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Country project: KE-105
Host: Kitui Development Centre
Venue: CRS Kenya program office
Audience:
Number of people :
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1. Assignment Objectives as in SOW

To assess the impact of the Fumbua Uwezo project and progress made towards achievement of the objectives in order to inform KDC's future women's empowerment work.

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- Completed interviews, focus groups and review of project reports/documentation.
- Executive Summary of impact assessment provided to KDC.
- Final impact assessment report submission pending completion.

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Party	Interview Format	Number	Location(s)
CF	Interview	1	Mulango
CLA (with CFs)	Focus group	4	Kyambiti, Mbusyani, Mulango
SHG	Group interview	3	Kyambiti
Federation	Focus group	1	Kyangunga
Village Administrator	Interview	2	Kyambiti, Mbusyani
Chief	Interview	1	Mbusyani
Youth Beneficiary	Interview	1	Kaumba
Store owner and SHG member	Interview	2	Kyambiti, Ngiluni
Green Grocer and SHG member	Interview	1	Mbusyani
Indirect beneficiary and SHG member's husband	Interview	1	Kamale
KDC Project Officers	Informal discussions	3	KDC office

3. Recommendations to the host with regards to the assignment

- **Promote trainings on the advantages of household financial cooperation upon SHG formation.**
- **CLA and Federation trainings to improve retention and growth initiatives after project scale-down.**
- **Expanding livestock programs and trainings to diversify reliance on crops for IGAs and sustenance.**
- **Capturing fixed asset data to inform assessments of groups.**
- **Promote rocket stoves or other energy efficient cooking implements for positive impact health and environmental degradation .**
- **Promote continued trainings to strengthen advocacy related to infrastructure development.**

4. Anticipated Impact

- Increased indirect beneficiary buy-in.
- Increased SHG member retention on project scale-down.
- Improved food and economic security.
- Improved project performance assessments.
- Improved beneficiary health.

5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

- Trainings in animal husbandry.
- Identification of favorable animal breeding stocks.
- Introduction of accessible drought mitigation techniques.
- Strategies to combat land degradation and deforestation.

6. Recommendations to other non-host stakeholders

- Number one threat to groups is a reliance on successful crops for both IGAs and sustenance. Recommend leveraging table banking capital to diversify activities.

Action plan for host recommendations

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Promote trainings on the advantages of household financial cooperation upon SHG formation.	Provision of trainings	KDC or CF	At creation of SHG groups and throughout project period.
2. CLA and Federation trainings to improve retention and growth initiatives during de-escalation	Provision of trainings to CLA and Federations	KDC	Prior to project scale-down
3. Expanding livestock programs and trainings to diversify reliance on crops on crops for both IGAs and sustenance.	Acquisition of livestock and provision of animal husbandry trainings	KDC for potential livestock acquisition. Agricultural officers or volunteer with specialties for trainings	During proposal through scale down.
4. Capturing fixed asset data through regular examples – would also encourage investments in assets that improve economic and food security.	Measuring fixed asset acquisitions	SHGs and CLAs	In monthly reports.
5. Promote more rocket stove use to impact health and environmental deforestation/ degradation	Provision of trainings and assistance in acquisition of stoves.	Federation or CLAs for trainings. KDC for acquisitions.	During project cycle.
6. Promote continued trainings to strengthen CLA advocacy related to infrastructure development.	Provision of trainings and establishing connections to relevant officials.	KDC and CFs or CLAs	Early in project cycle

7. How can CRS improve future volunteer experience

- Encourage early direct contact with host orgs to promote most informed pre-arrival research/prep.
- I received two contact lists. I think CRS Baltimore needs to update the list they are sending.

Thank You!