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Volunteer Name: Linda Soltwedel

Country: USA

Country project: Maize

Host: Integrated Disabled Women
Activities

Venue: Iganga

Audience: IDIWA members

Number of people : 74

Date: Jan 24-Feb 20



1. Assignment Objectives as in SOW

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1. Improve the practice of record keeping in Women's businesses.
2. Promote the saving culture and accountability by group members.
3. Utilize records in support of credit applications.

2. Achievement of the assignment objectives

- Provided an overview of Farming as a Business, stressing the need for Planning
- Explained the need for Business records and provided exercise in construction and completion of sample Enterprise Records
- Explained reasons and methods to save
- Explained the benefits and responsibilities of using credit wisely

3. Recommendations to the host with regards to the assignment

- Develop a prototype ledger for keeping simple records.
- Provide follow-up records training
- Encourage members to submit their records as part of the loan application.
- Use records to track savings and provide incentives for such.

4. Anticipated Impact

- Increased awareness of the need for records.
- Better appreciation for need to save
- Realization that loans require sound business plans based on records for use and repayment.
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5. Recommended future volunteer Assistance

- Enterprise specific budgeting and business planning
- Volunteer to spend more time studying member businesses in order to provide realistic advice. Members have difficulty in applying theoretical examples.
- Conduct more of a train the trainer program



6. Recommendations to other non-host stakeholders

Action plan for host recommendations

Recommendation	Specific Action	Responsible person	By when
1. Develop and provide members with a simple record keeping format or book. Provide training.	Use provided USDA record book and electronic example ledger sheets in developing format.	Enid & Esther	6 months
2. Offer incentives to members completing records in loan and savings programs.	Bonus as extra months deposit or preferred interest rate on loan.	Damalie	6 months
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7. How can CRS improve future volunteer experience

- Provide more complete description of the target audience

Thank You!