

Project title:

Strengthening Resilience in Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Markets through Local Institutions in Mundri and Koch (STREAM)

Goal(s):

To improve food security of 6,350 households through enhanced gender equitable market access and increased agricultural production and off farm and non-farm livelihood opportunities

Implementers:

MERCY CORPS and Active Youth Agency (AYA)

Geographic location:

Unity State in Koch County, and Western Equatoria state in Mundri East and Mundri West Counties, South Sudan

Budget:

3,500,000 USD: From SDC 2,800,000, AFD 500,000 Euros and private donations

Timeline:

24 MONTH (December 1, 2020, to November 3, 2022) No cost for two months



Overview of STREAM cont'd

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MSD in crisis-Facilitation ACTORS: Agricultural and non-farm ecosystem - farmers associations, cooperatives, self help groups, mobile radio stations, financial institutions, input suppliers & output buyers, government, and other key market stakeholders to build or strengthen their relationships that are positive, codependent and mutualistic

PRINCIPLES

Localisation

Adaptive

Inclusivity-Gender (Equity, Equality, Women and Youth

Management

Matching grants/Subsidies, Cash and voucher.

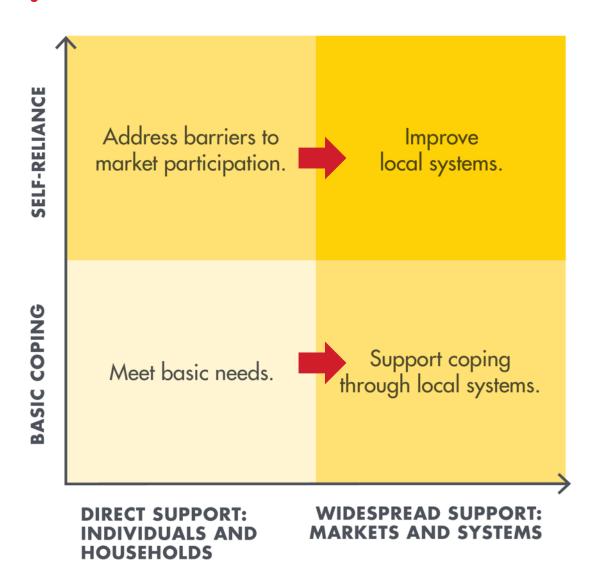
Push/Pull Resilience

- 1. Smallholder farmers practicing rain fed agriculture
- . Micro Entrepreneurs in sectors such as honey and shea butter (lulu)

TARGET GROUPS

- 1. Women, especially female headed households (2)
- 1. Youth (18 30 years of age)
- 1. Private sector actors
- 1. Chronically poor rural households and those with a role in Market recovery

Market Systems in Crisis





STREAM Interventions & Approaches

PRODUCER ORGANIZATION VIABILITY

MARKET ACTORS LAST-MILE SERVICE **PAYAM-LEVEL ENTERPRISE PRODUCERS GROUPS PROVIDERS NATIONAL LOCAL** DOSH **Input Providers PCGs PFs** Tillage svs Providers **PGs** EASEED
Africa's Best Local associations **EWs** SHGPs HLGs SHGs Youth processing groups Eden Commercial Bank Plc LFs Others* Aggregators Buyers Relevant Government Agencies, such as MAFS

Cross-cutting themes:

GENDER | INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT | SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CHANGE | RESILIENCE



MARKET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Producer groups/Cooperatives

- Built capacities of 44 producer groups with 34 linked to 7 cooperatives.
- Built capacities of 11 working with 71 lead farmers to train farmer groups.
- Provided oxen for ox-tillage service provision to formed 34 producer groups.
- Supported coops with 5 handheld tractors
- Piloted cost share of 70-30 % payment for inputs through the 7 cooperatives.
- The linked Coops this year purchased inputs worth 5,000 USD from input dealers





Lulu (Shea nut) & Honey Coops

- Through the Lulu Coop. trained 220 women in shea nut processing.
- Supported with capital grant to purchase shea nuts from gatherers.
- Supported with processing machine and capital to produce soap, mosquito repellent, oils by Dec made total sales of.

- Through a honey company, Hagana trained 655 honey producers.
- Provided critical honey equipment to producers.
- Through the network, bought 2,325 kgs of honey during the program and bought 2,875 kgs after end of program.



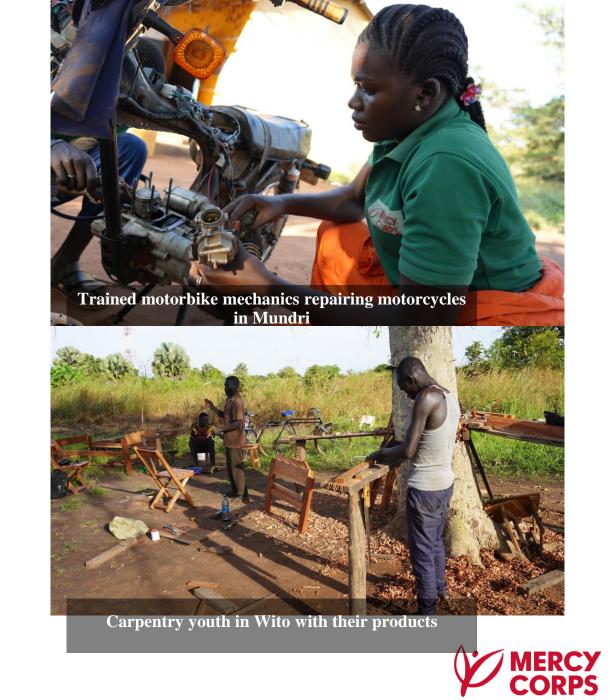
Shea nut processing coop displaying their products



Honey processing group training

Youth apprenticeship training

- Through apprenticeship identified 26 facilitators
- 232 graduate in carpentry, tailoring, motorbike mechanics, bakery, saloon to offer services
- Formed 6 black smiths' groups, produce silos, boxes, stoves etc.
- Earned total of 1,700,250
- Now offering similar trainings to other youths in their workshops



Processing equipment

- Facilitated self employment of 82 youth in agro-processing businesses
- Business including cassava chipping, transport (Rack shack/Tuk-tuk), dry grinding mills, maize threshers, g-nut paste making
- Earned total of 1,364,775
- The supported youth reached 4,202 HHs on cost recovery service provision

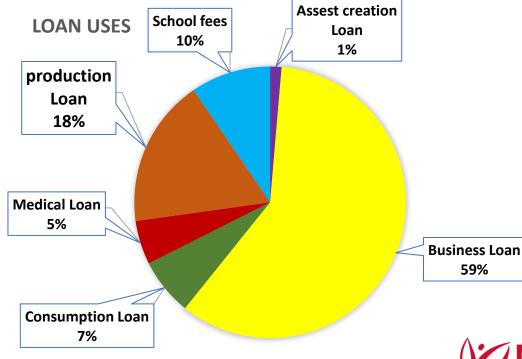




Self Help Groups (SHG)

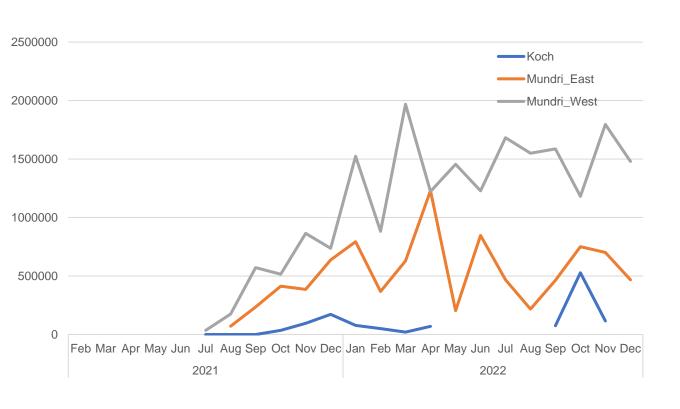
- Formed 61 SHG groups.
- saved a total of 20,874,170 SSP (\$27,832)
- Borrowed 30,593,075 SSP (\$40,790)
- Loan viability of 69%
- Groups continued to save past the program timeline.

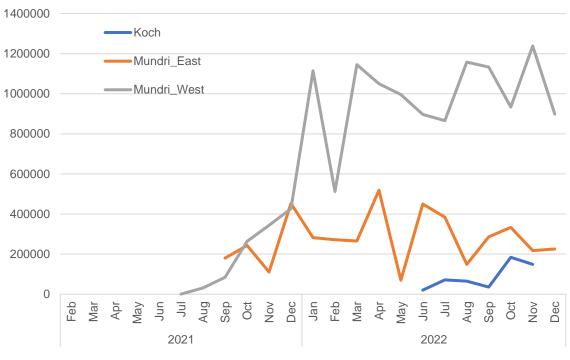




Loan uptake by county

Loan Repayments by county





Thank you

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