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MONTHLY REPORT

ICFESW NORTH WEST REGIONAL COORDINATION

Reporting Period: July 2026

1, Introduction

During the month of **July 2026**, the ICFESW North West Regional Coordination focused on consolidating the outcomes of the Baseline Diagnostic Data Collection Exercise while strengthening institutional coordination, volunteer management, programme planning, and administrative systems. The reporting period was characterized by continuous efforts to improve organizational performance through evaluation of completed activities, strategic planning for programme implementation, enhanced collaboration with government institutions, promotion of volunteer accountability, and advocacy for the logistical resources required to effectively implement the Integrated Programme.

2 , Activities Undertaken

Following the successful completion of the Baseline Diagnostic Data Collection Exercise, the Regional Coordination organized a comprehensive post-field evaluation meeting to assess the implementation process, review volunteer performance, identify operational challenges, and document lessons learned. Volunteers were recognized for their commitment, resilience, and professionalism throughout the exercise despite operating under challenging field conditions. Practical experiences shared during the evaluation highlighted the importance of thorough preparation, effective interview planning, maintaining professional engagement with respondents, and adopting alternative data collection methods in areas experiencing poor internet connectivity. The evaluation also identified challenges relating to unstable internet access, system interruptions, language barriers, insecurity in some communities, and limited implementation time, resulting in recommendations aimed at strengthening technical support, volunteer capacity building, operational planning, and future field implementation.

As part of strengthening the strategic direction of the organization, the Regional Coordination participated in a coordination meeting with the ICFESW Vice President, during which important updates were provided regarding the progress of the Integrated Programme. Volunteers were informed that programme implementation remains subject to donor funding while existing volunteer support mechanisms would continue until project commencement. The meeting further emphasized increasing the organization's visibility through active participation in community and government activities, strengthening partnerships with public institutions, and promoting innovative income-generating initiatives capable of improving the long-term sustainability of regional offices. Institutional collaborations with government ministries were also discussed as key opportunities for expanding organizational impact and supporting future programme implementation.

Building on these strategic engagements, the Regional Office continued consolidating preparations for programme implementation by reviewing the outcomes of the baseline evaluation and confirming the successful completion of all preparatory planning activities. Discussions focused on developing sustainable income-generating initiatives to support organizational self-reliance, resulting in the selection of bar soap production as the office's pilot project. Internal management measures were equally reinforced through improved volunteer attendance, accountability, teamwork, office maintenance, and professional conduct. To promote a cleaner and more conducive working environment, the office approved the engagement of a part-time cleaner whose remuneration would be supported through volunteer contributions. The coordination concluded that the office remained fully prepared to commence programme implementation immediately upon approval of funding by the Executive Board.

Institutional engagement remained a major priority throughout the reporting period. The Regional Coordination submitted official correspondence to the Regional Delegation of MINSANTE to formally communicate ICFESW's operational presence in the North West Region and express the organization's interest in participating in the cholera sensitisation campaign in north west . Administrative follow-up also continued with MINEFOP through the organization and submission of institutional documentation in accordance with prescribed administrative procedures to facilitate official recognition and strengthen collaboration with government institutions relating to the JEME program. A total of 103 names of vulnerable youths was summitted for training, 32 for employment and 5 projects.This made a total of 140 names summitted finally .

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Volunteer management activities continued throughout the month with regular coordination meetings emphasizing punctuality, adherence to assigned responsibilities, accountability, proper use of office facilities, teamwork, and professionalism. Individual mentoring sessions were also conducted to support volunteers requiring additional guidance, strengthen commitment to organizational objectives, and encourage active participation in office activities. These engagements contributed to improving staff morale, reinforcing teamwork, and sustaining effective coordination across the Regional Office.

The Regional Coordination also continued advocating for improved operational capacity through formal communication with the organizational leadership regarding the inadequate logistical condition of the North West Office. Requests were submitted for essential office equipment, including computers, printers, office furniture, internet connectivity, and stationery required to facilitate routine administrative work, complete qualitative matrices, and finalize reports arising from the Baseline Diagnostic Data Collection Exercise. Despite these constraints, the office maintained effective coordination and continued implementing its planned administrative responsibilities.

3 , Challenges

The implementation of activities during the reporting period was affected by several operational challenges, including unstable internet connectivity, software interruptions during data collection, language barriers encountered in some survey tools, insecurity in certain communities, and limited implementation time. In addition, inadequate office logistics, including the absence of essential equipment and reliable internet services, continued to constrain administrative efficiency and reporting activities. Nevertheless, staff and volunteers remained committed to delivering planned activities by adopting practical solutions that ensured continuity of operations.

4 , Recommendations

Recommendations were made and included amongst others :assigning future task quite ahead ahead of time to avoid rushing ,provision of the above mentioned office equipments and with urgency on the printer as printing cost is very expensive here in North West.

5 , Conclusion

The month of **July 2026** represented a significant period of institutional consolidation and operational preparedness for the ICFESW North West Regional Coordination. The successful evaluation of the Baseline Diagnostic Data Collection Exercise, strengthened strategic coordination, completion of programme planning activities, enhanced volunteer supervision, expanded institutional engagement, and continued advocacy for improved logistical support collectively positioned the Regional Office for effective implementation of the Integrated Programme. Despite existing operational challenges, the dedication, professionalism, and teamwork demonstrated by staff and volunteers reaffirmed the organization's commitment to evidence-based programming, accountability, quality service delivery, and sustainable community development. In all ICFESW North West mission volunteers remain very greatful for the opportunity given them to be a part of this wonderful association .

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