

ANNEX 5: NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT

Six-Month and Annual Reporting

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General information	
Name of the Organisation: Third World Network-Africa	Contract Ref. No.:
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1. What changes did you see in pro-poor government policies (in design, implementation or review)? How did such change come about and what is your interpretation of the changes?

(any work done on policies that could / should have impact on poverty??)

2. Collaboration and networking

2.1 Indicate changes or progress in your working relations with the Parliament, Government Services, MDBS Partners, Donors, NDPC, District level Authorities or Services etc.

Working relations continue to indicate appreciation of TWN-Africa's knowledge in the areas in which we work and value of our contribution to debates and other official processes. These are evident in invitations to participate in discussions around policy issues. The extent to which our contributions are taken on board however depend on various other factors.

Some activities during the reporting period are;

- Invitation from Procurement Board to participate in defining a Domestic Content Bill
- Meeting with CHRAJ on human rights issues in mining areas
- Invitation from Ministry of Trade to join official team visiting the US on AGOA
- Invitation from Office of Parliament to provide resource persons at workshop on trade issues
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2.2 How has collaboration been strengthened (i.e. joint campaigns, collaboration, networking) with other RAOs / CSOs / CBOs?

Collaboration has deepened among participating organisations in NCOM especially with the launch of a Campaign to Stop Violence in Mining Areas.

2.3 How has the credibility and legitimacy of RAOs changed in the eyes of GoG and the Ghana public? How did such change come about and what is your interpretation of the changes?

<p>4. Organisation: evidence of significant progress / change / results in the following areas please refer to the self-assessment formats for more detail</p>
<p>4.1 Strategy, planning, decision making, knowledge management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 2006 work planning that started from a retreat in January continued with inter unit plan harmonisation and budget rationalisation meetings with the finance unit. * With plans established for the year, detailed planning took place in relation to specific activities with partnering organisations and with organisational units. One major area of intense collaboration and collective planning among policy units is an upcoming meeting on Gender and Services Liberalisation. * A unit leaders' meeting has been introduced and meets every three weeks. This has proved useful for implementation monitoring, coordination of work among units and efficiency in work organisation and resources mobilisation. * all these processes have in-built review moments that allow constant collective interaction between participating groups for feedback on progress and necessary revisions
<p>4.2 Funding base development and financial management</p>
<p>4.3 Recruitment, development and retention of staff; HR planning; incentives</p> <p>A final draft of the training policy was delivered and offered to staff for comment. The policy is being finalised for adoption. Processes to develop supporting programs for individual and general training needs will be initiated in the 2nd half of the year. Additionally funding sources and strategy to support the policy will receive attention in the 2nd half of the year.</p> <p>The communications unit has undergone some noteworthy reorganization after the exit of the Communications Policy Advisor (CPA) whose contract ended in March. The assistant editor's job has been upgraded to editor with leadership responsibility for the unit. This was a good opportunity to recognise staff effort, retain skills developed over the years and ensure opportunity for progression in the organisation. Likely to be other job revisions within the unit.</p> <p>To support the work of the new editor and fill the editorial gap left by exit of CPA, TWN-Af has advertised for a journalist to join the Communications Unit.</p>
<p>4.3 Organisational structure, board, management team</p> <p>Structure of organisation has remained the same and is operating as required.</p>
<p>4.4 Marketing, public relations, communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Organisation's brochure published in French. * Our main magazine, African Agenda is being advertised in the Daily graphic and receiving increasing patronage. * Complementary distribution of organisational material (books, magazines etc.) has been increased especially to tertiary institutions * Distributors in the UK and South Africa have been contacted for possible distribution of our magazine * TWN-Africa has joined ABC, an international marketer of books on Africa
<p>5. Grant and report related issues</p>
<p>5.1 Details of any notable challenges or unexpected developments encountered during the reporting period. Indicate the reason for such change and what impact this could have on the execution of your original Annual Workplan as attached to the Grant contract.</p>
<p>5.2 Please indicate any issues you wish to raise relating to the Grant or to G-RAP management, monitoring or financial procedures.</p>

PMT introduction of M&E meeting to pick “most interesting event to place on website” and indications that it will be a yearly affair: Although PMT may be a common participant in RAO projects, RAOs are not necessarily participating in other RAO projects. It makes little sense to ask other non-participating RAOs to determine what is significant/ interesting in the reports other than their own. If the process is necessary, it is suggested to be done between PMT and RAOs individually.

5.3 Please indicate any aspects of this report which are confidential and should not be communicated beyond G-RAP without prior consent.

[consent for sharing given on 5/12/07 by Dr Graham]