

**WORLD VISION KIBOGA CLUSTER,  
NTWETWE AREA PROGRAM**

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From: The Program Manager  
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To: Sponsor Network Specialist  
Charlotte Tipping  
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Dear Charlotte

**Re: Update on the progress of Twezimbe Women's Group, Poultry Project supported by Choko Oxford Group through World Vision UK.**

We send you greetings from the entire team of World Vision and also from the Twezimbe Women's group. We appreciate all the support and patience during this time especially with our delayed response on the progress of the Choko Oxford supported Twezimbe Women's Poultry project.

**Background of the project/**

The Twezimbe Women's poultry project was promised support after a visit by the members of Choko Oxford group members to Ntwetwe AP in FY 15, the group was found to have started a poultry project using local means and materials and the visiting team after appreciating and wishing to support the initiative, promised support to the poultry project and funds were sent this FY. The group was faced with a challenge when the location where the project was located flooded and the house was destroyed. Early last FY year they had chosen a location at the Chairpersons home and started a new project constructing temporary shelter for the hens and this was in its early stage when we received the good news that the funds were sent to support a fully-fledged project for the group in their community. The first delay was a challenge of PBAS allocation which when it was resolved and the funds were received in February this year

**Actions taken since the funds were received:**

When the funds were received the group was notified and informed of the amount, there were a series of planning meetings held with the group on how best to use the funds and progress as a group to improve their wellbeing and that of children.

The group appreciated that the amount of funds sent and their own local contribution would yield a bigger and better project and in order to use well the support from Choko group, they decided to purchase better land from their own savings and then construct a bigger and more permanent project from the funds sent by Choko Oxford group.

There was a process of development of plans and having them approved by the Town Engineer and the and training for the members in the modern ways of keeping poultry. The team secured approved plans to extend water services to the site of the project. The bills of quantities were developed by the World

Vision Engineer. The housing plans delayed because ~~they had~~ they had to be approved by the ~~Government Engineer~~ Government Engineer. When the land was secured and plans approved, the group extended water services to the site. World Vision Uganda procurement process was initiated however there was again delayed start of the project by the selected contractor until follow up was done. In the last month the contractor has been on site and the good news is that the project is on course but not at the stage we had anticipated it to be by now.

We are sorry for the delayed responses on updates however all the above processes that were important took a lot of time contributing to the delayed project start off, we would have loved to send updates on a completed project but we shall once all these are done and once it is finally launched.

#### **Current status and next steps.**

1. The Twezimbe Women's group currently have their own land on which the project is based.
2. There are approved plans by the local government and the building process has been inspected by both Government and World Vision.
3. The Women's group has extended water service to their plot of land to run the project.
4. The contractor as of today is at ring beam level and will roof in the next 3 days.
5. The Procurement of the young chicks and other inputs was already initiated in our procurement system and suppliers secured and we shall be receiving them in the next week.
6. World Vision Ntwetwe AP teams are committed to supporting the group after the chicks are delivered in various support supervision and mentorship, and any required training which have been planned for in the FY 2018.
7. There are scheduled training for the group in financial management, savings and group dynamics to help strengthen the group further in their journey of development.
8. There has been constant support and supervision from the local government staff and local leaders and this will be important for the future of the project in securing markets and other support from the local government for sustainability.

**Below are photos showing the current status of the project.**





Photo 1: The Program Manager Kiboga Cluster Warren (Checked shirt), and the CSDF Ntwetwe AP Paul (in WV color T-shirt), in a consultative meeting with the group at the project site.



Photo 2: The CSDF for Ntwetwe Paul (in WV colors) and the executive committee of the group washing hands at the water tap they extended with their own funds to the site.



Photo 3: The Twezimbe Women's group at the site inspecting the work by the contractor, they have also been participating in the construction project activities and have monthly meetings on their new permanent location.





Photo 4: Inspection tour by the CSDF and the contractor in Green T-shirt, this is to ensure value for money.



Photo 5: The contractor takes the women's leadership on the various rooms of the project explaining the progress and the usage of each chamber.





Photo 6: The chairperson of the group stands in front of the building under construction.

## **Twezimbe Women Group Members' Voices**

### **Namuddu Gladys, member**

*"I feel very happy because our dream poultry project is now moving on well. We own it and we are proud being at the centre of moving forward with our project"*

### **Teddy Nakagulera, member**

*"I am very happy being part of Twezimbe Women Group as our project is progressing with support from our donors. I long to see the construction complete and chicken growing in it. Whereas we were able to mobilize part of the financial resources to purchase land, we are still constrained to complete the latrine and small house for the casual labourers who will help us with the work"*

### **Namugerwa Josephine, member**

*"At the time we did not have money to build our project, people in the village thought we are women who just move from one house to another without progress. But now that our poultry house project is being constructed, we find ~~worht~~ worth in being in one group and other people in the village say they can see the value of our working together as a women group. May the almighty God bless the Choko Oxford group for supporting our project"*

### **Nakalanda Justine, chaiperson**

*"The financial support we received has helped us to put our plan into action. We now have greater hope to take care of our chicken so to provide support for our children and other members of the family. We most needed support. May our donors live to know that with their support, the whole of our community will benefit directly and indirectly.....Our project is our lifeline in the near future"*