

GROUP INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Field Visit and Progress Report

This is a companion document to <u>A Guide to CARE's VSLA in</u>

<u>Emergencies</u>, and a sub-tool of the <u>VSLAiE Group Investment</u>

<u>Activity Standard Operating Procedure</u>.

Use this tool during routine field visits to review management and finances, detect and plan to mitigate problems, in each VSLAiE's group investment activity.

VSLAiE Group Investment Field Visit and Progress Report

	Date of Visit: Field Officer Name:
<u>01</u>	General Information
	Group Name:
	Group Location:
	Date of Group Formation:
	Number of Members Present:
	Business Type:
<u> </u>	Group Investment Activity Status
	BUSINESS OPERATIONS:
	Is the business currently operating? Yes No If no, explain the reasons:
	BUSINESS PERFORMANCE:
	What is the main product/service offered by the group?
	What are the group's sales for the past month?
	Are there any challenges related to sales (e.g., low demand, competition)?



	INVENTORY/STOCK MANAGEMENT:
	Does the group have sufficient inventory? Yes No If no, what is missing?
	Are there problems with suppliers or stock management?
<u>03</u>	Financial Status
	PROFIT AND LOSS: What is the group's total income over the past two months?
	What are the total expenses over the past two months?
	Is the business profitable? Yes No
	If not profitable, what are the reasons?
	PROFIT ALLOCATION:
	Has the group transferred profits to the VSLAiE cash box? Yes No
	How much profit has been transferred in the past two months?
	Has the group reinvested profits to investment activity? Yes No
	How much profit has been reinvested in the past two months?
	LOAN FUND STATUS:
	Current total in the VSLAiE cash box:
	How many members have taken loans in the past two months?



Are loan repayments being made on time?

No

Yes

<u>04</u> Group Investment Activity Challenges and Solutions

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CHALLENGES:
Are there any operational challenges (e.g., equipment breakdown, staff problems)?
Are there any financial challenges (e.g., insufficient capital, high expenses)?
Are there any market-related challenges (e.g., low demand, high competition)?
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SOLUTIONS DISCUSSED:
What solutions were discussed with the group?
What solutions were discussed with the group:
What steps will the group take to address the challenges?



05 Training and Support Needs

BUSINESS TRAINING:

Does the group need additional business training?	Yes	No	
If yes, specify the training topics (e.g., sales, marketing,	inventory	manageme	nt):

FINANCIAL LITERACY:

Does the group need more basic financial training? Yes No If yes, specify the areas of need (e.g., budgeting, profit management):

OTHER SUPPORT:

Does the group need any other type of support (e.g., equipment, mentorship, market linkages)?

06 Sharia Compliance (if applicable)

Is the grou	p ensuring Sharia compliance in its business operations (e.g	., no intere	st on loans	s)'
Yes	No			
Is the group following Musharaka or Mudaraba principles correctly?			No	
Any conce	rns or non-compliance noted?			

06 Action Items and Next Steps

GROUP'S AGREED ACTION ITEMS:

List the agreed actions the group will take before the next field visit:			
1			
2.			



	FIELD OFFICER SUPPORT: What support will the Field Officer provide before the next visit?			
	1			
	2			
<u>08</u>	Summary of Visit			
	GENERAL IMPRESSION:			
	Overall progress of the group investment activity (e.g., thriving, needs improvement):			
	Key successes observed:			
	Key challenges needing urgent attention:			
<u>09</u>	Next Field Visit			
	Proposed date for the next visit:			
	Any special follow-up needed before the next visit? Yes No If yes, specify:			
	Evaluator Signature: Date:			

