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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?

Improved attention to and capacity of some local governments for participatory budgeting and planning at the local level. This has been caused by targeted training and awareness-raising including specialised programmes sponsored by the Government Accountability Improves Trust (GAIT) Programme in twenty (20) districts throughout the country. The Institute has been the main training partner, designing and delivery the training with modules including gender budgeting.

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?

Credibility of RAOs and appreciation of their work has been enhanced with government organisations and local government authorities through the Saturday Institutes organised by ILGS with support from G-RAP. The Institute have provided a platform for RAOs to share results of research, advocate courses of action and validate their findings with key local government functionaries, particularly District Chief Executives and Presiding Members.

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 /theme /nature Starting / ongoing / ending	Outcome
Government - executive	National Health Insurance Council	Enhancing policy engagement, service	Capacity of key staff members/ functionaries

<p>- judiciary - legislature</p>	<p>Ministry of Local Government, Rural development and Environment</p> <p>Ministry of Women and Children</p>	<p>delivery and management capacity.</p> <p>Collaboration on improving capacity for managing HIV/AIDS in the sector</p> <p>Collaboration on fostering gender mainstreaming in various DAs</p>	<p>built</p> <p>Relevant programme developed for training, research and advocacy</p> <p>Perspectives gained from consultations; commitments elicited</p>
<p>Coalitions</p>			
<p>RAO, NGO, I-NGO</p>	<p>ABANTU for Development, WANEP, FIDA, WILDAF, IDEG, CSPS, CDD, TUC, ISODEC</p>	<p>Improving pro-poor capacity of district assemblies through research, advocacy and information dissemination. Building capacity of assembly members</p>	<p>Relevant research and insights for enhancing local governance shared.</p>
<p>Donor institution</p>	<p>Government Accountability Improves Trust (GAIT)</p> <p>District Capacity Building Programme (DISCAP)</p> <p>Ibis Ghana</p>	<p>Improving capacity of local government functionaries for pro-poor planning, budgeting, participatory approaches, and gender mainstreaming.</p>	<p>Capacities of local government functionaries built.</p> <p>Relevant guidelines, manuals and documentation developed.</p>
<p>CBO/DA <i>(please indicate district)</i></p>	<p>Nationwide (because of ILGS' mandate)</p>	<p>Capacity building in participatory approaches to environmental management, resource mobilization, budgeting and planning.</p> <p>Capacity building for assembly members</p>	<p>Key local government functionaries developed skills in participatory approaches to local level service delivery.</p> <p>Relevant documentation/legislation circulated to assembly members.</p> <p>Capacities of assembly members built.</p>
<p>Other</p>			

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

Activity	Output	Status
Preparation and conduct of eight Saturday Institutes	Program reports	Completed
Preparation, Review and publication of journal on themes in pro-poor local level development of the Saturday Institute.	Papers submitted for review	About 75% completed (most of the reviewers have submitted their comments)
Publication of Report of Saturday Institutes project	Published report	About 90% completed (It is at the publishers)

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

Strategy/ planning/ knowledge management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment and interventions to enhance gender-sensitivity of the Institute's activities initiated • Increased access to information about and documentation from various RAOs • Increased research output of the Institute in furtherance of its mandate
Human resource issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacities of ILGS staff for research and publication enhanced by the opportunity • Increased appreciation of ILGS of operations of other research and advocacy institutions • Enhanced capacity to manage institutional relationships for information-sharing.
Marketing/ communication/ public relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced institutional relationships in the RAO community • Media coverage of local governance issues, the RAOs and Institute

6. Grant and report related issues

N/A