

**RSSAF**  
**FIRST PROGRESS REPORT**

**Name of organization:** United Vision

**Title of project:** Snail Domestication for Victims of Early and Forced Marriages

**Grant amount:** £1390

**Date of Award:** July 2012

**Date of Report:** August 30, 2012

**Goal of project**

To enable victims of early and forced marriages gain hands-on skills in all aspects of snail domestication, processing and marketing.

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**UV RESOURCE PERSONS EXPLAIN ELECTION RULES IN ESHOBI VILLAGE**



**Components of the project implemented during this reporting period:**

In line with our implementation schedule as modified<sup>1</sup> and presented below, we successfully implemented all activities earmarked for the

period. These include project components directly funded by RSSAF and those financed by United Vision.

**Modified implementation plan**

Activities	2012						2013					
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Mobilizing, sensitizing and organizing direct beneficiaries												
Site Selection and land preparation												
Pen/hatcheries Construction												
Stock farm with 'seed' snails												
On-farm training of target group representatives												
Provision of startup support												
Reporting												
Process facilitation (Follow-ups, monitoring and, evaluation)												

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During the month of July, we worked in three enclaved village communities (Eshobi, Eyang and Berore). These villages were selected because they are at least accessible by motorbike. Since the past year we have been working on HIV/AIDS with victims of early and forced marriages in these communities, but we work with them as individuals. Since this new initiative demands that we work with groups rather than individuals, we created three groups in the three villages as follows:

- Eshobi village      67 members
- Eyang village      58 members
- Berore village     62 members
- Total                187 direct beneficiaries

After group formation, we supervised the election of 5 group leaders each, and gave them the responsibility to decide where, among the three communities, the snail domestication facility would be located. After consultations, the 15 group leaders chose Eshobi village and United Vision negotiated with traditional leaders in that village and obtained a piece of accessible forested land for the facility. By the end of the month of July the land had been prepared. The construction of snail pens and hatcheries began at the start of August and is on-going. According to the plan, construction of growing pens and hatcheries will be completed at the end of September.

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<sup>i</sup> At the end of the mobilization and sensitization phase we held a one day workshop with our prospective beneficiaries. The purpose was to subdivide them into user groups as well as present the implementation schedule to them. At the end of the participatory process, some significant modifications were done on the schedule. The modifications were necessary for two reasons. The first was to render the implementation process more workable in line with the project logic. This entailed clearly showing activities funded by RSSAF and those financed with own funds. The second was to highlight (and cause the implementation team and our beneficiaries to internalize) the reporting schedule that was conveyed to us by RSSAF.