

APPENDIX 5.1.11

WORLD VISION REPORT ON ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

Introduction

This report underscores FY 07 quarter II activity progress for the C3P project being implemented by World Vision Uganda in collaboration with CRS and IITA in Mbale and Nakasongola districts of Uganda. During the reporting period (January to March 2007), the project was able to achieve 89% of its target under objective one (Extension agents and farmers trained on BXW, CMVD and CBSD management practices) through training and capacity building for extension agents and targeted contact farmers on BXW, CMVD and CBSD management and control. The activities under project objectives two and three; multiplication and dissemination of clean (banana and cassava) planting materials are underway and will be reported on in the next quarter. Delayed start of activity implementation due to hold-ups in the sub granting process was a major challenge faced at the initiation of the project.

Project establishment: (Staff recruitment and capacity building)

Two (2) field extension assistants (100% attached to C3P) were recruited at the ADP (Area Development Program) level to follow-up and coordinate project activities in Namanyonyi ADP (Mbale district) and Wabinyonyi ADP (Nakasongola district) respectively. WV participated in the following workshops/trainings organized by CRS/IITA:

- Regional training on banana macro propagation conducted at the IITA research facilities in Namulonge Research Institute, near Kampala. This training was supported by the Consortium for Improved Agriculture-based Livelihoods in Central Africa (CIACA) on 25-29th September 2006 attended by 30 participants. One WVU's extension worker participated in the training.
- Regional training on BXW management 2nd-6th October 2006 attended by 40 participants. One WVU's staff participated in the training
- Regional training on CMVD management from 16-20th October 2006. One WVU's extension worker participated in the training which was attended by 25 participants.

- Geographical information system (GIS) training for C3P partners on March 27th to 29th 2007 in Kisumu, Kenya. The training was aimed at equipping participants with knowledge and skills on how to use a geographical positioning system (GPS) to track CMVD/ BXW prevalence in their respective areas. An Agricultural Specialist from WVU participated in the training that was attended by 12 participants.

Highlights of achievement under Objective One: (Extension agents and farmers trained on BXW and CMVD management practices)

- Two (2) planning meetings were held with district and sub county technical teams ahead of community/staff trainings.
- Four (4) project establishment meetings were held with the local leaders at sub counties levels.
- Fourteen (14) community mobilization and sensitization meetings were held at parish levels throughout the project area
- 445 beneficiary households were identified to participate in the 2 districts of Mbale (300) and Nakasongola (145) respectively.
- One training for community based trainers (CBTs) was conducted.
- Cassava parish committees selected and in place.

Table below summarizes performance-monitoring indicators, planned activities and corresponding achievements for Quarter II C3P of January - March 2007

Indicator details	Achievements		
	Planned	Actual	%
# of sensitization meetings conducted	24	21	88
# of participants	1,200	754	63
# of beneficiary selected	500	445	89
# of training sessions conducted-extension agents	02	04	200
# of extension agents participating in training	02	03	150
# of farmers training sessions conducted-cassava	03	00	-

# of farmers participating in training-cassava	200	00	-
# of training sessions conducted-banana	03	00	-
# of farmers participating in training-banana	300	00	-
# of training sessions CBTs conducted	02	01	50
# of farmers participating in CBT training sessions	60	32	53

Networking/ collaboration

Working hand in hand with Nakasongola District Farmers Association (NADIFA) during mobilization and selecting of cassava farmers has been a success since the association has for long been sensitizing the community on the Cassava mosaic Virus disease although they lacked inputs. The district, National and sub county technical and local teams have been very supportive and involved. These have given the project the spirit it deserves in the take off. The national Banana Coordinator Dr. Caroline Nankinga has also been so helpful

Challenges

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Plan for next quarter

- Complete farmers training on CMVD and BXW management and banana macro propagation techniques
- Procure and distribute of planting material
- Land preparation and planting farmers.
- Establish the macro propagation chambers and mother gardens
- Participate in C3P quarterly meeting
- Conduct situational analysis