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

Security: During this quarter, the security climate in Chad changed drastically. Attacks attributed to Boko Haram on police and civilian targets in N'djamena have required adjustments to security measures for field staff. Although no WCDO staff were directly affected by these attacks, several were in proximity to the blasts. Non-necessary personnel have frozen travel to Chad at this time.

Objectives set for the quarter were:

- First post-project evaluation with internal consultant Philip Matto.
- Distribution of rainy season seeds to three communities in Fafalko.
- Second post-project evaluation with Government partners of DONG.

Sectors	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period April 1– June 30, 2015				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (through June 30, 2015) Period			
	Targeted		Reached		Targeted		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
1 AFS	0	0	296	296*	3500	2100	3796	2396
2 ERMS	0	0	0	0	450	270	474	313
Total Beneficiaries	0	0	296	296	3500	2100	3796**	2396**
** The majority of ERMS beneficiaries are also AFS beneficiaries, so estimated at AFS totals to avoid double counting.								

Achievements:

The following sections highlight major achievements this quarter:

SECTOR 1. Agriculture and Food Security

Brief Sector Narrative:

Distribution of rainy season seeds to the three (3) communities of Fafalko;

The project BREC activities ended well with a successful distribution of rainy season seeds to the communities of Fafalko. Total quantities of **22.496 metric tons** of seeds were distributed to **296 HHs** with an exact quantity of **76 kg** of seeds per household as indicated in the table below.

Table 1: Summary of quantities distributed and communities of beneficiaries

Villages	Quantities of seeds distributed in Kg						Total HH Served	Average quantity per HH
	Peanut	Sorghum	Millet	Sesame	Beans	TOTAL		
Fafalko	12,000	2,400	2,400	720	720	18,240	240	76
Damirgue and Hile Maki	1,400	280	280	84	84	2,128	28	76
GozAkoula And Ardebe	1,400	280	280	84	84	2,128	28	76
TOTAL Qty	14,800	2,960	2,960	888	888	22,496	296	

Each household received a mixed package of seeds which included 50kg of unshelled peanuts, 10kg of sorghum, 10kg of millet, 3kg of sesame and 3kg of beans. The seeds were tested for germination by ONDR before being distributed on Saturday 13 and Monday 15 June 2015 with no incident.

These villages had been targeted for a future construction project of the sand dam but they had never received services by WCDO nor assistance from other NGOs since they returned from IDPs camps in 2010.

SUB-SECTOR: Improving Agricultural Production/Food Security

Indicator 1: <i>Projected increase in # of months of food self-sufficiency due to distributed seed systems/agricultural input for beneficiary HH</i>	Target this quarter (Apr-Jun 2015)	Progress this quarter (Apr-Jun 2015)	Cumulative Target through 30 Jun 2015:	Cumulative progress to date through 30 Jun 2015:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	3	0	3 months	0%
Indicator 2: <i>Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities, by sex</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	296	3500	3796	3500	108%
	Female	0	152	1390	1542	1390
Male	0	144	2110	2254	2110	107%

Indicator 3: <i># of people trained in organic pesticides/insecticides</i>	Target this quarter	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	600	149	600	25%
Indicator 4: <i>Increased yield per ha in SCI plots as compared with traditionally planted plots</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	50%	29%	50%	29%

SECTOR 2. Economic Recover and Market Systems

Brief Sector Narrative:

No activities were conducted this quarter, beyond the evaluations reported below.

SUB-SECTOR: Microfinance

Indicator 1: <i># of people, by sex, or MSEs newly receiving financial services or continuing to receive financial services due to OFDA support.</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	450	474	450 women	105%
Indicator 2: <i>% of financial service accounts/groups supported by OFDA that are functioning properly</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	95%	0 [Note A]	95%	0%
Indicator 3: <i>Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities</i>	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% progress towards target:
	0	0	\$6,615	\$4,721 [Note B]	\$6,615	71%

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

Note B: Indicator 3 Cumulative progress to date corrected from previously reported \$4727.

Post-project Evaluations

This quarter, which covers BREC extension activities, has focused on the balance of seed distributions and two evaluations conducted respectively by a World Concern consultant and by representatives from the Directorate for NGOs (DONG). The evaluation by the consultant was planned and implemented from 27 April to 15 May, 2015. Interviewees included the project direct beneficiaries; partners from the Government (ONDR), UN agencies (FAO), other International NGOs such as Oxfam, and WCDO staff. After the analysis of the results, a report was written and submitted to the program team on June 10, 2015 for review. While evaluations were completed this quarter, the data for measuring some indicators is still being completed, and will appear in the final report, along with a copy of the evaluation.

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Quarterly Progress Report April 1– June 30, 2015

Key findings of the report are as follows:

1. A number of surveyed farmer groups mentioned that they had increased the area they had under cultivation due to seeds distributed by WCDO. Some of the groups mentioned that they had increased up to 4 times the area under vegetable cultivation in the season. Most groups also mentioned that they had increased income from the vegetable produced. Although most of the groups had not yet harvested most of the produce, they projected high yields.
2. The evaluation teams observed that a number of farmers have been practicing seed storage and preservation for several years. Most of this is based on acquired traditional knowledge and is rudimentary. It will be good to exploit this opportunity further to train the farmers and build their capacity in the area of seed preservation. It will also be good to have some of the farmers trained on seed multiplication, to allow them to produce sufficient quantities for themselves and other farmers in the area. This will allow increased access to seeds even for those farmers who may not have been successful in saving their own seed.
3. The interventions selected under this project are appropriate and suitable for the project area. The majority of the families were happy with the set of interventions selected. It is also important to highlight that the selection of the beneficiaries was done in a systematic and transparent manner. The decision to select already existing groups and already practicing farmers in the area alongside vulnerability criteria created more assurance of sustainability.

External evaluation for the BREC project continued with the visit of the DONG team from the Ministry for Planning and International Cooperation. The team, (Ms. Auteita Christine and Mr. Mekila Ludovic) visited various stakeholders of the project including WCDO Chad implementing personnel, partners from ONDR and the beneficiaries of the project on 22 –29 June, 2015. The evaluation focused on the prior year’s harvest. Their final report has not yet been received. Verbal feedback was given at the end of the evaluation as follows:

1. The partnership relationship between WCDO and the Government through local authorities and the ONDR is healthy and encouraging, as testified by the partners themselves.
2. In Hadjar Marfain Dajo village, the beneficiaries testified that “for the first time since their return from the refugee camps, the price of the bowl of sorghum has fallen from 400 FCFA to 200 FCFA, and the bag of 100kg cost about 10,000 FCFA.” This is an indication of the high yield this year due in part to the contribution of WCDO in the area.
3. 25 out of 30 villages served in the project have never received any NGO intervention before, especially those located at the eastern side of the wadi Kaja. WCDO has been a true pioneer in the area, eventually making the way for other partners.
4. Activities of ROSCA groups are on-going and groups are functioning well even three months after the absence of WCDO, proving here that the concept of ROSCA savings has been understood and adopted.

Challenges:

Many NGOs and UN agencies are leaving eastern Chad which is still in transition. OXFAM, FAO, UNFPA, UNICEF and others have closed their offices. This movement of NGOs will create more vulnerability as the population is still struggling to transition to resilience. The limited number of agencies puts pressure on those that remain to support government and local initiatives. Unfortunately, due to its inability to secure funding sources for programming in Eastern Chad, WCDO has planned complete closure of the Goz Beida office.

Key Activities upcoming

While evaluations were completed this quarter, the data for measuring some indicators is still being completed, and will appear in the final report, along with a copy of the evaluations.