

ANNEX 5

Narrative Progress Report

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1. National pro-poor policies

What do you think were the most important changes in pro-poor government policies in the last six months? What were the main causes? What contribution did your organisation make to any of these changes?

As far as direct security matters are concerned, there has not been any major policy shift in the last 6 months.

2. Public image

How has the credibility and legitimacy of RAOs changed in the eyes of GoG and the Ghana public? What is your interpretation? Is there a reference to this evidence of change?

We continue to see positive trends in this area, particularly significantly (for us) in the area of security. As stated earlier, ASDR continues to participate in delivering the Defence Management Course of the Armed Forces; and direct and coordinate the Security Sector Governance and Management (SSGM) Course (as well as deliver its 'Security' module) at GAFSCS. ASDR continues to run Training Workshops for the Parliamentary Committee on Defence and Interior as contracted by the UK High Commission in Ghana in 2006. These testify both to growing transparency in the sector, and confidence in what NGOs can bring to the table.

3. Collaboration, coalitions and networking

Using the format below, list the most important organisations you collaborated with over the period, under each of the sectors listed below. For each organisation, give an indication of the issues or themes you worked on, its status and the outcomes.

	Organisation or coalition	Policy issue ongoing / ending	Outcome
Government - executive - judiciary - legislature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ministries of Interior, National Security, DefenceSelect Committee on Defence and Interior.	Security Sector Reform (Ongoing)	

Coalition, network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASDR continues to offer leadership to the African Security Sector Network (ASSN) (which is headquartered at ASDR) in pushing for security sector reforms and improved security sector governance in Africa. ASDR under the ASSN, Kings College, UK and DCAF continues to provide capacity assistance to parliamentarians in Liberia in the form of workshops and training. A technical advisory mission was provided to the government of Guyana on Security Sector Reform and implementation under the African Security Sector Network. Our Parliamentary Training Workshop brings together MPs from the Committee for Defence and Interior and other participants from the Armed Forces, Immigration, National Fire Service, CEPS, Police, etc Our monthly Security and Policy Forum (SPF) also regularly draws officials from these organisations as well as the Diplomatic Corps and various think tanks and CSOs. Recent sessions of the SPF have been held at the Retired Commissioned Officers Club and in collaboration with VAG. The forum has generated further workshops on specific issues; <p>ASDR continued its support to the Ashanti Regional Blacksmith Association on skills conversion from Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) production to the manufacture of more economic tools. ASDR is in the process of helping blacksmiths in other regions to form associations (Alavanyo and Swedru in the Volta and Central Regions) and have their activities more organised</p>		
RAO, NGO, I-NGO	African Security Sector Network (ASSN), Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)		
Donor institution			
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Other			

4. Outputs on research and advocacy products and/or services delivered

List the outputs as you have presented in the Workplan submitted to G-RAP.

Make sure that you:

- Indicate estimated levels of completion per output
- Indicate target groups that used / received the output delivered
- Attach copy of concept paper per output
- Attach copy of product output:

1. Fourth Security Sector Governance and Management (SSGM), 25th June – 13th July, 2007 is on going to become a permanent course at least once in a year. Target groups; Security Agencies, MDAs, Parliament, RAOs/CSOs, Media. Attached are; SSGM Syllabus, End of Course Report.
2. Training Workshops for the Parliamentary Select Committee on Defence and Interior (third in the series). Target groups: Parliamentary Select Committee in Defence and Interior, UK High Commission in Ghana, Security Agencies in Ghana. Attached is the Third Parliamentary Workshop for Parliamentary Select Committee on Defence and Interior.
3. Security and Policy Forum, a monthly programme, ongoing. Target groups; VAG, Security Agencies, Parliament, Academia, Media and the general public. Attached are the Schedule of Presentations and Synopses.
4. Overview of Liberian Programme. Target groups: Liberian Legislators, security officials in Liberia, Liberian Governance Reform Commission, DFID/ACPP. Attached is the Liberian Programme Narrative Report (November 05 – December, 06)
5. Interactive Needs Assessment on Security Oversight for the Liberian Legislature (30th – 31 March, 2007). Attached is the report of the workshop.
6. Planning Workshop for the Regional Institute for Peace and Security Studies (RIPSS), 16th – 17th March 2007). Attached is the on RIPSS Planning Workshop.
7. Darfur Strategic Sessions, March – April 2007. Target groups: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Presidency, and Security Agencies. Attached is the Memo to the President.
8. Security Sector Reform (SSR) Strategic Report to the HMG and the Government of Guyana. Target groups: UK Government and the Government of Guyana. Attached is the report on Security Sector Reform in Guyana.

5. Organisation: evidence of significant progress / change

What are major changes in the organisation's circumstances that are likely to have impacted your outputs over the period?

- Organisational structure / board / management team
- Strategy / planning / decision making / knowledge management
- Human resource issues
- Marketing/communication/public relations

The loss of 2 Senior Management Staff to the Government poses a serious challenge to strategic development and capacity to deliver programmes. As reported earlier Dr. Sam Amoo our Research Director has been hired by the Presidency on full time basis, while the Associate Executive Director has also joined Government on a part time basis.

The following staffing developments occurred during the reporting period:

- General Coleman has been appointed to coordinate the CAN 2008 Planning and Process after he was appointed by the President to coordinate the Ghana @ 50 Planning Process (on part time basis)
- Dr. Sam Amoo went on assignment to the Office of the President as Strategic Coordinator. He is currently been re – assigned as the National Security Advisor.

We are naturally pleased at the honour and recognition given to ASDR staff (several of whom are also staffing positions at KAIPTC). We expect the challenges arising from these staffing developments to be short – term (an interim Director of Research has been appointed to fill in for Dr. Sam Amoo).

The recruitment of a Public Affairs Officer was a key strategy to strengthen the public affairs and communication efforts of ASDR.

6. Grant and report related issues

6.1 What issues you wish to raise relating to the Grant or to G-RAP management?

6.2 What parts of the report are confidential or cannot be shared without prior consent?