



MONTHLY UPDATE (JAN 2018)

I. ACHIEVEMENTS

I.1 WCFJC Work Plan

The WCFJC 2018 annual activity plan, training and coaching schedules were developed and approved.

I.2 Launch of the Redesigned WCFJC Website

WCFJC launched its redesigned website. We expect that the new website will raise WCFJC's visibility and motivate increased engagement with WCFJC activities.



WCFJC Website



Some of the products of WIED

I.3 WCFJC Monitoring and Evaluation

WCFJC is in the process of developing monitoring and evaluation (M&E) tools, to help track the progress of activities; as well as our impact in the communities where we work. The tools will be ready by the end of February 2018.

I.4 Partnerships

WCFJC hosted Ms. Dorothy Wakabi, one of the Directors of the Women Integrated Empowerment Development Group (WIED), Jinja. WIED seeks to support women and to fight poverty, ignorance and disease. Their target group is HIV positive and vulnerable women, single mothers and vulnerable youth.

Among the projects carried out is the production of cow horn household products, fashion products and others. WIED also provides literacy and nutrition training as well as awareness training for the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

The Director, WIED is drafting a memorandum to be signed by both parties. WCFJC is looking forward to practical training for its WiB participants through the collaboration.



Ms. Wakabi's Office at the WIED Workshop



One of the Women cutting cow horns to make earrings

1.5 Phase VIII In-kind Loan Repayments and Savings

The Phase VIII WiB participants who received in-kind loans valued at UGX 3,840,000 (US\$ 1,067) on 15th December 2017; started paying back. Repayments totaled to UGX 445,000 (US\$ 124) and savings amounted to UGX 359,000 (US\$ 100).

2. CHALLENGES AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Challenge: In January 2018, some loan recipients were not able to make their loan repayments on time, due to personal financial challenges. After the 2017 festive season expenses and January 2018 back-to-school expenses, some participants were cash-short.

Solution: Take the festive season into consideration when developing loan repayment plans and projections.

3. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2018

- Profile WiB participants
- Recover WCFJC Phase VIII WiB loans
- Identify potential WiB participants
- Conduct WiB 1st quarter training, scheduled for 21st February 2018
- Finalize the M&E Plan