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**PROJECT TITLE : STRENGTHENING WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWEMENT  
AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING AT  
GRASS ROOT LEVELS**

**PROJECT DURATION : 12Months (1year)**

**EXECUTION PLACE OF THE PROJECT : Muhanga District**

**Target group : Vulnerable Women living in the Rural area in Muhanga District and  
Local Leaders**

**Budget : USD 50.000**

**ORGANIZATION IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT AND ITS EXECUTION :  
« INITIATIVE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (ISDO RWANDA) »**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

On September 25, 2015 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution for adopting the final document on the development programme for the period post-2015. In this respect, the 17 sustainable Development goals and the 169 targets have been decided in the context of promoting human rights for all, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

The aforementioned resolution also clarifies that all States must, ensure that women participate fully and effectively in leadership functions at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life. The eradication of harmful practices targeted at women is crucial ending the gender-based discrimination prevalent in many countries around the world. Put in place reforms aimed to give women the same rights to economic resources, as well as access to property and Control of land and other forms of ownership like financial services, inheritance and natural resources.

## **SPECIFIC CHALLENGES THE PROJECT**

Removing barriers to women's economic empowerment is essential to inclusive and sustainable economic growth, poverty alleviation, food security and the achievement of gender equality.

Also the fact that when women have more money, it helps on economic development because they tend to devote more of their income to their families. The increase of women's incomes and their control over family spending can result in improving in nutrition, health and Children education hereby helping to break the cycle of Intergenerational poverty. As you women make the majority of poor people in the society.

Muhanga district is located in the southern province of Rwanda, it is subdivided into 12 sectors, 63 cells, 331 villages and (64063) household. It has an area of 2.647, 7km<sup>2</sup> of which 475 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>. The population of Muhanga District of lives mainly from subsistence agriculture at the height of 85%. Most of the people living in the Muhanga District have no arable land and its rate is 11.8%.

Poor households are very high, considering their level of vulnerability women heads of households are poorer than men and their rate is 59.5%. However, 65% of poor

households have at least four members. A high level of extreme poverty vulnerability is 33.2%.

We would also like to point out that in the Muhanga District the rate of participation of the population in the decision-making process is very low and women do not have easy access to credits hence the need for the economic empowerment of Women.

## **OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

To Contribute to the economic empowerment of vulnerable women living in the rural environment and to improve the participation of women in decision-making bodies at local levels. Also this project will enable us to support 120 poor women living a rural area of the Muhanga District.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

Improving the economic women situation can also contribute directly to reducing their poverty and increasing their well-being. Economic empowerment is also a powerful means of ensuring respect for women's rights and achieving gender equality

## **SECTION 1 : STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC POWER OF WOMEN**

- Providing training on cooperative management
- Dispensing training on the culture of saving and how to make income generating projects.
- Granting of micro credit in implementation of income generating projects
- Advocacy to improve access to credit for rural women

## **SECTION 2 : STRENGTHENING THE SOCIO-POLITICAL AND LEGAL POWER OF WOMEN**

Provide training on land law, ownership in emphasizing equality between men and women on land ownership

- Providing training on succession law, matrimonial regimes(marital property systems) and gifts.
- Organizing discussion groups on gender roles and relationships (men /women) in the community

- Providing training workshops on women's leadership
- Conducting advocacy sessions with the grassroots authorities on the place of women in public life (Participation in design, development, and implementation of various public programs)

### **Expected result**

- Knowledge in management and cooperation is strengthened in favour of women
- Acquisition of knowledge on culture of savings and making of projects
- Micro-projects are made by women's initiatives, they become entrepreneurs of their own businesses
- Access to credit for women is improved through advocacy
- Women's incomes will be increased
- Poverty reduction in households
- Women acquire legal knowledge in relation to succession and land laws
- Knowledge of female leadership is strengthened
- Women's participation in public life is improved

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### ***1. Training Workshop on cooperative management***

Workshops training in cooperative management will be organized to train 120 vulnerable women in Muhanga District. The training will focus on the creation of cooperative, its financial management, its legal aspects and the importance of working in cooperative in order to improve the living conditions.

#### **2.Training workshop on the culture of savings and making income-generating projects for rural women.**

Training workshops on the cultivation of savings and the setting up of income-generating projects will be organized for 120 vulnerable women from the rural more precisely in Muhanga District. In order to strengthen their capacity to become women

entrepreneurs of their own businesses by increasing their incomes for fighting poverty.

### ***3.Provision of micro-credits for vulnerable women for starting small income-generating projects***

In this project, small funding will be allocated to 120 women and their cooperatives for helping them to build their own income-generating projects in order to increase their incomes and this will help to get out of poverty.

### ***4. Advocacy to improve access to credit for women living in rural areas***

We will make the plea to the authorities on the basis of the reality found on the field based on the data that will be collected in order to influence them to adopt laws and public policies facilitating women living in the rural environment to get access to credits and other financial assets.

### ***5. Training on land Law and the Succession Act, heritage regimes and gifts***

Training workshops will be organized to strengthen the capacity of women living in rural areas on their rights to access to land and succession as well as men by helping them to understand land law ownership, succession, matrimonial regimes and gifts in Rwanda

### ***6. Providing training workshops on leadership and women's participation in public life***

Training workshops on "the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women" will be organized in order to assist them in exercising a political mandate to develop their skills and also emphasizing on "the United Nations Resolution on the participation of women in political life adopted in 2011

✓ ***Monitoring and evaluation***

Tough this project, we will set up a data collection tool which will allow us to make a systematic analysis of the information as the project progresses in order to reassure the profitability, effectiveness and impact of the project.

✓ ***External Audit (Accounting and financial)***

An external accounting and financial audit will be carried out by an independent firm selected by an independent firm selected by the Board of Directors, in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the financial management of the project and to express an opinion on the regularity and sincerity of the accounts of the project.

## LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

LOGIC INTERVENTION	INDICATOR	SOURCES AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION	RISKS AND HYPOTHESES
<b>TITRE PROJECT: STRENGTHENING WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWEMENT AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING AT GRASS ROOT LEVELS</b>	<b>THE PROJECT EXECUTION PLACE: MUHANGA DISTRICT</b>	<b>DURATION : 24 MONTHS</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE ISDO/RWANDA</b>
<p><b>Overall objective :</b> To contribute to the economic empowerment of vulnerable women living in the rural environment and the improvement of women's participation in decision-making bodies at the core level</p>	-	-	-
<p><b>Specific objective 1</b>  Providing training on the management of cooperatives.</p>	<p>120 women participants are trained</p> <p>A number of workshops training organized.</p>	<p>Training reports</p> <p>Video cassettes</p> <p>Contracts with Consultants</p> <p>Invitation Letters</p>	<p>Unavailability of participants to be trained</p>

<b>FINAL RESULT1 :</b>  Knowledge in cooperative management reinforced	A number of women trained	Reports  CD Videos	Availability of participants to train
<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 2</b>	<b>INDICATORS</b>	<b>SOURCES AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION</b>	<b>RISKS AND HYPOTHESES</b>
Providing training on the culture of savings and making generating income projects	120 women participants will be trained  Workshops organized	Training reports  video cassettes  Contracts with the Consultants  Invitation letters  -	Lack of willingness of participants to train
<b>FINAL RESULT 2</b>  Vulnerable women living in rural areas gain knowledge in savings and the making projects	120 women are trained  Workshops and training are organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training Reports</li> <li>- The Video CDs</li> <li>- Photos of the participants</li> <li>- Contracts with the consultants</li> <li>- Invitation letters for the participants</li> </ul>	Availability of participants to be trained



<p><b>OBJECTIFS SPECIFIQUE 3</b></p> <p>Grant of credits to start income generating projects</p>	<p>120 women or their cooperatives will benefit from funding of starting income generating projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding contracts between ISDO and women receiving micro-credits or their cooperatives</li> </ul>	<p>Lack of willingness to beneficiaries to sign Contracts of funding</p>
<p><b>FINAL RESULT 3</b></p> <p>Micro-projects are started by women or their cooperatives, they become entrepreneurs of their own businesses</p>	<p>Number of projects that generate income from women or their cooperatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports</li> <li>- Film document (CD Video)</li> <li>- Other legal documents</li> </ul>	<p>Refusal of authorities to grant the certificate of registration for cooperatives</p>
<p><b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 4</b></p> <p>Advocacy to improve access to credit for women living in rural areas</p>	<p>The number of credits granted to women living in rural areas</p>	<p>Reports</p>	<p>Lack of will for leaders.</p>
<p><b>FINAL RESULT 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving access to credit for rural women</li> <li>• Reducing household poverty</li> <li>• Women's incomes increased</li> </ul>	<p>A number of rural women applications for credit submitted and accepted by financial institutions .</p>	<p>Reports</p>	<p>Lack of interest by financial institutions.</p> <p>Lack of willingness to benefit</p>

<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 5</b>			
Training on land Law and the Succession, matrimonial regimes and gifts	A number of organized training workshops  120 women participants trained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports</li> <li>- Contracts with trainers reports</li> <li>- -contracts with trainers</li> </ul>	Lack of interest of participants

<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 6</b>	<b>INDICATOR</b>	<b>SOURCES AND MEANS OF VERIFICATION</b>	<b>RISKS AND HYPOTHESES</b>
Leadership training and women's participation in public life	Number of organized training workshops  120 women participants trained	Reports  Contracts with trainers consultants	Lack of willingness of beneficiaries
<b>FINAL RESULT1</b>  Rural women gain knowledge in leadership. And their participation in public life is increased	A number of training workshops.  A Number of women's posts in public administration will be increased	Reports  Reports	Lack of willingness of beneficiaries

<b>PROJECT EXPENSES BUDGET</b>		
<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>COSTS IN USD</b>	
TRAININGS EXPENSES		17800
GRANTING MICRO CREDIT FUNDS		20000
ADVOCACY FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN		3200
SALARIES AND BENEFITS		8000
ADMINISTRATIVES EXPENSES		1000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50000</b>