



MONTHLY UPDATE (MAR 2018)

I. ACHIEVEMENTS

1.1 Women in Business (WiB) Follow-up Coaching

- Following the WiB Quarterly Workshop, the WCFJC Business Coach Harriet Nsubuga conducted a one-day follow-up coaching session for Group I.
- The session was held on 21st March 2018 at Ms. Sarah Majimbi's home, Jinja. 9 participants attended.
- Topics discussed: Importance of Successful Group Formation and Group Formation Stages.
- Communications and Research Assistant, Esther Nshakira used the opportunity to conduct a photoshoot. She also interviewed WCFJC participants on their views of Women's Day and obtained updates on their businesses.
- The coaching session ended with a tour of Sarah's projects.



Sarah sharing her vision 2025 with the participants

1.2 WCFJC Jinja Office Refurbishment

The re-painting of the WCFJC Jinja Office has been completed.

1.3 Identification and selection of new potential participants

WCFJC visited ten potential participants. Four of the ten met WCFJC selection criteria and were recommended to the Director for participation in the next loan phase.

1.4 Participant Profiles

Following the approval of the WCFJC participant profile template, the profiling exercise is now in motion. A total of 14 participants were profiled in March 2018.

1.5 WCFJC Monitoring and Evaluation

The draft tool for WCFJC Monitoring and Evaluation is currently under review. The tool includes the WCFJC Theory of Change, Results Framework, Impact Evaluation and Participant Mapping Tools.

1.6 Phase VIII In-kind Loan Repayment and Savings

The Phase VIII WiB participants who received in-kind loans in December 2017 started paying back in January 2018. By March 31st 2018, repayments totaled UGX 1,475,000 (US\$ 399) and savings amounted to UGX 561,000 (US\$ 151).



WCFJC Jinja Office new look after painting

2. CHALLENGES AND PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

Challenge: Due to financial constraints, some borrowers are finding it difficult to repay their loans. Only 38% of the loan portfolio has been recovered yet the loan phase is 86% complete.

Solutions: WCFJC will pay closer attention to and factor in the seasonal demands on earnings, for example, back-to-school expenses.



One of the selected participants displaying her utensils

3. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2018

- Profile WiB participants
- Collect loan repayments - WCFJC Loan Phase VIII
- Identify and recommend potential WiB participants
- Finalize M&E Plan
- Install wooden barrier in the office
- Conduct WiB follow-up coaching on 25th April 2018