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**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:**

To document and codify the model of the Mobile Livelihood Project to be able to replicate it in other vulnerable communities.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- To document how the project started, the current practices, operating procedures and lessons learned.
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**METHODOLOGY**

| Unstructured & Semi-Structured Interview (12) |
| Focus Group Interview (5) |
| Participatory Observation & Videography |
| Verification & Validation (9) |

**RESULTS**

The results are presented by themes lined with the four goals of the Mobile Livelihood Project and subthemes as found in the SOP:

**Goal: Capacity Building.**

Subtheme: Equipment Operation and Maintenance

"Unrealistic expectations, and the employees were overly-incentivized to work fast, which jeopardized the quality of the product and their handling of the equipment."

**Goal: Employment.**

Subtheme: Administration: Human Resources, Management

"Assumed employees had developed all the basic skills and thought it would be an easy transition to a new process. However, that was not the case. They noticed after a couple of training sessions that some of the employee’s struggled, especially using scissors."

**Goal: Vulnerable Communities.**

Subtheme: Risk, Safety and Conflict Management

“One of the risk factors involved with that however, is stockpiling goods in a vulnerable community... like outside theft and internal theft...somebody coming in and saying: hey there’s a big sign on this thing, there must be money here.”

**Goal: Expansion of the Social Enterprise.**

Subtheme: Infrastructure

“The lack of financial services near the refugee camp made it difficult for payroll. RG initially intended to provide bi-weekly checks for the participants."

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