

ANNEX 5: NARRATIVE PROGRESS REPORT**Six-Month and Annual Reporting**

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General information	
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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?	
<p>The government, through the Ministry of Manpower, Youth and Employment (MMYE) has taken steps to developing social grant schemes in support of the National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS), which reflects the government's commitment to the MDG and the GPRSII. The NSPS is a pro-poor concept that seeks to provide support to the vulnerable in Ghana. The implication of this is that Ghana is moving ahead to deepen its commitment to social democratic principles with emphasis on achieving equity and empowerment of the poor.</p>	
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.	
<p>There has been a considerable progress in CSPS's working relations with MDAs, NGOs and other organisations for the period under review. For instance CSPS hosted a workshop on Social Protection with sponsorship from ActionAid Ghana with active participation of all stakeholders (MDAs, NGOs, CSOs, and Donor Agencies etc). CSPS is also in consultation with MMYE to disseminate the NSPS throughout the country.</p>	
2.2 How has collaboration been strengthened (i.e. joint campaigns, collaboration, networking) with other RAOs / CSOs / CBOs?	
<p>Collaboration has been strengthened through networking, participation and joint campaigns with other RAOs, NGOs and CSOs. For example collaboration between CSPS and AAIG manifested itself in joint campaign for social protection in Ghana.</p>	
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>RAOs are becoming more focused with respect to poverty, rights and equality and this has drawn the</p>	

attention of the public as well as government. In all RAOs have gained credibility and legitimacy through their level of influence in advocating for the poor and the vulnerable in society.

3.1 Output ranking on research and advocacy products and/or services delivered;

Please **rank the outputs** in order of relative success, according to your own appreciation and evaluative judgment

#	Outputs presented in submitted Workplan	Target groups that received or used the output delivered	Documents describing output delivery
1	Two days orientation programme for CSPS staff	All staff of CSPS	Reports of two-day orientation programme for CSPS staff held at the Filladei Hotel.
2	Recruitment of Principal Research Assistance	One M.Phil Graduate	Vacancy Announcement Curriculum Vitae and application Appointment letter Acceptance letter Resumption of duty letter
3	Monthly Seminar Series	All stakeholders in Social Mobilisation for development namely; INGOs, NGOS, MDAs, students, and the academia	Attendants list Copies of presentations
4	Establishment of five Research Clusters	Researchers	Names of Research Associates under the various thematic areas
5	Revitalisation of Website	In progress	Invoice Contract
	General Administration	CSPS administration	Invoices Receipts
	Financial management System	In progress	In progress

3.2 Please explain the basis of the ranking; what criteria were you using for the ranking?

The basis of ranking is dependent on the percentage of completion (100% to 50%)

4. Organisation: evidence of significant progress / change / results in the following areas
please refer to the self-assessment formats for more detail

4.1 Strategy, planning, decision making, knowledge management

New strategic plan has been developed detailing project priorities. This has resulted in effective

administration and management of projects.
4.2 Funding base development and financial management
Yet to make progress
4.3 Recruitment, development and retention of staff; HR planning; incentives
New principal Research Assistance recruited and all old staff received training and remain at post
4.3 Organisational structure, board, management team
There is an advisory Board for CSPS There is also a Financial Management Committee Director Staff
4.4 Marketing, public relations, communication
Dissemination of National Social Protection Strategy Through monthly seminar series

5. Grant and report related issues
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.
None
5.2 Please indicate any issues you wish to raise relating to the Grant or to G-RAP management, monitoring or financial procedures.
None
5.3 Please indicate any aspects of this report which are confidential and should not be communicated beyond G-RAP without prior consent.
None