



Break Tea

- Tour de Table (30 min)

## REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Both co-chairs were absent with apologies. Emmanuel Emorut Ekakoro of UNHCR chaired the meeting.</li><li>○ Nominations for the Ashden Award is out and members were encouraged to submit nominations for their work in energy access.</li><li>○ Mercy Corps sourced additional funding of \$10,000 (through the BRIDGE program) to support an additional innovation in the Bidibidi settlement as part of the AMPERE project component being implemented by Response Innovation Lab. NRC requested for the concept notes of the innovations to be shared.</li><li>○ Discussion on election of Co-Chairs and Secretariat was deferred.</li></ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

## REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Some members are still not on the WhatsApp platform.</li><li>○ The presentation by RGF is being made today. The link to the CARE request for proposals has also been shared.</li><li>○ No update on the visit to Coca Cola as Ranya was not around.</li><li>○ Some members especially LWF raised financial constraints regarding raising seedlings for 2020 as PPAs for 2020 are yet to be signed and it's the raining season (good time for raising the seeds).</li><li>○ Members raised the issue of lack of coordination between the field teams and the Working Group, resulting in lack of information flow from the field teams of some of the member organizations.</li><li>○ It was decided that, member organizations should coordinate effectively with their field teams on operation issues and reserve the Working Group for strategic discussions and decision making.</li><li>○ Update on tools by NFA for tracking tree survival rate<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Emmanuel Ekakoro mentioned a field mission was undertaken to Moyo to test the tool. The feedback collected during testing was incorporated into refining the tool which is currently being rolled out.</li><li>○ Training of partners on the tool is on-going.</li></ul></li><li>○ Update on the Response Plan – no update available since co-chairs were absent.</li><li>○ The chair mentioned the need for members to submit their Good Practices using the template shared by Ranya promptly.</li><li>○ A member mentioned that it is ideal for those responsible for action items to be consulted prior to meetings for their feedback on those action points. So that they will be updated even if they may not be participating in the meeting.</li></ul>		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The link for the WhatsApp should be shared to members	Sarah Basemera	
Check with Ranya on the status of communication with Coca Cola. If required, write to Coca Cola for permission to visit the plastic recycling facility.	Sarah Basemera	
Clarification of funding availability for seedlings to be clarified at next meeting.	Emmanuel Ekakoro	
Provide update on the Response Plan at next meeting	Ranya	
Organizations have been encouraged to submit their Good Practices guide promptly	All to note	

## DISCUSSION

### **Presentation from the Host – Mercy Corps**

- Mercy Corps Uganda currently implements 3 energy grants. The Access to Modern Energy in Humanitarian Settings Pilot project funded by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), the Strengthening Access of Refugees to Renewable Energy (STARRE) project funded by the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace and the EEMRG program (Energy in Emergencies: Reducing Risks of Gender-based Violence), a two-year program funded by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration. The EEMRG Program developed a global report, supported by case studies from [Uganda](#) and [Jordan](#) to shape the thought and practice of Energy, Gender and GBV in Emergencies. A training is scheduled for partners in Uganda in the first quarter of 2020.
- The STARRE and AMPERE projects seek to catalyze the market for PAYG products in Bidibidi settlements under a sustainably functioning market systems.
- To underpin the intervention strategy, Mercy Corps conducted the Bidibidi Solar Market Assessment Study with funding from the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth. The report can be assessed here - [Paying for Darkness](#)
- Based on the Bibibidi Energy Market Assessment Study, Mercy Corps issued a Request for Expression of Interest in July 2019 for private sector solar manufacturers/distributors to implement a PAYG solar home system model in Bidibidi. Five solar companies expressed interest, out of which two were selected: Village Power Uganda Ltd and d.light Design Uganda Ltd.
- Using a results-based subsidy mechanism, a staggered subsidy is being offered, starting from 60% to gauge the ability to pay and credit worthiness of refugees and host companies. Marketing activities will start in the third week of November 2019.
- The Response Innovation Lab of Save the Children and SNV implements the Pilot Innovation Grants and the Research and Learning components of AMPERE.
- Mercy Corps has requested for 20 minutes to give a presentation on the solar market assessment in the next meeting.

### **Raising Gabdho Foundation – presented by Sarah Basemera**

- RGF presented their pilot project **Engaging Communities Across The Value Chain Of Briquette Production** funded under the Innovation Grants under the AMPERE project. Pilot will take place in the Bidibidi settlements.
- The proposed solution include - Community sensitization campaign in five zones, Improving the kiosk to have a solar panel, phone charging and local coffee shop, Constructing a large carbonizer, Conducting a survey a cross 200 HH.

### Save the Children – presented by Amasio Dinah Mercy

- SCI presented their EU Trust Fund funded project FMNR in Kiryandongo. The overall objective for the Livelihoods component is to improve Livelihoods through better food and nutrition security in the settlement and host community and a stronger business.
- The project targets farmer groups and government agencies with inputs and training. Farm inputs include Maize, Simsim, Beans, Cassava cuttings, Potato veins, assorted vegetable seeds. So far 102 farmer groups each from both host and refugee communities have been reached, with 2,659 and 2,441 people benefiting from host and settlement communities respectively.
- Key components of the Livelihood component include
  - **Competitive support to HH HH level IGA (on and off farm) – on-farm support** include piggery, vegetables, goats rearing, poultry, oxen, cassava growing, Simsim, passion fruit, g.nuts, soya beans, pineapples, water melon, tree nursery, dairy production. **Off-farm support** include apiary, bedsheet making, tailoring, grinding mills, threshing, tri-cycle, pest milling, bakery, handcrafts, saloon, juice making, blacksmith.
  - **Increase in HH income activities** through VSLAs and producer associations
  - **Innovative practices for improved livelihood on-and off the farm** through learning sites, improved post-handling practices, sack mould gardens, use of soil to control Fall Army worms
  - **Establishing community led climate smart environmental protection activities** through energy stoves, safe use of agrochemicals, agroforestry, mulched vegetable gardens.

### Other new concepts

- **Africa Clean Energy** - African Clean Energy (“ACE”) is an international social enterprise. Their flagship product, the ACE 1, is a hybrid solar/thermal energy system that significantly benefits health, energy and the environment. They have sold 55,000 of the ACE 1 cookstoves, primarily to households living on less than \$2/day using pay as you go. In order to facilitate access to the ACE 1’s numerous human and environmental benefits, the plan is to design alternative forms of payment for the deposit price (230,000 UGX). Under the Services for Stoves model, refugees and host community members will be able to perform services that address the shared goals of people living in the settlements and organizations working to help them, particularly those with an environmental focus. ACE’s pilot, the Landscape Restoration Project, will test this model by working with partners and local forestry experts to bring the Services for Stoves concept at first on a small scale in order to begin immediately.
- **The UHD and VAC Solar Community Solar Hub Project** – Using a PAYG model, the company designs a Community solar system with the following components:
  - Solar Charging Hub - Battery packs are centrally charged and locked by a software
  - Agents - Battery packs are collected from the Hub & delivered by agents to communities. They are unlocked after payment.
  - Homes - The battery pack powers lights, phones, tablets, fans, and other small devices.
- **The LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION (LWF) SAVE PROJECT (LAMWO, KITGUM, PADER, AGAGO DISTRICTS)**
  - The project seeks to contribute to the development of green jobs for women and youth along the shea nut value chain (SNVC) and Apiary in Northern Uganda.
  - **Project components include:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collective Bulking of shea nut kernels for value addition at MSEs and EEAs (E.g. Latanya – Pader)</li> <li>▪ Value Addition at EEAs E.g. sorting &amp; grading shea nut kernels, processing into shea butter and oil. Shea Extraction Machine Installed at Puranga EEAs; Honey Processing Equipment at Palabek EEA – Lamwo.</li> <li>▪ Product Diversification: EEAs guided to make soaps, creams and lotions from shea butter.</li> <li>▪ EEAs marketing shea butter &amp; Honey Products</li> <li>▪ Hands-on shea tree regeneration practices through raising seedlings, planting and grafting to reduce fruiting time-supported by NgeZARDI.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Key challenges include</b> the prolonged dry-spell that extended through May 2019 resulted in low vegetative growth, low fruiting, and limited bulking and propagation activities and difficulty in getting stainless steel shea extraction machines.</li> </ul>		
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Mercy Corps to present findings of the Bidibid Solar Market Assessment Study	Mercy Corps	13 December
Presentations by partners to be shared	Emmanuel Ekakoro/Ranya	

#### FEEDBACK ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY DASHBOARD

DISCUSSION		
○ Shared quarterly based on the partner reporting		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Partners to submit request for trainings to UNHCR	All to note	
Organizations should submit their requests for training as well as expedite reporting	All to note	

#### TOUR DE TABLE

DISCUSSION		
<b>DRC</b>	- Entered into a partnership with ICRAF to implement the R3 (Resource, Re-use and Recycle) project in Rhino	
<b>GIZ</b>	- Undertaking data collection in 6 settlements to analyse market systems for energy needs and challenges. Report of survey expected by end of 2019. - They have developed various energy data collection tools that can be shared with partners interested in similar surveys.	
<b>RGF</b>	- Concluding the Urban Refugee project which has established LPG refill points managed by refugees. - There is some available budget for SGBV. Partners interested in this should get in touch.	
<b>UNHCR</b>	- Next meeting December - to be hosted at RGF	
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- Next Meeting – December 11<sup>th</sup> @ Raising Gabdho Foundation