

QUARTERLY PROJECT UPDATE

Period covered:	2nd Quarter: April - June 2011		
Project Number & Title	PBF JP3 / Livelihoods and Local Economic Recovery (PBF/UGA/D-1_ID00076967)		
Recipient UN Organization:	FAO; IOM; UNCDF; UNDP; WFP		
Implementing Partner(s):	Acholi Private Sector Development Company (Acholi PSDC) Association of Micro Finance Institutions of Uganda (AMFIU) CESVI District Local Governments District Local Governments “ Acholi Enterprise Uganda Gulu University IIRR - International Institute of Rural Construction) Ministry of Local Government Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UNCCI)		
JSC Approval Date:	04 Nov 2010		
Funds Committed:	875,027	% of Approved:	17.50
Funds Disbursed:	570,197	% of Approved:	11.40
Forecast Final Date:		Delay (Months):	

Output/Indicators:	Achievements/Results:	Challenges (incl. expected effect on project results):
<i>Output 4.1: Agricultural knowledge and skills of 230 FFS groups enhanced</i>		
At least 70% of the members of FFS applying improved agronomic practices in their field	Conducted baseline study for target district of Gulu and Pader <i>Percentage Achievement: 100%</i>	None
	29 FFS facilitators and 4 coordinators have been recruited and inducted in FFS methodology <i>Percentage Achievement: 100%</i>	None
	Mobilization, selection of beneficiaries, Ground Working,	None

	Group formation and FFS Preparatory activities kick started <i>Percentage Achievement: 30%</i>	
	Procurement of transport equipment done <i>Percentage Achievement: 100%</i>	Registration process for tax free motorcycles took long
	MOU signed with districts for implementation of PBF <i>Percentage Achievement: 100%</i>	Agreement on the content of the MOU also took longer than necessary
	Contracted two partners for the implementation of FFS in two district <i>Percentage Achievement: 100%</i>	None
<i>Output 4.2: Crop production levels of 6,900households increased</i>		
Crop production acreages increased by 30%	Assessment of seeds needs <i>Percentage Achievement: 20%</i>	None
<i>Output 1.1: Value addition skills training of products addressing specific district requirements undertaken for youth, women and men</i>		
District specific and targeted value addition skills training programmes conducted	Baseline survey tool for households developed and survey of sample households to be undertaken in the 1st to 2nd week of July. <i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i>	None
	Consultative meetings with key stakeholders conducted <i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i>	The geographical spread and distances between the locations of the beneficiaries may affect the costs of delivery of the training solutions
	Overall assessment of economic opportunities conducted with District leaders, traditional leaders, Chamber of Commerce Officers, District Commercial Officers, and Youth leaders <i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i>	None
<i>Output 2.1: Selected Microfinance Institutions' capacity strengthened and products developed addressing specific needs for youth and women</i>		
Capacity Assessment of MFIs conducted and capacity gaps	Capacity assessment of all MFIs in Acholi region conducted from 22-25	None

identified	<p>June 2011. Data captured been analysed and detailed report of capacity needs being compiled.</p> <p><i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i></p>	
<i>Output 2.2: Cross-border trade assessment report for Acholi sub region developed</i>		
Assessment report to inform policy and institutional arrangements to further support trade	<p>Consultation with District Local government officials and cultural leaders on cross border trade done</p> <p><i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i></p>	None
	<p>Cross-border tool and assessment tool developed and cross-border points identified. Visits to border points and assessment surveys to be conducted in the 1st and 2nd week of July 2011. Draft report to be submitted by end of July</p> <p><i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i></p>	None
<i>Output 7.1: Female-headed, IDP, returnee, and ex-combatants households assisted with their reintegration/integration</i>		
Number of female-headed households with special needs that receive case management assistance.	<p>All FHH's with special needs receiving case management assistance.</p> <p><i>Percentage Achievement: 100%</i></p>	NA
Percentage of female-headed households referred to jobs and remaining employed in the Acholi sub-region for more than three months	<p>46 FHH employed for more than three months.</p> <p><i>Percentage Achievement: 35%</i></p>	Absenteeism by FHH due to unwillingness to participate in physical agricultural activities.
Number and type of land-related documentation claimed by women (and their dependents) and processed through relevant Ugandan authorities.	<p>11 groups have secured written agreements with landowners permitting them to hire or use freely land for agricultural purposes for a stipulated period.</p> <p><i>Percentage Achievement: 32%</i></p>	An entire peer-support group of fifteen (15) women in Gulu had access problems but this has been addressed through negotiation with local authorities. Another group of seventeen (17) women in Agago was prevented from accessing land that they had previously reached a land use agreement over (with the land owner). This was despite the fact that the group had opened up the land already following an agreement with the landowner. After negotiations, the landowner agreed to lend oxen to the group to use on any new land that they were able to secure for their

		agricultural activities. To avoid this type of situation from occurring again, PSGs are encouraged to secure written agreements permitting them to use land for a stipulated period.
<i>Output 6.1: 5,700 smallholder farmer households organisational capacity in cassava value addition developed and nurtured</i>		
Atleast 14 sets of cassava processing equipments procured and delivered to farmers processor groups	4 sets of cassava processing equipments procured and distributed to 6 farmer processor groups in Gulu and Pader Districts <i>Percentage Achievement: 30%</i>	No challenges
Atleast 14 farmer processor groups identified, mobilized and sensitized	All the targeted 14 Farmer processor groups identified and sensitized <i>Percentage Achievement: 80%</i>	Onset of early planting season slowed down progress as farmers were busy preparing land and planting
Atleast 500 MT of High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF) is produced and sold to identified end markets by June 2012	1.5 Metric tons of High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF) produced and sold in Pader district <i>Percentage Achievement: 0%</i>	Activity was delayed due to delayed project implementation and farmer mobilization
Atleast 10 targeted trainings undertaken on quality assurance/profitability analysis	3 targeted trainings undertaken on quality assurance in production of High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF) production <i>Percentage Achievement: 30%</i>	No major challenges
Average Achievement Percentage:	66.8%	