeri Youth *Bunge* SACCO celebrated its first anniversary in an event that brought together officials from various government ministries and other partners from the private sector. A total of one hundred and two (102) youth (73 male and 29 female) who are members of the SACCO also attended celebrations. The government officers in attendance pledged support to the SACCO in terms of members mobilization, training and

capitalization. Mt. Kenya Bottlers' also pledged their continued support in the establishment of two hundred and sixty eight (268) youth coke enterprises under Coke 5by20 initiative.

Business Expos

Murang'a CBF organized a trade fair with the theme 'Exposing the youth to new opportunities through linkages'. The trade fair attracted a number of participants and exhibitors from village bungees from the four Counties. Private institutions, such as Alcare for Rabbit Husbandry and financial institutions (Murang'a Youth Bunge SACCO, Murata SACCO, Unaitas SACCO, KCB, Family and Equity Banks), also participated. The fair enabled a number of youth and youth groups to network with potential partners for both input and output markets.



Youth and Sports Minister Edward Muiruri visit a youth bungee's stand at the Murang'a Trade Expo. Looking on is Martin Nduati, the MCYBF President.

Meanwhile, the Nyeri County CBF participated in the Nyeri County Education Expo 2015 organized by County Government. This Expo was designed to provide a meeting ground for the County youth to interact with education and training institutions in the County. Three village bungees affiliated with the CBF capitalized on the Expo to showcase their jewelry and painting artwork to participants.

Outcome 1.2: Youth bungees actively engaged in civic issues

The YYC-C Program, through the county bunge forums, continued with advocacy campaigns in a bid to raise the youth voice on the issues affecting them within their communities. A total of 1,071 (605 male and 466 female) youth were reached by ten (10) advocacy campaigns conducted by sixty seven (67) bungees in the four (4) counties. The advocacy campaigns addressed issues such as drug and substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and security and children rights' awareness among others.

In Nyeri County, drug and substance abuse was noted as a key issue affecting young persons. Fifteen HIV positive youths underwent counseling and were encouraged to embrace positive living through proper nutrition and proper medication. Officers from Population Service International (PSI) also mentored the participants in different ways of starting simple income generating activities (IGAs) for their self-sustenance. A committee headed by the area chief was set up comprised of community health workers whose mandate is to monitor and report drug abuse cases and issues to county officials of the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NACADA)

Meanwhile, Murang'a CBF was actively involved in organizing the constituency mobilization drives for Rural Aids Kenya, an organization that offers subsidized education programs for the needy and vulnerable society members. Out of this engagement, thirty one (31) needy students were successfully adopted into the Rural Aid Kenya's Academy in Athi River.

Finally, the Nyeri CBF, in partnership with the County Government, held a community service in Tetu constituency during the Marshall Dedan Kimathi¹ commemoration day. Two hundred (200) Youth, 124 male, 76 female from 20 youth village *bunges* participated in tree planting and cleaning the environment. In Othaya constituency, eighty eight (88) youth, 42 male and 46 female from five (5) youth *bunge* were involved in clearing bushes in Chinga ward and cleaning Othaya town.

Community Service:

Youth from Kagongo area in the Gatanga constituency volunteered to dig trenches to hasten the piping of community water to the sub-location. At the event, the forum mobilized sixty youth (60), 58 young men and 2 young women to do the ground work. The community water project is envisioned to improve the community access to clean drinking water.

In Kiambu County, members drawn from 45 *bunges* in Githunguri constituency, participated in a clean-up exercise at the Chief's camp in Ikinu Ward. This activity brought together the Chief and the youth to discuss matters affecting youth, such as insecurity and unemployment. The youth later planted trees within the camp to enhance environmental sustainability. In total, 10 community service projects were completed.

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

During this quarter, the CBF board members and village *bunge* officials rallied their members to organize forums and advocacy events aimed at influencing county leadership to develop and adopt youth-friendly policies.

In Murang'a county, Mathioya constituency, the board members organized community members in a Civic Query Session with the Mathioya CDF Project Management Committees (PMC). Some of the issues discussed included matters of nepotism and favoritism in the bursary allocation. In a different forum, Kandara constituency youths expressed their disappointment to their constituency leaders on the skewed funding by the CDF. The CDF committee was tasked to take this matter into serious consideration during the next allocation.

In Maragwa constituency, the youth organized a forum with the County Government led by Youth and Sports Minister. During the forum, the youth formed a task force to push for a transparent allocation of the 30% tender allocation of the rehabilitation of Gakoigo Stadium to youth from Maragwa area.

Finally, during the Nyeri SACCO 1st anniversary celebrations, the County Government Ministers and Assembly Legislators present were urged to develop a youth enterprise fund



Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO bookkeeper Ms. Winrose addresses the audience at the Nyeri SACCOs 1st anniversary in Nyeri town.

¹ Kenya's Renown Freedom Fighter

to be administered to the youth through county youth-oriented financial institutions like the bunge SACCO. The officers pledged to have this tabled in the county assembly.

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 the central region twenty (20) board members and youth from the *bunges* sit in various committees representing a youth's perspective in their various counties. These committees include the Uwezo Fund and Constituency Development Fund Committees.

In Murang'a County, the county government provided Climax bunge from Kigumo Constituency with seeds and extension services to enhance their snow peas project. Similarly, the Green Acres bunge from Kigumo Constituency was linked to Murata SACCO for support in honey product marketing through the Murang'a County Livestock Department. In the arrangement, the SACCO will provide credit to the group and the farmers under their network for them to acquire bee-hives and set up apiculture businesses.

In Nyeri County, the CBF held a stakeholders forum that brought various stakeholders from both private institutions and government agencies together. The forum attracted forty (40) participants; 28 male and 22 female. The CBF used the platform to highlight the flagship projects to be rolled out to the *Bunge* members across the county and of the progress of the SACCO and future plans as laid out in their strategic business plans.

The CBF, in partnership with the County Government of Nyeri, trained youth across the County at ward levels on the process of forming companies in order to acquire the 30% Government procurement dispensation set aside for the youth in the country. As a result of the training, twelve (12) *bunges* formed companies and have applied for tenders with the County Government. Senders Bunge (case study attached) have already won tenders for management of a sanitation block in the county.

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

Outcome 2.1: Youth SACCOs benefit members by way of loans

A total of 163 individual loans and 4 group loans amounting to Kshs. 10,697,780 were issued during the reporting period. This is the highest disbursement in one quarter ever made by the SACCOs in the region; perhaps a clear indication that the youth are gaining confidence with the youth SACCOs and youth mind-set transformation to create rather than seek employment. The loan disbursement schedule across counties was as follows:



Kirinyaga County Youth Bunge SACCO receives 13 Coke 5 by 20 coolers for the youth.

- Kiambu- 33 loans amounting to Kshs. 2,873,000
- Muranga- 38 loans worth Kshs. 2,287,000
- Kirinyaga- 58 loans worth Kshs. 3,275, 067 and ;
- Nyeri- 38 loans worth Kshs2, 262,713.

These loans were used to expand existing business enterprises. Meanwhile Kirinyaga Youth Bunge SACCO partnered with Mt. Kenya Bottlers to supply 13 members (9 female, 3 male and 1 groups) with 13 electric Coca-Cola Coolers.

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

During the quarter, various trainings were held to impart business skills to youth as follows::

- The Nyeri CBF, in partnership with the SACCO, conducted financial literacy forums in Othaya, Mukurweini and Tetu reaching sixty (60) youth (33 male and 27 female). This increased the number of youth registering with the SACCO and loan disbursement and repayment.
- In Murang'a County, ten (10) clean energy technology education events were held in which clean energy cooking stoves were marketed to the public. This is a result of an agreement between Murang'a CBF and SACCO made with Envirofit International. This has positively impacted youth lives as they are able to apply the skills and hence create alternative sources of income.
- 12 youth (6 male and 6 female) from Gatanga constituency were trained on detergent making facilitated by the Kenya Institute of Enterprise Development (KIED). As a result of this, the trained youth are now able to make their own detergents for their use and for sale earning them income.
- Murang'a CBF sponsored five (5) young women from Maragwa constituency to undergo a three (3) months vocational training at Starlink salon. The CBF also supported 4 youth (2 female and 2 male 2) for training at Baraka Agricultural College in Nakuru to advance their skills in apiculture. These youth further used their newly acquired skills to train 28 youth in apiculture value chains ranging from construction of bee hives, production to harvesting and marketing.
- Nyeri CBF facilitated the training of:
 - 80 (46 male and 34 female) youth from Kieni, Othaya and Mathira constituencies on poultry management in partnership with Bradegate International College
 - 30 (14 male and 16 female) youth from Mukurwe-ini and Tetu constituency engaged in training on banana value addition.
 - 15 (9 male and 6 female) youth on trash utilization by constructing sites and making use of energy from the biogas for cooking, heating and lighting.
 - 40 (23 male and 17 female) from five (5) village *bunges* from Mathira constituency on pig rearing which included the art of making a good pig shed and maintaining cleanliness to prevent diseases.
 - Partnered with U&ME Trash Utilizers Company Limited which offered training to three (3) village *bunges* dealing in garbage collection on selection of trash and sorting out those that can be recycled at Kibuya dumping site in Nanyuki. After the training, six (6) youth (3 male and 3 female) were employed by U&ME Trash Utilizers Company limited. In addition, Friends of

the Environment Youth *Bunge* have started cleaning bottles and reselling them in Nyeri town constituency.

- Facilitated a 3 day exchange visit for Mahira Youth *Bunge* from Tetu constituency, a banana producer group, for a three (3) day exchange visit to Imenti Community Based Organization (ICOBO) Company limited, which is run under Kenya Horticulture Competitiveness Project (KHCP) in Meru and; Nyagorora Processing Company that is housed by Kenya Industrial and Research Development Institute (KIRDI) in Kisii. The latter is already engaged in banana agro processing and they sell their products to various supermarkets in the region. These exchange visits helped Mahira youth *bunge* to understand the banana value chain through agro processing and members of the Mahira Youth *Bunge* have since registered BYNAP agro processing company.

Additionally, Nyeri CBF also partnered with fine arts enterprises, and facilitated trainings on jewelry making to three (3) village *bunges* dealing in arts in Tetu constituency. A total of thirty (30) youth (14 male and 16 female) were trained on how to make beads, handbags, wrist bands, key holders, table marts and bracelets. As a result of the training, Jaribu Art Work *Bunge* and Gititu Jewelry *bunge* have opened a curio shop in Tetu constituency and are in the process of starting up the business.

In Kirinyaga County, Winners Stryde Youth *Bunge* was mandated to manage the Kutus municipal toilet. As a result, the *bunge* members have adopted this as an Income Generating Activity (IGA) that earns them income.

The Murang'a CBF supported four (4) youth (1 female and 3 male) for training at Mwea Aquafarm Limited in neighboring Kirinyaga County on the possibility of gaining skills on the revival of fish farming in the Murang'a. Additionally, the Forum's Executive Committee held a consultative meeting with Meru Greens Horticulture Limited on plans to undertake a French beans farming project in Murang'a with support of the company. The CBF is in the preliminary phase of signing MoUs with respective partners. The success of these partnerships will increase economic opportunities through horticulture and aquaculture for the youth.

In Kiambu County, 30 young men from Thika Constituency in the *Boda-boda* business were trained on first aid skills by Red Cross Kenya. The CBF partnered with Wanjiru Farm to train 90 youth (48 male and 42 Female) on horticulture farming as a second stage of the flagship project which was started in the last quarter. Demonstration plots have been set aside in each ward where different crops including cabbage, broccoli, kale and peppers have been planted.

Outcome 2.3: Youths linked to service providers and market to increase their productivity in agriculture and other sector.

The region initiated a flagship project approach focused on promoting market access and increased productivity of youth products across sixteen agricultural value chains in the region comprised of horticulture, poultry keeping, rabbit keeping, apiculture, aquaculture, sunflower farming, chilli farming, strawberry farming, garbage collection, dairy farming and agro forestry among others. To achieve this, the CBFs mapped out potential constituent village *bunges* that will be linked to the relevant input and output markets and service providers. Other significant linkages during the period were:

- Kirinyaga SACCO commenced their partnership with Mt. Kenya bottlers (Coca-Cola franchisee) which is supplying youth in the County with Coca-Cola Equipment for establishing 13 Coca-Cola micro-franchises.
- All the four (4) SACCOs signed MoUs with Amiran Kenya in which the latter will supply farming kits to approved loan recipients from respective SACCOs. Amiran will also impart support to recipient members.
- Partnership between Muranga CBF/SACCO and the *Well-Told-Story* that publishes the Shujaaz comic-magazine to cover YYC-C program stories and ensure that the two organizations have promotional or information materials in the magazine at no cost.

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

During this reporting period, mentorship forums held linked young women and men with mentors in view of promoting champions for socio-economic empowerment.

A young women mentorship forum was held at Kiharu Constituency in Murang'a County and was attended by 120 young women. A total of 11 champions (6 women and 5 men) were linked to the mentors and were charged with the responsibility of assisting the young ladies in self-awareness and self-esteem promotion in the region.

In Nyeri County, the CBF held mentorship forums on life skills covering issues on financial literacy, parental responsibility, reproductive health and nutrition, reaching 264 young women and 132 young men. Out of the forums held, 9 champions (4 women and 5 men) were selected and engaged with the mentors for continuous mentorship and follow-up within Nyeri County.

In Kiambu County, the CBF conducted a reproductive health mentorship forum in Gachika ward, Gatundu South Constituency. The mentors, comprised of one nurse and a two community health workers, talked to the young women about the importance of regular checkups such as Pap smear, visiting VCT centers and the importance of family planning. Eight young volunteers (3 women and 5 men) were recruited as champions to promote reproductive health promoters in all 12 constituencies of Kiambu County.

Outcome 3.2: Young women, men reached through mentorship forums

During this reporting period a number of mentorship forums were conducted. In Murang'a County, the CBF held a mentorship forum for CBF/SACCO leaders and selected constituency coordinating team (CCT) members. The forums were held separately where the ladies were taken through parenting and reproductive health, as well as leadership and assertiveness. The young men and women mentorship forums were facilitated by mentors identified by the young people who they can identify with and model after for continuous engagement. In Nyeri County, the CBF held mentorship forums on life skills covering issues on financial literacy parental responsibility, reproductive health and nutrition, reaching 264 young women and 132 men.

In Kiambu County, 80 young women were reached in Gatundu South constituency while 76 young men were reached in Kabete constituency through mentorship forums conducted in

this constituency. This platform was used to discuss various issues of insecurity, drug and substance abuse affecting youth.

Outcome 3.3 Success stories collected from YYC beneficiaries

During the extension period, a total of 15 YYC- Central region success stories were collected and disseminated through different platforms. CBF and SACCO communications teams were identified and trained on success story writing, photography and production of IEC materials. Three success stories collected for this quarter are shared under **Annex I: Lessons Learned**

1. The youth institutions have the capacity to engage varied corporations and government agencies to form valuable partnerships that will ensure sustainability after Mercy Corp discontinues direct support to the CBFs and SACCOs.
2. The high disbursements made by SACCOS in the last quarter are a clear indication that youth are gaining confidence in the SACCOs and youth's mind-sets are being transformed to the 'create rather than seek employment' mode.

III. ACTIVITY PROGRESS (Quantitative Impact)

During the quarter 501,604 youth (264,874 male and 236,730 female) were reached by YYC-C Program. Cumulatively, the program has reached 1,490,152 youth (915,476 male and 574,676 female). This was achieved through radio talk shows, SACCO and CBF forums, mobilization and sensitization meetings. A total of 177 new *bunges* were formed leading to a cumulative figure of 3,889 *bunges* formed since the inception of the program. Further 1,071 youth (605 male and 466 female) actively engaged in advocacy campaigns leading to a cumulative figure of 5,042 youth (2,829 male and 2,213 female). In addition 67 *bunges* took part in the advocacy campaigns leading to a cumulative figure 1,178 *bunges*. 883 youth (300 male and 583 female) benefitted from mentorship during this reporting period, leading to a cumulative figure of 6,083 youth (3,258 male and 2,825 female) since the program was launched in 2011, engaging 199 male and 213 female mentors in total. 1,591 new members joined the SACCOs (833 male and 758 female) while a total of 163 individual loans and 4 group loans (benefitting 203 members) amounting to Kshs 10,697,780 were issued during this period.

Table 5: Performance Data Table

UNIT: People	County	Activity Title	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	YYC activities	65,618	124,116
	Murang'a County	YYC activities	66,278	126,670
	Kirinyaga County	YYC activities	64,997	123,005
	Nyeri County	YYC activities	67,981	127,813
	Totals		264,874	501,604

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/March/2015				FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
			Achieved prior to this quarter		Target		Achieved	Achieved	Achieved		Target		W	M
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	124,806	247,678			58,498	65,618	183,304	313,296			50,000	75,000
Murang'a County	0	0	116,184	231,518			60,392	66,278	176,576	297,796			50,000	75,000
Kirinyaga County	0	0	56,412	111,560			58,008	64,997	114,420	176,557			50,000	75,000
Nyeri County	0	0	40,544	59,846			59,832	67,981	100,376	127,827			50,000	75,000
Totals	0	0	337,946	650,602			236,730	264,874	574,676	915,476			200,000	300,000

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of Village bunges formed & registered with a bunge roaster

INDICATOR NUMBER: 0.2a

UNIT: Number of bunges	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and activity		
		Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Bunge Mobilization	30
	Murang'a County	Bunge Mobilization	111
	Kirinyaga County	Bunge Mobilization	6
	Nyeri County	Bunge Mobilization	30
Totals		177	

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/March/2015	Achieved to date	FY 2015 Target	End of Project Target under extension
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setting targets and tracking		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
Kiambu County	0	1,229		30	1,259		125
Murang'a County	0	1,016		111	1,127		125
Kirinyaga County	0	705		6	811		125
Nyeri County	0	762		30	792		125
Totals	0	3,712		177	3,889		500

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of County Forums formed & registered.							
INDICATOR NUMBER: 0.2b							
DISAGGREGATE BY: County and activity							
UNIT:		Activity Title			Sub-total		
County Forum	Kiambu County	County Mobilization			0		
	Murang'a County	County Mobilization			0		
	Kirinyaga County	County Mobilization			0		
	Nyeri County	County Mobilization			0		
	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/March/2015		Achieved to	FY 2015	End of Project Target
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	date	Target	under extension
		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
Kiambu County	0	1		0	1		0
Murang'a County	0	1		0	1		0
Kirinyaga County	0	1		0	1		0
Nyeri County	0	1		0	1		0
Totals	0	4		0	4		4

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	63	62	125
	Murang'a County		Capacity building training	13	19	32
	Kirinyaga County		Capacity building training	7	10	17
	Nyeri County		Capacity building training	5	7	12
	Totals			88	98	186

Results: Youth CBF board members and SACCO Officials gain skills to effectively run 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/March/2015				Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	
			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	52	66			63	62	115	128			20	30
Murang'a County	0	0	35	47			13	19	48	66			20	30
Kirinyaga County	0	0	49	37			7	10	56	47			20	30
Nyeri County	0	0	44	68			5	7	49	75			20	30
Totals	0	0	180	218			88	98	268	316			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	21	39	60
	Murang'a County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	19	41	60
	Kirinyaga County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	20	20	40
	Nyeri County		Youth having the capacity to Lead	23	37	60
	Totals			83	137	220

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

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for	Baseline		Results Achieved Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/March/2015				Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	

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	7	12			21	39	28	51			3	4
Murang'a County	0	0	7	10			19	41	26	51			3	4
Kirinyaga County	0	0	1	3			20	20	21	23			3	4
Nyeri County	0	0	3	5			23	37	26	42			3	4
Totals	0	0	18	30			83	137	101	167			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:	Activity Title				
People	W	M	Sub-total		
Kiambu County	Bunge members elected in government				
Murang'a County	Bunge members elected in government				
Kirinyaga County	Bunge members elected in government				
Nyeri County	Bunge members elected in government				
Totals	1	5	6		

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	
			Achieved before 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	0	0			0	1	0	1			1	2
Murang'a County	0	0	2	7			1	4	3	11			1	2
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	2			0	0	0	2			1	2
Nyeri County	0	0	2	4			0	0	2	4			1	2
Totals	0	0	4	13			1	5	5	18			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	446	408	854
	Murang'a County		Bunge Meetings	720	995	1,715
	Kirinyaga County		Bunge Meetings	197	298	495
	Nyeri County		Bunge Meetings	841	1,024	1,865
	Totals			2,204	2,725	4,949

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		End of Project Target under extension	
			Periods		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	11,006	15,174			446	408	11,452	15,582			1,000
Murang'a County	0	0	9,433	14,003			720	995	10,153	14,998			1,000	1,500
Kirinyaga County	0	0	7,950	12,811			197	298	8,147	13,109			1,000	1,500
Nyeri County	0	0	5,447	10,146			841	1,024	6,288	11,170			1,000	1,500
Totals	0	0	33,836	52,134			2,204	2,725	36,040	54,859			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	0	0	0
	Murang'a County		Civic education	85	86	171
	Kirinyaga County		Civic education	0	0	0
	Nyeri County		Civic education	0	0	0
	Totals			85	86	171

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		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	1,257	1,868			0	0	1,257	1,868			40	60
Murang'a County	0	0	1,017	1,505			85	86	1,102	1,591			40	60
Kirinyaga County	0	0	1,333	2,007			0	0	1,333	2,007			40	60
Nyeri County	0	0	852	1,425			0	0	852	1,425			40	60
Totals	0	0	4,459	6,805			85	86	4,544	6,891			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	1
	Murang'a County	Community service	7
	Kirinyaga County	Community service	0
	Nyeri County	Community service	2
Totals		10	

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 to date	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Periods	Achieved prior this	Target	Achieved			
		quarter	quarter	Target	Achieved			
Kiambu County	0	25			1	26		10
Murang'a County	0	23			7	30		10
Kirinyaga County	0	20			0	20		10
Nyeri County	0	18			2	20		10
Totals	0	86			10	96		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	16
	Murang'a County	County Mobilization	7
	Kirinyaga County	County Mobilization	4
	Nyeri County	County Mobilization	17
	Totals		44

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

Additional Criteria If other criteria are important, add lines for setting targets and tracking	Baseline	Results Achieved	This Reporting Period 31/March/2015		Achieved to	FY 2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	date	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	17		16	33		36
Murang'a County	0	24		7	31		21
Kirinyaga County	0	12		4	16		12
Nyeri Count	0	42		17	59		18
Totals	0	95		44	139		87

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of bunges 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	
Bunges	Kiambu County	Campaign	0
	Murang'a County	Campaign	39
	Kirinyaga County	Campaign	0
	Nyeri County	Campaign	28
	Totals		67

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

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

		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	442		0	442		50
Murang'a County	0	392		39	431		50
Kirinyaga County	0	119		0	119		50
Nyeri County	0	158		28	186		50
Totals	0	1,111		67	1,178		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	0	1	1
	Murang'a County	234	374	608
	Kirinyaga County	0	0	0
	Nyeri County	232	230	462
	Totals	466	605	1,071

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		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	209	282			0	1	209	283			60	90
Murang'a County	0	501	670			234	374	735	1,044			60	90
Kirinyaga County	0	16	29			0	0	16	29			60	90
Nyeri County	0	1021	1243			232	230	1,253	1,473			60	90
Totals	0	1,747	2,224			466	605	2,213	2,829			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	2	3	5
	Murang'a County	9	3	12
	Kirinyaga County	5	4	9
	Nyeri County	2	9	11
	Totals	18	19	37

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		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	48	54			2	3	50	57			10	20
Murang'a County	0	27	56			9	3	36	59			10	20
Kirinyaga County	0	12	20			5	4	17	24			10	20
Nyeri County	0	42	63			2	9	44	72			10	20
Totals	0	129	193			18	19	147	212			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	38
	Murang'a County	Campaign	48
	Kirinyaga County	Campaign	2
	Nyeri County	Campaign	210
	Totals		298

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/March/2015		Achieved to date	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	0		38	38		5
Murang'a County	0	4		48	52		5
Kirinyaga County	0	3		2	5		5
Nyeri County	0	4		210	214		5
Totals	0	11		298	309		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	32
	Kirinyaga County	Campaign	6
	Nyeri County	Campaign	10
	Totals		68

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/March/2015		Achieved to date	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved prior to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	20		20	40		10
Murang'a County	0	12		32	44		10
Kirinyaga County	0	10		6	16		10
Nyeri County	0	12		10	22		10
Totals	0	54		68	122		40

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of followers of the Facebook accounts

INDICATOR NUMBER: 1.9b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County							
UNIT:	Activity Title				W	M	Sub-total
Number of people	Kiambu County				337	426	763
	Murang'a County				0	0	0
	Kirinyaga County				350	439	789
	Nyeri County				0	0	0
	Totals				687	865	1,552

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/March/2015		Achieved to date		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		
Kiambu County	0	0	477	723			337	426	814	1,149			40	60
Murang'a County	0	0	1224	1832			0	0	1,224	1,832			40	60
Kirinyaga County	0	0	18	35			350	439	368	474			40	60
Nyeri County	0	0	1525	2520			0	0	1,525	2,520			40	60
Totals	0	0	3,244	5,110			687	865	3931	5,975			160	240

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

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.1a

DISAGGREGATE BY: County							
UNIT:	Activity Title				W	M	Sub-total
Number of people	Kiambu County				134	138	272
	Murang'a County				387	433	820
	Kirinyaga County				204	215	419
	Nyeri County				33	47	80
	Totals				758	833	1,591

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/March/2015		Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
		W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M

			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	118	138			134	138	252	276			60	90
Murang'a County	0	0	322	418			387	433	709	851			60	90
Kirinyaga County	0	0	147	203			204	215	351	418			60	90
Nyeri County	0	0	159	276			33	47	192	323			60	90
Totals	0	0	746	1035			758	833	1,504	1,868			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	33
	Murang'a County	Loans disbursed	38
	Kirinyaga County	Loans disbursed	58
	Nyeri County	Loans disbursed	38
	Totals		167

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/March/2015		Achieved to	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	132		33	165		75
Murang'a County	0	208		38	246		75
Kirinyaga County	0	112		58	170		75
Nyeri County	0	109		38	147		75
Totals	0	561		167	728		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	29	46	75
	Murang'a County	Microenterprise activity	8	16	24
	Kirinyaga County	Microenterprise activity	28	40	68
	Nyeri County	Microenterprise activity	12	24	36
	Totals		77	126	203

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		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	46	70			29	46	75	116			60	90
Murang'a County	0	69	114			8	16	77	130			60	90
Kirinyaga County	0	55	78			28	40	83	118			60	90
Nyeri County	0	53	73			12	24	65	97			60	90
Totals	0	223	335			77	126	300	461			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	7	26	33
	Murang'a County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	69	41	110
	Kirinyaga County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	2	3	5
	Nyeri County	Youth gaining on-the-job experience	3	5	8
	Totals		81	75	156

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/March/2015		Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July	
		Prior Periods									

			Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		2015	
			W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
	Kiambu County	0	0	17	30			7	26	24	56			10
Murang'a County	0	0	34	34			69	41	103	75			10	15
Kirinyaga County	0	0	29	34			2	3	31	37			10	15
Nyeri County	0	0	10	15			3	5	13	20			10	15
Totals	0	0	90	113			81	75	171	188			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		19	19	38
	Murang'a County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		18	28	46
	Kirinyaga County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		13	20	33
	Nyeri County		Youth gaining skills that lead to employment		16	30	46
	Totals				66	97	163

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 Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/March/2015				Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
	W	M	W	M	Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	94	135			19	19	113	154			40	50
Murang'a County	0	0	247	232			18	28	265	260			40	50
Kirinyaga County	0	0	139	194			13	20	152	214			40	50
Nyeri County	0	0	42	76			16	30	58	106			40	50
Totals	0	0	522	637			66	97	588	734			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

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender							
UNIT:	Activity Title				W	M	Sub-total
Number of people	Kiambu County	Youth taking part in exhibitions			10	24	34
	Murang'a County	Youth taking part in exhibitions			208	406	612
	Kirinyaga County	Youth taking part in exhibitions			7	7	14
	Nyeri County	Youth taking part in exhibitions			27	23	50
	Totals				235	460	710

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 Prior Periods		This Reporting Period 31/March/2015				Achieved to date		FY 2015 Target		Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015	
	W	M	W	M	Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target		Target	
	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M	W	M
Kiambu County	0	0	180	170			10	24	190	194			300	450
Murang'a County	0	0	3	5			208	406	211	411			300	450
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			7	7	7	7			300	450
Nyeri County	0	0	1,050	495			27	23	1,077	512			300	450
Totals	0	0	1,233	670			252	460	1,485	1,130			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

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity			
UNIT:	Activity Title	Sub-total	
Stories	Kiambu County	Established Linkages	3
	Murang'a County	Established Linkages	3
	Kirinyaga County	Established Linkages	1
	Nyeri County	Established Linkages	9
	Totals		16

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/March/2015				Achieved to		FY 2015	Target for extension, for Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved		Target		Achieved		Achieved		Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	2				3		5			2
Murang'a County	0	4				3		7			2
Kirinyaga County	0	0				1		1			2
Nyeri County	0	4				9		13			2
Totals	0	10				16		26			8

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

INDICATOR NUMBER: 2.3b

DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
UNIT: Number of people			Activity Title	W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Linkages	71	106	177
	Murang'a County		Linkages	2	5	7
	Kirinyaga County		Linkages	10	3	13
	Nyeri County		Linkages	103	107	210
	Totals			186	221	407

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/March/2015				Achieved to		FY 2015		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	34	36			71	106	105	142			20	30
Murang'a County	0	0	10	34			2	5	12	39			20	30
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			10	3	10	3			20	30
Nyeri County	0	0	28	36			103	107	131	143			20	30
Totals	0	0	72	106			186	221	258	327			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				64	80	144
	Murang'a County	Entrepreneurship Trainings				12	12	24
	Kirinyaga County	Entrepreneurship Trainings				0	0	0
	Nyeri County	Entrepreneurship Trainings				103	107	210
Totals					179	199	378	

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		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	200	278			64	80	264	358			20	30
Murang'a County	0	0	12	53			12	12	24	65			20	30
Kirinyaga County	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			20	30
Nyeri County	0	0	28	36			103	107	131	143			20	30
Totals	0	0	240	367			179	199	419	566			80	120

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of youth bungen 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			
	Activity Title		Sub-total	
	Kiambu County	Bungen Accessing Government Services		2
	Murang'a County	Bungen Accessing Government Services		2
	Kirinyaga County	Bungen Accessing Government Services		3
	Nyeri County	Bungen Accessing Government Services		5
Totals			12	

Results: Youth bungen 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/March/2015	Achieved to date	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension,
		Prior Periods to this					

setting targets and tracking		quarter					Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved	Target				Achieved
Kiambu County	0	0		2	2		5
Murang'a County	0	1		2	3		5
Kirinyaga County	0	3		3	6		5
Nyeri County	0	1		5	6		5
Totals	0	5		12	17		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	0
	Murang'a County	Bunges Raising additional Income	0
	Kirinyaga County	Bunges Raising additional Income	14
	Nyeri County	Bunges Raising additional Income	0
	Totals		14

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 Prior Periods to this quarter	This Reporting Period 31/March/2015		Achieved to date	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	30		0	30		5
Murang'a County	0	44		0	44		5
Kirinyaga County	0	37		14	51		5
Nyeri County	0	2		0	2		5
Totals	0	113		14	127		20

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of Mentorship Forums held

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.3a

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity		
		Activity Title	Sub-total
	Kiambu County	Mentorship Forums Held	3
	Murang'a County	Mentorship Forums Held	4
	Kirinyaga County	Mentorship Forums Held	0
	Nyeri County	Mentorship Forums Held	6
	Totals		13

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/March/2015		Achieved to	FY 2015	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Prior Periods to this quarter	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	33		3	36		10
Murang'a County	0	38		4	42		10
Kirinyaga County	0	25		0	25		10
Nyeri County	0	51		6	57		10
Totals	0	147		13	160		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	3	5	8
	Murang'a County	Mentorship sessions	6	5	11
	Kirinyaga County	Mentorship sessions	0	0	0
	Nyeri County	Mentorship sessions	4	5	9
	Totals		13	15	28

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/March/2015		Achieved to	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	45	42			3	5	48	47			10	10
Murang'a County	0	0	51	43			6	5	57	48			10	10
Kirinyaga County	0	0	40	36			0	0	40	36			10	10
Nyeri County	0	0	64	63			4	5	68	68			10	10
Totals	0	0	200	184			13	15	213	199			40	40

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

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.2a

UNIT: Number of people	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and gender						
			Activity Title		W	M	Sub-total
	Kiambu County		Mentorship sessions		107	125	232
	Murang'a County		Mentorship sessions		212	43	255
	Kirinyaga County		Mentorship sessions		0	0	0
	Nyeri County		Mentorship sessions		264	132	396
	Totals				583	300	883

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/March/2015				Achieved to date		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	516	777			107	125	623	902			125	125
Murang'a County	0	0	577	678			212	43	789	721			125	125
Kirinyaga County	0	0	308	456			0	0	308	456			125	125
Nyeri County	0	0	841	1,047			264	132	1,105	1,179			125	125
Totals	0	0	2,242	2,958			583	300	2,825	3,258			500	500

INDICATOR TITLE: Number of success stories

INDICATOR NUMBER: 3.3

UNIT: Stories	DISAGGREGATE BY: County and type of activity		Sub-total
		Activity Title	
	Kiambu County	Stories documented	3
	Murang'a County	Stories documented	3
	Kirinyaga County	Stories documented	1
	Nyeri County	Stories documented	8
	Totals		15

Results: Success stories collected from YYC beneficiaries

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/March/2015		Achieved to date	FY 2015 Target	Target for extension, Sept2014 – July 2015
		Achieved	Target	Achieved	Achieved	Target	Target
Kiambu County	0	5		3	8		5
Murang'a County	0	9		3	12		5
Kirinyaga County	0	9		1	10		5
Nyeri County	0	6		8	14		5
Totals	0	29		15	44		20

IV. CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Through this reporting period, Mercy Corps witnessed increased leadership integrity lapses and management conflicts in both the CBFs and the SACCOs. In Kirinyaga County, this led to the pre-mature termination of the partnership agreement between Mercy Corps and Kirinyaga CBF. This affected the implementation of activities within the County, thus the achievement of the set County program targets

It is unlikely that the money obligated to the youth will be fully disbursed. This is because we have to allow time for youth to learn and hence by the end of April 2015, when all sub grants should close, Mercy Corps will still be holding some of the obligated funds. To enhance implementation, we have requested an extension to utilize the remaining funds.

V. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

During the quarter, the YYC-C Performance Monitoring Plan was used to assess progress towards expected results during program implementation. Similarly, the partners drew their County specific PMPs with customized targets for the extension period from this document.

Mercy Corps has monitoring and evaluation systems in all four of the counties with a monitoring and evaluation focal point person and office administrators with the responsibility of writing and submitting monthly reports, monitoring reports and other documents to field officers and later to M&E department for storage.

The YYC-C program data is stored in a project database and it is updated monthly by Mercy Corps' M&E department.

VI. PROGRESS ON GENDER STRATEGY

MC, with partners, focused on mainstreaming gender in the program implementation guided by MC gender policy and assessment findings in the period. Among the issues addressed in the mentorship sessions during the reporting period for young men include, but are not limited to: self-esteem issues with specific focus on the role of men in society and the challenges to traditional patriarchal and changed roles in the face of increased women's empowerment. The young women's forums covered topics ranging from self-awareness and self-esteem issues, life skills covering issues on financial literacy, parental responsibility, reproductive health and nutrition, 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 of various held stereotypes that have plagued both young men and women and have helped address earlier potentially explosive topics in an objective manner.

VII. PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION AND MONITORING

During the quarter, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga and Kiambu CBFs engaged in different agricultural activities through village bunge activities. Various trainings were conducted by the partners and the Ministry of Agriculture Extension, focusing on the importance of good agricultural practices, 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 and use of harmful pesticides and herbicides. The mitigation measures

recommended were strict adherence to chemical use regulations and prescribed farming methods.

VIII. Progress on links to other USAID programs

The Nyeri County *Bunge* Forum has been working with the International Republican Institute (IRI), a USAID Funded program, that provides training to the board members on the concepts of 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.

In Kiambu County, Lari constituency has signed an MOU with Cheer Up; a CBO that has been implementing the USAID funded APHIAplus KAMILI since August 2014. One of the main objectives of this program is to support orphaned and vulnerable children (OVCs) and the provision of home based care (HBC) for children infected and affected by HIV-AIDS. Through this objective, the CBO trained 16 youth bungenes on oyster mushroom farming, and on value addition.

IX. Progress on links with GOK agencies

The YYC-C CBFs and SACCOs have continued to work with different county and national governments through various ministries and departments. Some of these include the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development, Provincial Administration and its local administration. Notable is the linkage with the Ministry of Industrialization and Enterprise Development (MOEID), where SACCOs work closely with their DCOs.

CBF board members also sit on various development committees such as security committees, the Uwezo Fund, CDF among others.

X. Progress on USAID Forward

During the quarter, Mercy Corps enhanced its organizational capacity building in order to ensure sustainability of these youth institutions in the face of closeout activities. In the remaining months, Mercy Corps will continue to address identified capacity gaps and offer training and mentorship to the respective village *bungenes*, county boards and SACCOs for enhanced implementation of planned activities.

XI. Sustainability and exit strategy

Mercy Corps developed an exit strategy to ensure continuity and sustainability of the established structures. Together with the CBFs, Mercy Corps has been holding stakeholder forums/debriefs to ensure that other stakeholders within the counties are aware of the close-out and to ensure they support and work with the CBFs after MC exits. MC will additionally oversee the election of new office bearers and offer mentorship in the interim period before closeout.

XII. Global Development Alliance (if applicable)

Not applicable

XIII. Subsequent Quarter's Work Plan

The next quarter marks the end of the sub-award agreements with the CBFs and SACCOs, and hence stoppage of transfers of funds to allow a 90 days close-out period for the program. The sub-grantees will finalize implementation in April and submit their financial reports as per their agreements with Mercy Corps. Mercy Corps will conduct the end of program evaluation as well as ensure proper documentation, back-up and storage of YYC-C documents and reports in readiness for the program closure in July 2015.

CBFs will continue overseeing and supporting the implementation of the flagship projects by respective constituent village *bunges*. The next quarter also marks the end term of all elected CBF board members and the CBFs will hold Annual General Meetings (AGMs) as per their respective constitutions. The 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 April and June 2015. In addition, the CBFs will carry out their constituency forums through which elections of regional leaders are expected to take place. The audited financial report will be presented to the youth during these forums and AGMs.

Additionally, the three (3) remaining SACCOs will hold their Annual Delegates Meetings (ADMs) according to the Cooperative Societies Act by 30th April, 2015; presenting 2014 financial audit accounts thereof. All the SACCOs will continue to recruit more members and disburse loans to qualified members. The SACCOs will also continue to create member awareness and hold education and recruitment drives in order to recruit more members. The SACCOs will also continue disbursing loans to qualified members and monitoring the impact of the same on youth employment and income creation among the beneficiaries.

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 needs-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>
Hold advocacy campaigns on civic issues affecting the youth	On-going	It is a continuous activity that gives youth a 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	On-going	This is meant to give youth a platform to

four counties		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
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.
CBF AGMs	To be done in May	To confirm the newly elected leaders
SACCO ADMs	To be done in April	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** \$4,777,314
- 2) **Actual expenditures** \$4,103,850
- 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

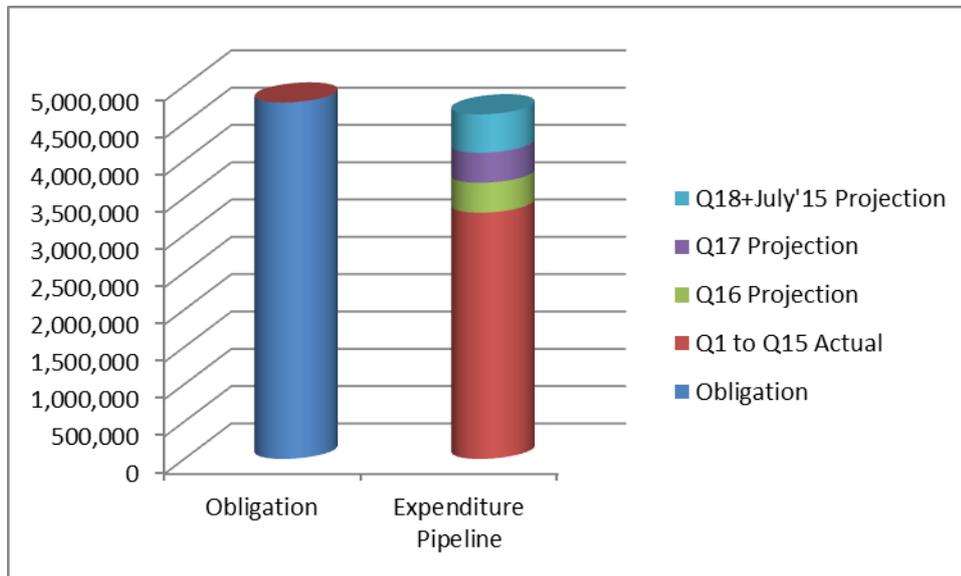


Table 2: Budget Details

T.E.C: \$ 4,777,314

Cumulative Obligation: \$4,777,314

Cumulative Expenditure: \$4,103,003

Obligation	1st to 15th Quarter Expenditures	16th Quarter Expenditures	17th Quarter Expenditures	18th Quarter Projected Expenditures	Q19 (July'15) Projected Expenditures
4,777,314	3,300,446	401,026	402,378	515,036	131,938
Personnel	939,769	73,939	71,438	71,438	23,813
Fringe benefits	347,005	25,950	33,349	26,432	8,811
Travel	62,004	3,526	5,287	4,669	1,762
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	36,060	426	1,029	1,029	343
Window of Opportunities	1,078,565	220,682	208,113	311,529	69,384
Other Direct Costs	381,852	26,472	27,154	26,652	9,051
Indirect Costs	455,191	50,032	56,008	73,286	18,774

Budget Notes (Listed below are assumptions, major changes, estimations, or issues intended to provide a better understanding of the numbers)

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.
Travel	Travel expenses are projected based on the historical costs and sub-award monitoring plans.
Equipment	No depreciation shall be charged for the remaining of implementation period.
Supplies	Any procurement is expected to cover possible replacement of supplies that are out of working order.
Window of Opportunity Fund	Expenditures related to capacity building activities for all CBFs and SACCOs sub-awardees. It is projected that budget under Investment and Grant Fund will be increasingly utilized in quarters 15 and 16.
Other Direct Costs	The level of expenditures is based on the historical costs and shall remain in the current level.
Indirect Costs	Calculated as per Award conditions.

Table 3: New Sub-Award Details

No New Sub-Awards.

Total Amount in the approved budget for sub-awards: \$1,536,672

Total Amount sub-awarded to date: \$915,064.83

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

Sub-recipient Name as per the registration document	Agreement			Transfer Info (USD)						
	Total budget amount in USD	Start date	End date	Transfer 1 (USD)	Transfer 2 (USD)	Transfer 3 (USD)	Transfer 4 (USD)	Transfer 5 (USD)	TOTAL (USD)	BALANCE (USD)
Kericho County Youth Bunge Forum (CBF)	109,997	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	12,269.71	22,560.35	7,094.78	13,240.82	22,509.82	77,675.49	32,321.27
Uasin Gishu County youth Bunge Forum (CBF)	109,981	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	11,763.27	6,991.58	12,778.22	30,841.45	-	62,374.53	47,606.53
Nakuru County Youth Bunge Forum (CBF)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	12,584.33	21,514.06	14,670.29	-	-	48,768.68	61,231.09
Nandi County Youth Bunge Association (CBF)	109,988	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	11,717.66	17,690.18	9,691.40	13,726.18	22,053.36	74,878.77	35,109.30
Elgeyo Marakwet Youth Forum Association (CBF)	109,981	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	12,430.18	18,900.49	5,010.43	12,088.95	22,998.30	71,428.35	38,552.70
Trans Nzoia County Youth Forum Bunge (CBF)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	12,445.02	18,588.27	5,795.49	12,579.94	22,928.32	72,337.03	37,662.53
Pokot Youth Bunge County Forum (CBF)	109,992	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	11,771.46	21,173.94	6,935.53	12,736.73	22,601.46	75,219.12	34,772.92
Kericho County Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	106,733	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	10,288.89	26,456.14	25,204.68	7,140.41	10,175.44	79,265.56	27,467.78
Uasin Gishu County Youth Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	9,280.70	17,777.78	10,083.04	16,374.27	-	53,515.79	56,484.21
Nakuru County Youth Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	9,029.24	15,438.60	6,444.21	10,526.32	10,526.32	51,964.68	58,035.32
Nandi County Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	8,169.59	14,269.01	8,754.39	11,695.91	13,450.29	56,339.18	53,660.82
Elgeyo Marakwet County Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	6,502.92	18,526.32	8,538.01	12,865.50	15,871.35	62,304.09	47,695.91
Trans Nzoia County Youth Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	17,947.37	20,865.50	7,525.73	-	-	46,338.60	63,661.40
Pokot Youth County Bunge Savings and Credit Co-operative Society Limited (SACCO)	110,000	24-Jan-14	30-Apr-15	23,050.29	26,678.36	7,374.27	11,695.91	13,856.14	82,654.97	27,345.03
TOTALS	1,536,672			169,250.63	267,430.56	135,900.48	165,512.36	176,970.80	915,064.83	621,606.81

XV. PROJECT ADMINISTRATION

Constraints and Critical Issues

- Sub-agreements and program implementation comes to an end on April 30th 2015, hence the critical issue is to ensure the money obligated to the youth will be fully disbursed while maintaining program quality.
- Program implementation is coming to an end after CBFs and SACCOs hold their ADM and AGMs meaning there will be limited time to mentor the new leadership that comes into office.

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
4 th May	Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga	End of program evaluation
31 st May	Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga	Constituency feedback forums
31 st May	Kiambu, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga	CBF 2014/15 Financial audit
30 th April	Kiambu, Nyeri, Murang'a	Annual delegates meetings
31 st May	Kirinyaga, Kiambu, Nyeri, Murang'a	Annual General Meeting

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

FROM MATATU TOUT TO WARD REPRESENTATIVE

When the Ward Representative for Kiambu, Victor Akubasu, reflects on the tough life he

has led, he only has one piece of advice for people who aspire to be like him – keep the hope alive. It is hard to imagine that the

impeccably dressed, 34 year old former president of Kiambu Youth Bunge Forum (KCYBF) was once a matatu tout plying the Githurai - Nairobi city route a few years back.



Mr. Victor Akubasu narrates his grass-to-grace story in his office in Githurai, Kiambu County.

Our interview is constantly interrupted by phone calls, making it clear to anyone visiting his office that Akubasu is a very busy man who serves his constituents with a zealous passion. To enable him to work even harder, Akubasu obtained a vehicle from the County Government so he could more easily reach his constituents. He interrupts our interview to attend to a caller who might be having an emergency.

Akubasu's rise to fame was not handed to him on a silver platter; the call to serve his people began quite a while ago when he was a volunteer with the Yes Youth Can (YYC) program. "I am a proud product of the YYC program - Central Province. YYC has made me who I am and provided a platform for my constituents to know me and elect me".

USAID's Yes Youth Can activity has helped Kiambu County youth organize themselves into village-level *bunges* (Kiswahili for parliament). *Bunges* provide a structure and a forum for young men and women to take action and improve their lives, develop new leadership skills, promote transparent decision-making, prioritize key issues, and emerge as positive forces of change in their communities.

Elected as the president for KCYBF in 2013, Akubasu was instrumental in ensuring that advocacy activities, trainings, and entrepreneurship grants reached the people in his County. At the same time, it also helped him network with the Kiambu County Government. Akubasu vividly remembers the tree planting exercises during the 2012-13 Peace Day initiative and *Tuko Rada* as major events conducted under his leadership that involved the County Government.

"I was honored to have been the president of Kiambu Board Forum at the time. A lot of what happened in my tenure created a niche for my career as a government representative," he concludes.

YOUTH OWNED YOGHURT PARLOR

By the time this writer arrives at 23-year-old Erickson Mwangi's Java, Milk and Fruit Parlor, the much-publicized yoghurt is already sold out. Made from fresh milk, Mwangi's yoghurt parlor is the talk of Nyeri town. Its taste, according to one customer, is the very best. "Yes it's that delicious", boasts Mwangi. "Our parlor maintains impressive levels of hygiene, not to mention that we are the only one of its kind with free Wi-Fi".



Mwangi serves fruit juice to his customer at his milk and juice parlor located in the outskirts of Nyeri town.

Mwangi is a member of the Legendary Youth *bunge* and is studying Education at Kenyatta University. Because of the promising nature of his yoghurt business he is now contemplating concentrating his studies in business management. "Prior to joining the Yes Youth Can program, I never thought that I would have owned a business. But now I am proud to report that I am even planning to expand to other branches in the near future," Mwangi adds.

USAID's Yes Youth Can (YYC) program has helped Nyeri County youth organize themselves into village-level *bunges* (Kiswahili for parliament). Youth *bunges* bring young people together to engage in income-generating activities, participate in civil society activities, and contribute to their communities' development. In Nyeri alone, 12,231 youth belong to one of the many village-level *bunges*.

Mwangi attributes his success to the training on milk value addition that he received from Nesi Limited courtesy of the Nyeri County Youth Bunge Forum in October 2014, which was organized by the Nyeri County Youth Bunge Forum. The milk training was instrumental in teaching him to make good yoghurt but he also credits trainings in entrepreneurship, economic empowerment and financial literacy to his success. "On a good day I can make up to Ksh 1000 in profits, which is exemplary for a business that is just two months old," Mwangi adds.

Mwangi is a member of the Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO - a youth run savings and loan cooperative. He plans to take out a loan in the near future to expand his business. In his free time he is also busy working as an academic writer, a passion he continues to pursue.

"The Yes Youth Can program has changed my life completely. I have discovered that I can do business and do it well. All one needed was training and a positive, teachable mind," Mwangi concludes.

YOUTH BUNGE FLOURISHES IN THE SANITATION BUSINESS

Nyeri town is situated 150 kilometers north of Nairobi in the central highlands of Kenya. In the heart of the central business district of Nyeri town is a major bus stop alive with activity. Strategically situated across the street is the youth-managed Whispers Park Sanitation Block, a unit that provides quality sanitation services to the majority of the Nyeri town population. The facility, which was built in partnership with the European Union, and the Water Trust Fund, consists of washrooms, bathrooms, a shoe shine stand, a mini shop, and a movie shop.



Whispers Park sanitation block in the heart of Nyeri town.

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"Most people are surprised when they learn that Whispers Park is a youth-managed facility. In the days of old, only people our fathers' age would have managed this kind of an establishment," quips 28-year-old Charles Ngatia, the president of the Senders Youth Bunge. The Senders Youth Bunge members have a history of voluntary garbage collection and town cleaning in Nyeri, bringing their work to the attention of the County Government. Their history ensured the *bunge* was well positioned to compete for the contract to manage the sanitation block. When the announcement for the facilities management contract was published, the Senders Youth Bunge successfully beat 28 other hopeful bidders. An additional factor that helped the Senders Youth Bunge's bid was their participation in the thriving Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA). Their participation ensured that they had an active bank account at the time of bidding, a vital consideration when starting a business. "I cannot even begin to describe the excitement that we experienced upon winning the contract. Tears of joy streamed down each of our faces," Ngatia reflects.



The ever busy Whispers Park Sanitation block in Nyeri town.

The sanitation block receives more than 1,000 people in a day and charges a fee of Kshs 10/- for washroom services and Kshs 50 for hot showers. The fully stocked mini shop with M-PESA services inside the facility provides additional business. "We are so passionate about providing cleaning services in our County, that we would do it for free," exclaims Ngatia.

The Whispers Park funders also provided assistance to the Nyeri

Water and Sewerage Company (NYEWASCO) to train the bunge members on book keeping and maintenance of the facility. Senders Youth Bunge is grateful to the Nyeri County Youth Bunge Forum for giving them a platform for forming a group and making the management of the facility possible.

“Forming a group was the initial step to our success and for that we remain entirely thankful to the YYC program. We are planning on taking out a Kshs 100,000 from the Nyeri County Youth Bunge SACCO – a youth run savings and loan cooperative – to expand our enterprise,” Ngatia concludes.