



# Support practicing of briquette production by the trainees Activity Report.

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**District:** Koboko District

Name of Group: Community Empowerment and Rehabilitation Initiative for Development (CERID).

Name of person reporting:

Apayi Salila

Location of activity: Ombaci Cell, North Division,

Cost incurred in Uganda Shillings:

Koboko Municipality, Koboko District and Nyarilo Cell, South Division, Koboko Municipality, Koboko District.

3,365,000 UGX

Dates: 04<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and 05<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### **Purpose of Activity:**

The purpose of the activity is to provide support inform of materials to boost the production of briquettes in two (2) women groups namely; Joyous GBV group and Giant Role Model Group.

CERID provided the aforementioned groups with briquette production materials such as cassava flour, tarpaulins, nose masks, groundnut husks, and charcoal dust. Members of these groups were encouraged to mobilize for powdered anti hill soil.

#### Specific objectives of the activity; planned targets and achievements.

- ❖ To ensure that group members are able to use the briquette machine for the production of the briquettes following a training already offered to them earlier.
- ❖ To support the groups with capital in form of briquette production materials.
- ❖ To increase more production of the briquettes to enable the community access enough briquettes.

# The table below shows the number of participants reached by the activity

Indicator	Target	Achieved
# of participants reached by activity	20	33
# of groups supported	02	02

#### Disaggregation of participants by age and gender for the sensitization in Koboko district.

Age Category	Female	Male	Total
Children (under 18)	00	00	00

Youths (18 – 34)	10	04	14
Adults (35+)	17	02	19
Total	27	06	33

**Participation:** who were the Participants?

CERID targeted 20 trained community members in two (2) groups of women and youth from Koboko Municipality and the District as shown in the attendance sheet attached to this report.

#### **Key Issues/Topics discussed during the meeting/event/activity:**

## The following are the items and materials supplied to the groups during the activity

- Charcoal dust: 32 basins were given to each group which is the main material in the production of the briquettes.
- ❖ Ground nut husks: 32 basins were given to each group which is the main material in the production of the briquettes.
- **Cassava flour:** each group received six hundred twenty five kilograms of cassava flour which shall be used as a starch binder in the production of the briquettes.
- ❖ Carpets: Joyous GVB group received 3 tarpaulins whereas Giant GBV Role Model group received 2 tarpaulins. However, it is important to note that, tarpaulins are very vital in the production of the briquettes particularly in the situations of rain where it shall be used for covering the briquettes.
- ❖ Nose Masks: each group was supported by 12 nose masks to help prevent dust from being inhaled by members in the process of producing the briquettes.
- ❖ Anti-hill soil: CERID project focal person clarified to all the members in the two (2) groups that, the organization may not be able to provide them with the anti-hill soil, thus tasking them to mobilize for them. This is because, CERID might not access the said anti hill soil through her suppliers.

#### Main observations and key success story (i.e. take-home messages):

Many of the participants in the two (2) groups welcomed the support which will help them to produce more briquettes to supply the community. Below are some of the take home messages from the participants of each group.

#### **Joyous GBV group members:**

**Mary Kadai** said that, I no longer buy charcoal because of the knowledge I have acquired so far, I now make my own briquettes at home using my hand not the machine. This has saved me from buying charcoal and now I can save part of my money for paying my children's fees.

**Ajule Michael** who doubles as a member of the group and a VHT has appreciated CERID for all the support that is given to their group. "This has empowered us and opened a way for more opportunities in the community" he concluded.

**Ajonye Celina:** the chairperson of the group who was in witness of the handover of the support items stressed and confessed that, she has truly seen commitment from the CERID team in her group. This has positively impacted our members of the group. Other partners have started approaching us for more support because our group have proved to be very active. "I am very happy for the empowerment (Joyous GBV group) CERID planted that is now attracting more partners to give a helping hand, this can result into self-reliance and development in the near future" she ended.

#### **Giant GBV Role Model group members:**

**Onziru Jane** said that, since we started the production of the briquettes as an individual and a group we have benefitted through the sale of the briquettes and the money have helped many members to solve their emergency issues.

**Jane Jedia:** stressed that, many people in the area had a little knowledge about the importance of using briquettes in the past until when CERID trained them in the production of briquettes. Consequently, they started selling to people in the community and they confessed that briquettes are more economical compared to charcoal. "This is a positive move in my life", she added.

**Data Patrick** a member and also a VHT in the area, welcomed the support provided by CERID and encouraged that more support shall be welcomed. "I wanted to encourage CERID to ask the donor for more funding so that community members from the other parts of the Municipality can also benefit from these services" he requested.

# Challenges faced during activity implementation

- There was low attendance as CERID invited 20 participants to witness the handover of the support items as a result of the District COVID 19 taskforce directives of following the SOPs and limitation of gatherings in big numbers as they have to adhere to the set conditions by the ministry of health.
- There was low sales from the briquettes as presented by the trainees because the community is still not aware of the importance of the briquettes
- Most of the group members are women and given the process of briquette production which is labor intensive hence producing small quantity to supply to the market.

#### **Conclusion and Recommendations:**

**Mr. Baiga Khemis** the LC1 Chairperson Ombaci Cell in his communication commended CERID for the good work done by empowering his people through skill's training that is positively impacting on the environment. He also encouraged the members to use this opportunity to develop themselves to become self-reliant. He continued that CERID should consider reaching other groups in his cell if there is an opportunity for funding.

**Mr. Data Patrick** a member of Giant GBV Role Model group emphasized the issue of low market for the briquettes and requested CERID and other stakeholders to help the group to widen the market for the briquettes.

### Follow-up action / other comments:

The LC1 of Nyarilo Cell in his closing remarks appreciates the activities of CERID and its efforts to empower the group with skills of briquette production which has benefited his people in the cell. As local government they are to support the development of such projects and at his level, he is going to provide the group with some open space that will be used to market their products which will also help them solve the problem of low markets.

#### Supervisor's comments and signature:

CERID would like to acknowledge the efforts of UNDP for financing the provision of the support items to the two (2) that will contributing in fighting climate change and global warming. We look forward for more synergies.

Tabani David

Ag. Executive Director.

**Note:** Attach all attendance lists and at least three pictures of the event



The Ag. Executive Director Mr. Tabani David during the support activity refreshing members of Giant GBV Role Model group on the over view of the project and tipping members about when the project period shall end.



Giant Role Model group members removing briquettes for the small stove from the machine and arranging them on a tray ready to be taken into their store.



Giant Role Model group members showing happiness after successfully molding out a briquette for the big stove.



Members of the group seen performing different roles during the production of the briquettes process.



The LC1 Chairperson of Ombaci Cell Mr. Baiga Khemis giving his opening remarks during support activity.



Ajule Michael a member of Joyous GBV Role Model group giving the over view of the group during the supply support activity



The project officer Apayi Salila presenting some of the support items and the chairperson of the group gladly receives them

# **Activity photos of Joyous GBV group:**



Members of Joyous GBV group were seen displaying both small and big sized briquettes that they produced as they receive the briquette support materials from CERID.



The project officer Apayi Salila, explaining to members about the importance of using briquettes instead of charcoal



The LCI of the area was expressing his happiness for both the group members and CERID staff as he welcomes all the members to proceed with the activity of the provision of briquette support items in his area.



The members of the group were seen taking some of the briquettes production support items to their store where ready-made small sized briquettes were also seen packed in a wooden box.

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