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(COHORT LEADERS PLANNING MEETING)

Meeting with 5 cohort leaders to strengthen the project of sustainable outcomes for flood affected households in Bulembia Division



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Project Summary



This project supports vulnerable households in Kasese District by providing female goats as sustainable livelihood assets. The project helps families affected by floods and poverty to improve income, food security and resilience. Beneficiaries are encouraged to pass on the first offspring to another household, ensuring the benefits spread within the community. Overall, the project promotes self reliance, dignity, and community solidarity through a simple and sustainable livelihood approach.

Monthly Objectives:

- Strengthen household economic resilience.
- Expand community led impact.
- Ensure project sustainability and accountability.



Progress Summary



BENEFICIARY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Great lakes Peace Center (GLPC) held a coordination and review meeting with five cohort leaders from Bulembia Division as part of the ongoing implementation of the Spirit in Action Give A Goat project. The meeting aimed to assess project progress at community level, strengthen coordination, and address challenges faced by beneficiaries. Cohort Leaders provided updates on goat health, growth, and reproduction. Overall, most goats are in good health, and beneficiaries are committed to proper care. Early breeding has begun, showing promising signs of future livelihood benefits.

The meeting also confirmed beneficiaries' understanding and adherence to the pass it forward model, ensuring first offspring will be shared with other vulnerable households.

The meeting began with each cohort leader presenting detailed updates on the status of goats under their respective groups, including health, growth, and early signs of breeding. Overall, most goats were reported in good condition, and beneficiaries demonstrated commitment to proper care, reflecting positive progress toward project objectives.

Leaders also discussed beneficiary adherence to the pass-it-forward model, confirming that households are aware of the responsibility to share the first offspring with other vulnerable families. The meeting provided a platform to highlight challenges, such as access to veterinary services, occasional feed shortages, and the need for continued sensitisation on goat housing and disease prevention.

Significant time was dedicated to experience sharing and problem-solving among cohort leaders. Participants exchanged practical solutions and lessons learned from the field, while GLPC staff provided guidance, clarified project expectations, and emphasised the importance of regular follow-up and technical support.

Overall, the meeting strengthened leadership coordination, accountability, and community ownership, enhancing the effective implementation and sustainability of the Spirit in Action Goat Project in Bulembia Division.

Issues & Challenges



Problems Encountered:

- Limited community infrastructure for goat shelters
Some beneficiaries lack durable materials for optimal goat housing. Support for shelter upgrades would improve animal well-being and productivity.
- Transport and logistics for project coordination
Reaching spread-out households can be time-consuming due to rough terrain and limited transport. Additional logistical support could enhance monitoring and timely assistance.
- Scaling community training and follow-up
Expanding practical trainings on advanced goat husbandry requires extra resources for specialists and training materials



Resolution Steps:

- Enhance shelter support
- Provide materials or guidance to beneficiaries for building durable goat housing, improving animal health and productivity.
- Strengthen project logistics
- Allocate resources for transport and coordination to ensure timely monitoring, follow-up, and support to all households.
- Expand community training
- Conduct regular practical trainings and refresher sessions on goat husbandry, including feeding, breeding, and disease prevention, to boost sustainability and project impact.

Next Steps

Planned Activities for Next Month:

- Enhance shelter support
- Provide materials or guidance to beneficiaries for building durable goat housing, improving animal health and productivity.
- Strengthen project logistics
- Allocate resources for transport and coordination to ensure timely monitoring, follow-up, and support to all households.
- Expand community training
- Conduct regular practical trainings and refresher sessions on goat husbandry, including feeding, breeding, and disease prevention, to boost sustainability and project impact.

Conclusion

The Spirit in Action Goat Project continues to strengthen household livelihoods and community ownership in Bulembia Division. Beneficiaries and cohort leaders remain actively engaged in goat care and the pass-it-forward model. Operational challenges are being managed, and planned follow-ups, trainings, and shelter support will further enhance impact. The project demonstrates a sustainable, community-driven approach, underscoring the importance of continued sponsor support.

