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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AMELP	Activity Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Plan
CBO	Community-based organization
CLA	Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
Demo	Demonstration
GAP	Good Agronomic Practices
GBV	Gender-Based violence
IR	Intermediate Result
MSME	Micro Small and Medium Enterprises
SBC	Social and Behavior Change
VSLA	Village Savings and Loan Association

I.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The first year of operation marked a significant milestone for Grassroot Agency for Resilience and Development (GARD). The organization successfully completed its formal registration process, established governance and administrative systems, opened its operational office in Busia Sub-County, built strategic partnerships, and launched community development interventions aimed at improving livelihoods, nutrition, and financial resilience.

Key accomplishments included the formation and strengthening of vegetable producer groups, implementation of community cooking demonstrations to improve household nutrition, and establishment of Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) to promote financial inclusion and economic empowerment.

These achievements have laid a strong foundation for GARD's vision of building resilient and self-reliant communities.

2.0 ABOUT GRASSROOT AGENCY FOR RESILIENCE & DEVELOPMENT (GARD)

Vision

Resilient, empowered, and self-reliant communities capable of achieving sustainable development.

Mission

To strengthen community resilience through sustainable livelihoods, nutrition improvement, financial inclusion, and community-led development initiatives.

Core Values

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Community Participation
- Inclusiveness
- Innovation
- Sustainability

3.0 MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Year One was a transformative journey for GARD. From a vision conceived to address community vulnerabilities, we have developed into a registered organization with operational structures and active community programs.

We extend our sincere appreciation to community members, local leaders, government departments, development partners, volunteers, and supporters who believed in our mission. Together, we have taken meaningful steps toward building stronger and more resilient communities.

The lessons and successes of this first year provide a strong foundation for future growth and impact. As we commence our journey in Busia County, we look forward for the partnership of all well-wishers to drive grassroots resilience forward than ever before and we are all WELCOME

4.0 ORGANIZATION START-UP AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building the Institutional Foundation

The first year of GARD's existence was dedicated to establishing the organization as a credible, legally recognized, and community-focused institution capable of delivering sustainable development interventions. A key priority during the reporting period was the formalization of the organization through compliance with Kenya's regulatory requirements governing public benefit organizations.

In pursuit of this objective, GARD successfully completed the necessary registration processes and established the foundational governance, administrative, and operational structures required to guide its work. This marked the organization's transition from a community driven initiative to a formally recognized development organization with the mandate to mobilize resources, engage stakeholders, and implement community resilience and development programs.

Legal Registration and Compliance

Started in 2023 and registered under the Kenya public benefits organization act in 2024 to support grassroots effort specifically to women, youth and communities to stand against shocks that limit access to food security and general development. GARD was inspired by the practical cry of the women, youth, children at grassroots level within a typical village that had no any university graduate by 2001 and daily food on the table still guaranteed on daily basis by 2023.

To achieve this ambitious goal, GARD employs a “resilience pathways” approach to improve the

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Geographic Focus

1. Busia County
2. Western Kenya
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effectiveness of local systems; strengthen the capacities of community groups to achieve gender responsive and diversified market-sensitive agriculture production; facilitate increased production of diverse nutritious foods by strengthening productivity, reducing food loss, improving nutrition behaviors; and strengthen and expand household and community opportunities for sustainable, locally driven livelihoods. GARD seeks to transition communities from food insecurity to inclusive development assistance and economic growth.

Governance and Institutional Structures

Recognizing that strong governance is critical to organizational sustainability, GARD established its foundational governance structures during its first year of operation.

The organization constituted a Board of Directors to provide strategic direction, policy oversight, and accountability. The Board was entrusted with guiding the organization's vision, ensuring compliance with applicable regulations, and safeguarding the interests of beneficiaries and stakeholders.

An operational management structure was also established to oversee the day-to-day implementation of programs, coordination of partnerships, and management of organizational resources. These structures were complemented by the development of administrative and financial management procedures designed to ensure effective internal controls and sound organizational stewardship.

Development of Organizational Systems and Policies

To strengthen institutional effectiveness and promote good governance, GARD initiated the development and adoption of key operational policies and procedures. These systems were designed to provide clear guidance for organizational management, financial accountability, procurement processes, human resource administration, and safeguarding practices.

The establishment of these foundational systems has enhanced organizational readiness for growth, strengthened stakeholder confidence, and positioned GARD to effectively manage future partnerships and funding opportunities.

Establishment of the Busia County Office

One of the major achievements of the reporting period was the establishment and operationalization of GARD's first office in Samia Sub-County. The office serves as the organization's primary coordination hub and provides a visible presence within the communities it serves.

The establishment of the office improved accessibility for beneficiaries, facilitated engagement with community groups and local leaders, and provided the infrastructure necessary for effective program implementation and stakeholder coordination.

The office has since become a focal point for community mobilization, training activities, partnership engagement, and organizational administration.



Figure 1-“GARD is dreaming prayerful. This is going to be a journey of faith until our households and families are food secure” Mama Abby-Tumaini women group chair within GARD office compound

Significance of the Foundation Year

The successful completion of the registration process and establishment of institutional systems represented a significant milestone in GARD's development journey. These achievements created the enabling environment necessary for the organization to begin implementing programs aimed at improving livelihoods, nutrition, financial inclusion, and community resilience.

The strong institutional foundation established during Year One not only enabled the launch of the organization's first interventions in vegetable production, cooking demonstrations, and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), but also positioned GARD for future growth, sustainability, and greater impact in the communities it serves.

As GARD looks toward the future, the organization remains committed to strengthening its governance systems, deepening stakeholder partnerships, and expanding evidence-based interventions that contribute to resilient and prosperous communities.

5.0 PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Building Strategic Partnerships for Sustainable Impact

Recognizing that sustainable community transformation cannot be achieved in isolation, GARD prioritized the establishment of strategic partnerships and collaborative relationships during its inaugural year. The organization actively engaged government institutions, development partners, private sector actors, community leadership structures, and grassroots groups to create a strong foundation for collective action and long-term impact.

These partnerships enabled GARD to strengthen its institutional credibility, increase community acceptance, leverage technical expertise, and mobilize resources necessary for the implementation of its early interventions.

Community Mobilization and Group Formation

A key focus during the reporting period was community mobilization and the formation of organized community groups as vehicles for participation, ownership, and sustainability. Through extensive engagement with local leaders and community members, GARD facilitated the formation and strengthening of community-based groups that would serve as platforms for agricultural development, nutrition promotion, financial inclusion, and community resilience initiatives.

The group formation process empowered community members to collectively identify challenges, prioritize solutions, and participate actively in development activities. By fostering social cohesion and collective responsibility, these groups have become important drivers of local development and community self-reliance.



Figure 2-Faith Women Group receiving their GARD partnership group certificate

Collaboration with Government Departments

During its first year, GARD successfully established working relationships with key government departments at both county and sub-county levels. These partnerships were instrumental in ensuring alignment of GARD's interventions with local development priorities and government policies.

Through collaboration with relevant technical departments, the organization received guidance and support in areas such as:

- Agricultural extension and farmer capacity building.
- Community nutrition and health promotion.
- Community mobilization and social development.
- Livelihood strengthening initiatives.
- Monitoring and technical advisory services.

The partnership with government institutions enhanced the quality and credibility of program implementation while strengthening local ownership and sustainability of interventions.

Partnership with World Vision-Funyula Area Program

GARD successfully sought World Vision-Funyula Area Program as a strategic development partner during its foundational year. This relationship provided valuable opportunities for learning, networking, technical exchange, and coordination in community development programming.

The collaboration enabled GARD to benefit from shared experiences and best practices in community engagement, livelihoods improvement, nutrition programming, and resilience building. It also strengthened GARD's visibility within the broader development landscape and created avenues for future collaboration aimed at improving the well-being of vulnerable households and communities.

The relationship with World Vision-Funyula Area Program reflects GARD's commitment to working alongside experienced development actors to maximize impact and avoid duplication of efforts.

Partnership with AGMARK

GARD also established a productive partnership with AGMARK, a collaboration that has contributed to strengthening agricultural and livelihood initiatives within the targeted communities.

Through this partnership, GARD gained access to technical knowledge and support aimed at improving agricultural productivity, market-oriented farming practices, and the promotion of sustainable livelihood opportunities for smallholder farmers.

The collaboration has enhanced efforts to support vegetable producer groups by linking community-level initiatives with broader agricultural development opportunities and practical farming solutions.

Strengthening the Foundation for Growth

The partnerships established during Year One have significantly contributed to GARD's organizational growth and program effectiveness. Trust built with government agencies, development organizations, community groups, and private sector partners has enhanced the organization's ability to respond to community needs and deliver meaningful interventions.

These collaborative relationships have provided a strong platform upon which GARD will continue to expand its programming, mobilize resources, strengthen community resilience, and improve livelihoods in the years ahead.

Key Partnership Achievements

During the reporting period, GARD successfully:

- ✓ Mobilized and organized community groups to support grassroots development initiatives.
- ✓ Established collaborative relationships with key government departments.
- ✓ Developed a strategic partnership with World Vision-Funyula Area Program
- ✓ Initiated collaboration with AGMARK to advance agricultural development activities.
- ✓ Strengthened community participation and local ownership of interventions.

✓ Created a network of stakeholders committed to improving livelihoods, nutrition, and community resilience.

Through these partnerships, GARD has demonstrated its belief that sustainable development is best achieved through collaboration, shared learning, and collective action. The relationships established during the organization's first year have laid a strong foundation for future growth and increased impact across the communities it serves.

6.0 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS -2025

FY 2025 Summary of Results to Date

Table I: Progress on Indicators Achievements

	Indicators	Baseline FY 2025	Annual Target	Q1 FY 2025	Q2 FY 2025	Q3 FY 2025	Q4 FY 2025	FY 2025 Annual Performance	Deviation (%)	On Target for the Year Y/N
1	G., 1-2- Number of individuals participating in GARD food security program	0	300	10	60	100	150	320	+106%	Y
2	G.1.2 - Number of individuals in the agri-food system who have applied improved management practices or technologies with GARD facilitation	0	250	15	90	125	150	330	+107%	Y
3	G. 1.3-Number of land acres under improved management practices or technologies with GARD facilitation	0	10	2	2	3	2	9	-0.9%	N
4	G1.4 - Value of sales of producers by GARD households	0	80,000	10,000	20,000	30,000	40000	100,000	+125%	Y
6	G 1-5- Percent of female participants of GARD facilitated nutrition-sensitive agriculture activities	0	80%		70%			70%	-8.75%	N
7	G1.6 # of children benefiting from nutrition facilitated agriculture	0	420	80	140	100	160	480	+1.14	Y
8	G 1.7 Number of individuals participating in GARD assisted group-based savings, microfinance lending programs -VSLA	0	120	10	40	30	60	140	+1.16	Y
13	G 1 .8 Number of children under five (0-59 months) reached with nutrition-specific interventions through 'GARD supported initiative	0	420	120	80	100	60	360	-15%	Y
14	G1 -9 - Number of individuals receiving nutrition-related professional training through GARD supported services	0	240	20	80	80	80	260	+1.08	Y
19	G 1.10- Number of partnerships formed	0	6	1	1	1		9	+1.25	Y
21	G 1.11 - Number of households that have commenced small ruminants	0	50	15	10	10	25	60	+14	Y
22	G 1.12- Number of members involved in diversified in nutrition vegetables	0	240	80	200			280	+1.17	Y

Note: The "Deviation %" column depicts level of achievement expressed as a percentage of the targets, i.e. Actual versus the Annual Targets. Deviations justification for any over or under achievement above 10 percent is provided for in the DIS.

7.0 ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

7.1 Progress Narrative

A) Intermediate Result (IR) 1: Strengthen local systems and community groups capacities to sustain gender-responsive, diversified, and market-sensitive agriculture production.

In FY 2025, GARD successfully supported the agricultural livelihoods of 50 households across one sub-county in Busia District. This was achieved through the strategic distribution 1000 sachets of improved vegetables seeds (okra, cabbage, eggplant, kales, dodo/amaranth, jews mellow, tomatoes, onions, watermelon, pumpkin, and purslane), as well as initial agricultural - watering cans. **Table I** above is presents the indicator performance during FY2025.

Key achievements include:

- Increased Vegetable Production: Households cultivated approximately 10 acres of farmland, resulting in a total harvest of 500 kgs of assorted vegetables
- Enhanced Farmer Capacity: GARD trained 50 lead farmers to disseminate agricultural knowledge and enhance skills within their respective communities through provision of extension services.
- Established Demonstration Farms: GARD established 4 demonstration farms to provide practical training platforms and showcase innovative agricultural practices.
- Diversified Food Sources: Through GARD training families participating in GARD activities started keeping of small ruminants mainly traditional chicken with 2025 position at consolidated numbers of 400 across all the program participants , promoting alternative income sources and dietary diversity.

Therefore, GARD's efforts to strengthen local systems and community groups' capacities have yielded significant results in the first-year operations. By providing participating farmers with the necessary training, and seeds, GARD has empowered the initial households to improve their vegetable production thereby improving food security in Samia Sub-County



Figure 3-Ebwani Vegetable producers group in their demo farm

B) Intermediate Result (IR) 2: Increase availability of, access to, and utilization of diverse, safe, and affordable diets.

To address the nutritional needs of households, GARD prioritized nutrition-sensitive agriculture. Through the promotion of diversified agriculture, growing a range of crops, small ruminant and non-ruminant livestock, and providing nutrition awareness, GARD aimed to enhance dietary diversity at the household level. During FY 2054, GARD supported its program participants to access a variety of climate-resilient improved seed varieties,



Figure 4-Ebwani Vegetable producers group receiving varieties of vegetable seeds

CASE I: Mrs. Oliwa's Journey from minimal farming to already commenced journey farming Thriving Entrepreneur

Before joining the GARD program, Mrs. Oliwa was barely able to provide sufficient vegetables to her family daily needs, she relied on traditional vegetable farming methods that often-yielded meager results. However, with the training and support from GARD, Mrs. Oliwa's life and that of her family has been transformed to being lovers of vegetable in every meal

Mrs Oliwa's story is a testament to the power of knowledge and support from GARD. With the right tools and training, even in the most challenging circumstances, individuals can overcome adversity and build a better future for themselves and their communities.

C) Intermediate Result (IR) 3: Strengthen local level communication to dissemination farming information and knowledge as the foundation

Recognizing that access to information is essential for community empowerment and resilience, GARD invested in strengthening communication and learning mechanisms among community groups. During the reporting period, the organization distributed solar-powered radios to selected community groups, including Vegetable Producer Groups and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), to support collective learning and information sharing.

The radios were introduced as practical learning tools to facilitate access to development information in communities where access to electricity and other communication channels remains limited. Group members use the radios during regularly scheduled meetings to listen to educational programs and community broadcasts covering agriculture, nutrition, health, financial literacy, environmental conservation, and other development-related topics.

The initiative has enhanced the quality of group discussions by providing members with access to timely and relevant information that complements GARD's training and capacity-building activities. Information accessed through radio programs has helped reinforce key messages on improved agricultural practices, household nutrition, savings culture, and community resilience, thereby strengthening the effectiveness of group-based interventions.

In addition to supporting knowledge acquisition, the radios have promoted peer learning and information exchange among group members. Community groups have increasingly used the listening sessions as opportunities to discuss challenges, share experiences, and identify practical solutions to issues affecting their households and livelihoods.

Through this intervention, GARD has contributed to strengthening community communication systems, improving access to information, and promoting a culture of continuous learning within the communities it serves. The use of solar-powered technology also provides an environmentally sustainable solution that ensures uninterrupted access to learning resources regardless of electricity availability.

Key Results

- Solar-powered radios distributed to community groups to support learning and communication.
- Improved access to agricultural, nutrition, health, and financial literacy information.
- Enhanced quality of discussions and learning during group meetings.
- Increased knowledge sharing and peer-to-peer learning among group members.
- Strengthened community capacity to make informed decisions and adopt improved practices.
- Improved dissemination of development information within communities.

This investment in community communication and learning has strengthened GARD's efforts to build informed, connected, and resilient communities capable of driving their own development agenda.



Figure 5-Faith women group members receiving the solar powered radio

D) Intermediate Result (IR) 4: Strengthen members farming capacity through training of lead farmers as master trainers

Strengthening Community Capacity for Sustainable Vegetable Production

Capacity strengthening was a cornerstone of GARD's agricultural intervention strategy during the reporting period. Recognizing that sustainable improvements in agricultural productivity depend on knowledge, skills, and local leadership, the organization invested significantly in training and empowering community members to become agents of change within their own communities.

Throughout the year, GARD organized a series of practical training sessions aimed at improving participants' knowledge and skills in vegetable production. The training covered key areas including land preparation, nursery establishment, crop management, pest and disease control, soil fertility management, water conservation, harvesting techniques, and post-harvest handling practices.

The training sessions were conducted using participatory and hands-on approaches that encouraged learning by doing and promoted the immediate application of newly acquired

knowledge. As a result, participating farmers demonstrated increased confidence, enthusiasm, and commitment to vegetable production activities.

Development of Master Trainers and Lead Farmers

To promote sustainability and ensure the continued dissemination of knowledge beyond the project's direct interventions, GARD adopted a Training of Trainers (ToT) approach. All initial group members who participated in the capacity-building sessions were equipped with additional skills and responsibilities as Master Trainers and Lead Farmers.

These individuals were empowered to serve as local resource persons and community champions responsible for supporting fellow farmers, demonstrating improved agricultural practices, and facilitating knowledge transfer at the grassroots level.

The Master Trainers and Lead Farmers have become an important link between GARD and the wider community, providing ongoing guidance, mentorship, and practical support to group members and neighboring households.

Early Results and Emerging Impact

The training interventions generated immediate positive results within the target communities. Farmers reported improved understanding of vegetable production practices and demonstrated increased willingness to adopt recommended farming techniques.

The enhanced knowledge and skills acquired through the training translated into greater participation in vegetable production activities, improved management of demonstration plots, and stronger commitment to group-based agricultural initiatives. The growing passion and enthusiasm among members have contributed to increased community interest in vegetable farming as a viable pathway to improved household nutrition and income generation.

Beyond individual farmers, the benefits of the training are continuing to spread throughout the wider community as Master Trainers and Lead Farmers replicate the learning within their respective groups and villages.

Scaling Knowledge Through Community-Led Learning

The farmer-led extension model established by GARD is currently facilitating the roll-out of training and knowledge-sharing activities across participating groups and surrounding communities. Through regular group meetings, practical demonstrations, peer learning sessions, and farmer-to-farmer mentoring, trained members are extending the reach and impact of the program beyond the original beneficiaries.

This cascading approach has strengthened local ownership, enhanced sustainability, and created a foundation for continuous learning and innovation within the communities served by GARD.

Key Achievements

During the reporting period, GARD successfully:

- Conducted multiple capacity-building sessions on improved vegetable production practices.
- Increased farmers' technical knowledge, skills, and confidence in vegetable farming.
- Trained initial group members as Master Trainers and Lead Farmers.
- Established a sustainable farmer-to-farmer knowledge transfer model.
- Stimulated increased passion and participation in vegetable production activities.
- Enabled community-led replication of training across groups and villages.
- Strengthened the foundation for improved household nutrition, food security, and livelihoods.

Through this investment in human capital development, GARD has not only strengthened current agricultural production efforts but has also established a cadre of community-based agricultural champions capable of driving long-term agricultural transformation and resilience within their communities.



Figure 6-GARD lead farmers and master trainers training participants

E) Intermediate Result (IR) 5: Strengthen household food diversity through cooking demonstration and joint learning

Improving household nutrition and food diversity was a key focus area for GARD during the reporting period. Recognizing that increased agricultural production alone does not guarantee improved nutrition outcomes, the organization implemented a series of community-based cooking demonstrations and joint learning sessions aimed at promoting healthy dietary practices and maximizing the nutritional benefits of locally available foods.

The cooking demonstrations were designed to provide practical nutrition education while encouraging households to diversify food consumption using vegetables and other nutritious foods produced within their communities. Through these interactive sessions, community members gained hands-on experience in preparing balanced meals, preserving nutrients during food preparation, and incorporating a wider variety of food groups into household diets.

The demonstrations brought together members of Vegetable Producer Groups, Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs), community leaders, and households, creating opportunities for collective learning and knowledge sharing. Participants were encouraged to exchange experiences, discuss nutrition challenges, and identify locally appropriate solutions for improving family nutrition and child feeding practices.

Particular emphasis was placed on promoting the consumption of nutrient-rich vegetables being grown by community members through GARD-supported producer groups. Participants learned how vegetables can contribute to improved dietary diversity, household health, and overall well-being when incorporated into daily meals.

The joint learning approach proved highly effective in fostering peer-to-peer knowledge transfer and behavior change. Community members actively shared recipes, preparation techniques, and practical strategies for maintaining nutritious diets using affordable and locally available ingredients. The participatory nature of the sessions encouraged greater ownership of nutrition practices and strengthened community commitment to improving household food security and nutrition outcomes.

Emerging Results and Impact

The cooking demonstrations contributed to increased awareness and understanding of the importance of dietary diversity among participating households. Community members reported improved knowledge of balanced meal preparation, appropriate food combinations, and the nutritional value of vegetables and other locally available foods.

The sessions also strengthened the link between agricultural production and household consumption by encouraging families to allocate part of their vegetable harvests for household nutrition rather than solely for income generation. This has helped reinforce the message that agriculture can serve as both a livelihood and a nutrition-enhancing intervention.

Furthermore, the demonstrations created valuable platforms for community interaction, learning, and collaboration, strengthening social networks and promoting a culture of continuous learning within participating groups.

Key Achievements

During the reporting period, GARD successfully:

- Conducted community-based cooking demonstrations targeting producer groups and households.
- Promoted the preparation and consumption of balanced diets using locally available foods.
- Increased awareness of the importance of household dietary diversity and nutrition.
- Strengthened community knowledge of food preparation techniques that preserve nutritional value.
- Encouraged greater utilization of vegetables produced by community members for household consumption.
- Facilitated joint learning and peer-to-peer knowledge sharing among community members.
- Strengthened the integration of agriculture, nutrition, and community resilience interventions.

Looking Ahead

GARD will continue to promote nutrition-sensitive programming through practical learning approaches that bridge the gap between agricultural production and household nutrition. Building on the success of the cooking demonstrations, the organization plans to expand nutrition education activities, strengthen community-led learning platforms, and support households in adopting sustainable practices that improve dietary diversity and contribute to better health outcomes.

Through these efforts, GARD is helping households move beyond food availability toward improved nutrition, healthier lifestyles, and more resilient communities.



Figure 7-Cooking demonstration sessions underway



Figure 8-Change is the horizon as easily accessible vegetables will soon become the household stew for food security

8.0 YEAR FINAL IMPACT STATUS

GARD has made significant stride during Year 1/FY 2025. Table 2 below provides a high level dashboard on the GARD Activity performance during inaugural year. Detailed results by indicator are presented in the performance indicator Table, Table 1.

GARD YEAR ONE PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

	300 program participants reached		54 Participants from 4 Village Savings & Loans Association (VSLA) started
	80% of the reached program participants are women		10 acres of farmland are practicing Climate vegetable farming (CSV) with GARD support

	10% of program youth participants supported in various productive enterprises and economic activities		300 individuals applied improved management practices or technologies
	4 village-based local organizations enrolled/registered to support activity implementation and grassroots reach		4 new producer from initiated in Q4

Cumulatively, since its inception, GARD has reached 450 (380: F; 70: M) program participants/beneficiaries over the last one years, the majority of whom are producer groups standing at 300, followed by nutrition interventions program participants at 280 while the least are VSLAs at 20. The disaggregation of each group is presented in as depicted in **Error! Reference source not found.** above

9.0 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW- FY 2025

Financial Stewardship and Resource Mobilization

During its inaugural year, GARD operated primarily through the generosity and commitment of individual donors, members, volunteers, and community supporters. Despite its start-up status, the organization successfully mobilized financial and in-kind resources that enabled the establishment of the organization, implementation of community interventions, and operationalization of its office in Funyula Sub-County.

The organization's financial management approach emphasized transparency, accountability, prudent resource utilization, and maximizing the impact of every contribution received.

Sources of Funding and Support

GARD received financial and material support from individual donors, founding members, and well-wishers who believed in the organization's mission of strengthening community resilience and sustainable development.

Statement of Income and Support

Source of Funding	Amount (USD)
<i>Individual Donor Contributions</i>	\$5,000
<i>Member Contributions</i>	\$500
<i>In-Kind Donations</i>	\$850
Total Resources Mobilized	\$6,350

Individual donor contributions represented the largest source of financial support during the reporting period, demonstrating growing confidence in GARD's vision and community-centered approach. In addition, members made voluntary financial contributions to support organizational establishment and program activities, while several supporters provided valuable in-kind contributions including materials, equipment, and logistical support.

Expenditure Summary

Resources mobilized during the year were invested in organizational development, volunteer engagement, office operations, and implementation of community-based interventions.

Statement of Expenditure

Expenditure Category	Amount (USD)
<i>Staff and Volunteer Support</i>	\$3,050

<i>Administration and Operations</i>	<i>\$2,100</i>
<i>Program and Operational Supplies</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
Total Expenditure	\$6,150

Financial Position

Item	Amount (USD)
<i>Total Resources Mobilized</i>	<i>\$6,350</i>
<i>Total Expenditure</i>	<i>\$6,150</i>
Year-End Balance	\$200

Utilization of Resources

The majority of the organization's expenditure was directed toward supporting staff and volunteer activities that enabled field implementation, community mobilization, training activities, group formation, cooking demonstrations, VSLA establishment, and vegetable production initiatives. Administrative expenditures facilitated the establishment and operation of the Busia office and the development of foundational systems required to support organizational growth. Program supplies supported practical implementation activities across beneficiary communities.

Financial Accountability

GARD remains committed to maintaining high standards of financial stewardship and accountability. Throughout the reporting period, the organization implemented basic financial management controls to ensure that resources were utilized efficiently, transparently, and in accordance with the organization's objectives.

The positive year-end balance demonstrates prudent financial management and provides an important foundation for future operations and program expansion.

Looking Ahead

As GARD enters its second year, the organization will continue to strengthen its resource mobilization efforts, diversify funding sources, and build strategic partnerships to support the expansion of its community development programs. Priority will be placed on securing sustainable funding to scale interventions in agriculture, nutrition, financial inclusion, and community resilience while maintaining strong financial accountability and stewardship.

The successful mobilization and management of resources during Year One reflects the commitment of GARD's supporters, volunteers, members, and partners to building resilient and self-reliant communities.

