**RE: PROGRESS REPORT ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN THE HOPE FOR ENVIRONMENT.**

The annual progressive report as per 30 December 2018, it is indicating the activities, achievement, challenges and recommendations.

Activities:

1. The organization trained 40 female girls in tailoring and knitting to support girl child education.
2. Trained 30 women members of the organization in Village savings and loans methodology to support women economic empowerment (micro finance for the poor that works)
3. Training the members of the organization in energy saving stoves and planting of trees on the boundary of the land.
4. Conducting meetings of members and the community to stop poaching and collecting fire wood from the national park.
5. Sensitizing the community on environmental pollution and recycling o the non-decomposable materials.

**Achievements:**

10 female girls have completed the tailoring training and 5 female girls have completed knitting skills course and have warded certificates.

25 girls are still undergoing training tailoring and knitting that will be completing in October 2019.

60 household have reached in the construction of energy saving stoves and 30 have been trained on how to construct the stoves.

We were able to mobilize 150 trees from Mitooma district local government and we were able to distribute them to the members for planting to stop going in the national park to collect fire wood.

500 people both male and females have sensitized on anti-poaching and collecting fire wood from the national park.

**Challenges faced in implementing the project:**

Some of the female girls in the vocational training can’t afford the local contribution since they are orphans, some come from very poor families hence end up dropping out.

The organization is still growing and doesn’t have funds to facilitate other organization activities and it does not have full time staff, it is still using volunteers.

In knitting course, we have few knitting machines compared to the number of students we have and most machines don’t have spare needles.

We have also faced challenges of resistance from poachers and many people have died in the national park due to wild animals killing them or game rangers shouting them.

**Recommendations:**

We request Workaid for more tools more especially industrial tools in both tailoring, knitting typing and mechanics for advanced practical participation to meet the advanced industrial market and employment.

We also request for more training materials and spare parts such that we can maintain our equipment’s without any difficulties and the old ones that we already have.

We request government to follow up on poaching and other development partners to support the community members with other alternative source of income than depending on the national park.

Support the growing of more trees for environmental conservation and construction of more energy saving stoves in the households.

Come up with program to prevent plastic based pollution in the community and begin training the community and youth recycling of the plastics.

Look for partnerships with different donors all over the global to support the community based programs environmental conservation and gender equality.