



# Women's Center for Job Creation

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**SUBJECT: March 2017, Report**



## **1.0 Achievements**

### **1.1 Women in Business (WiB) follow up training**

After the WiB quarterly training held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017, follow-up training was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. The training for two different groups was hosted in participants' homes for easy accessibility. The hosts were Hasifa Sajjabi of Wanyange, Bugembe Sub-county and Florence Kitabye of Buyala, Budondo Sub-county. The follow up training was attended by a total of 22 WiB participants.

The objective of the follow-up training was to emphasize group dynamics and cohesion as well as group leadership skills learnt during February 2017. Participants brainstormed on strategies for strengthening their group organization and team work to enhance utilization and management of WiB loans thus profitability of their businesses.



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Participants identified possible income generating activities they could undertake as a group to strengthen their group relationship. These included: savings and credit, production of liquid soap, books, candles, and crafts among others.



Trainer Harriet gathering participants' views on the need for women's groups

## 1.2 Phase VI Loan Agreement Signing

The phase VI WiB participants signed agreements and are ready to receive in-kind loans. The agreements detail the pay back period and pay back loan installments. The agreements also show the commitment of the participants to the project and are witnessed by the Community Development Officers (CDOs).



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Women reading through the agreements

## 2.0 Challenges and proposed Solutions

- i. Some of the Community Development Officers are reluctant to sign the loan agreements due to the challenges they are currently facing in relation to the poor repayment rates under the government's Youth Fund. The CDOs have been directed to pay back the funds owed by the youth they recommended to the government for funding.
- ii. Jinja Municipal Council is demanding a Trading License from WCFJC as a statutory requirement. However on consultation we have received contradictory views about the matter:
  - Jinja District Commercial Officer advised that WCFJC is not supposed to pay Trading License
  - Jinja Municipal Commercial Officer indicated that NGOs are supposed to pay for Trading License.

WCFJC is therefore awaiting the guidance of the Resident District Commissioner (RDC) on a way forward.



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## 3.0 Upcoming Activities for April 2017

- 3.1 Follow up on WiB program participants
- 3.2 Disbursement of WiB phase VII items
- 3.3 Ensuring compliance with Jinja Municipal Council statutory requirements.

### Annex 1: Summary April 2017, Financial Requirements

Item	Cost (UGX)
Office Petty Cash (March)	20,000
APM Lunch (March)	70,000
District Registration	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,000</b>