WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE

WOMEN’S FARMERS CLUBS

• Women Farmers Clubs since 2012, currently 4000 members
• Access to training, water, inputs, markets, capital
• 100% increase in modern farming techniques
• 200% increase in vegetable production
• Satisfaction and self confidence of women showed a general trend upwards from 2016 to 2020.
• Working with EMF WEE indicators since 2015
Key experiences

• Long term commitment allows M&E processes to be fully adopted by national and local staff.
• Data is collected by well trained local staff who can support participants to get quality data.
• Low tech methods (so far) have kept focus on data rather than on technology.
• Collecting data on satisfaction and self confidence has added new dimension to M&E.
• Simple system compared to previous.
Our Process

- Data collection team consists of project staff and local trainee teachers
- Training session annually to ensure enumerators:
  - fully understand all questions and can explain them in local languages
  - know how to assist respondents in answering certain questions, for example, how much they produce or how much they earn
  - Know how to fill in the questionnaire (on paper)
- Digitalization, analysis, reporting done at national level
- Reports fed back to Women Farmers’ Club staff, used in planning sessions
Wider Application

• ADPP is utilizing the approach in the *Support to Angolan Women Farmers* project, an alliance between USAID, ExxonMobil, Eni, and Grupo Simples. Technical support from the ExxonMobil Foundation in monitoring and evaluation forms part of the leveraged financing.

• ADPP has applied the approach to other projects aimed at promoting economic empowerment of women or rural communities in general.

• ADPP carries out advocacy with relevant government of Angola ministries and other partners.
Next Steps

- Transition to digital collection of data tailored to local conditions
- More timely access to data for project staff
- Present results to project participants
What I am most proud of is the zinc sheeting I managed to buy for my house. I am a widow and living in a grass house is synonymous with dependency. Whenever I needed grass to repair the roof I had to depend on other people or pay someone to cut the grass for me. Today, with my house covered in zinc sheets, I do not need to spend money on these things anymore.