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ITEM 1: UPDATE ON FOOD SECRITY PACK

The Department of Community Development conducted distribution exercise under Food Security Pack subcomponent of Alternative Livelihood project. Prior to the distribution exercise a number of awareness, sensitization and trainings were conducted in all the selected four (4) CWACs namely:Yona, Kakozya,Kamuzwazi and Londe.

BENEFICIARIES, TYPE OF ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD ALLOCATED PER CWAC

S/N	CWAC	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	TYPE OF ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD PROJECT
01	Yona	60	The office distributed 300 village chickens and each beneficiary received 5 chickens. 4 Hens and 1 cock
02	Kakozya	20	The area received 60 Goats and each beneficiary received 3 goats. 1 He goat and 2 She goats.
03	Londe	25	The Cwac received 50 Bee Hives and each beneficiary received 2 beehives and other supporting materials for Bee Keeping
04	Kamuzwazi	30	The area received 12,000 juvenile fish and each beneficiary received 400 pieces of juvenile fish

Note: under food security pack programme, the office has not yet started receiving the inputs for rain-fed 2024/2025 farming season, however, we have continued receiving recoveries from both wetland and rain-fed cropping for 2023/2024 farming season.

(**For the information of the committee)**

ITEM 2: UPDATE ON SUPPORT WOMEN LIVELIHOOD (SWL)

Under Support Women Livelihood, we have 53 saving groups in 17 CWACs where the project is being implemented. During the period under review 15 saving groups did their share out of the first cycle with a total amount of k450,000. This is on going

Under the same programme there is a system called Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). The system was introduced in all the world bank funded projects in our ministry and Ministry of Education (SWL, KGS, SCT). Grievance Redress Mechanism is an approach which provides practical ways to increase women access to resources, support and empower them to become agents of change. It is also a way of lodging complaints by beneficiaries concerning the Gewel project including other government programmes. We have GRM focal point persons in all the 63 CWACS who help beneficiaries who want to lodge a complaint and complaint forms have been designed and distributed to all GRM focal point persons. From the above background the department collected 292 complaint forms to be resolved by concerned institutions.

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ITEM 3: UPDATE ON VILLAGE BANK

The department currently is in the fifth cycle with 10 beneficiaries from Mbala central. K25,000 was disbursed as soft loans and expected recovery is k30,000. The department has recovered k16,800 so far, remaining balance is k13,200 and its ongoing.

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