

ANNEX 5

Narrative Progress Report **Report period** _____
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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?

During the six-month period under review, the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) intensified peace advocacy directly at the community and national levels. The rationale behind such interventions is that conflict creates suspicion and mistrust in communities and has major ramifications on pro-poor policies. Thus, WANEP undertook some important steps to influence pro-poor policies by creating a National Peace Council and Regional Peace Councils. The Ministry of the Interior is supporting in this endeavour by making provisions to submit a bill in parliament that will provide the legal framework necessary for the establishment of these councils. Furthermore, the government of Ghana is increasingly supporting dialogue initiatives to prevent violent conflicts at inter and intra group levels.

WANEP in partnership with UNDP and the Ministry of the Interior has trained members of the National Peace Council and the Regional Peace Councils in inter-groups dialogue and mediation as well as in conflict transformation. WANEP also provides technical assistance to the Peace Councils. Additionally, WANEP facilitated dialogue under the framework of the Peace Councils to resolve internal conflicts within political parties. This program continues to provide capacity for internal conflict resolution capacities in political parties.

WANEP continues to provide mediation support and peacebuilding human resource capacity in the work of the Mediation Committee of the Volta Regional Coordinating Council in the Nkonya-Alavanyo conflict. The peace process in the two communities is now cited as the best example of a successful peacebuilding process in Ghana. A direct road linking the two communities is being reconstructed by Government to be named as "Jubilee Road" in commemoration of Ghana's Golden Jubilee year in 2007.

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?

Government of Ghana has a high level of appreciation of the work of RAOs as a result of increasing credibility and legitimacy of RAOs. The direct reference of Cabinet Ministers and senior Government Officials to the policy alternatives proposed by RAOs is an evidence of this legitimacy. For example, RAOs had significant policy inputs during the African Union (AU) Summit on the Grand Debate on Continental Union Government regarding the position Ghana should adopt regarding the Continental Union. RAOs involved the wider public in the Grand Debate in preparation for the summit and shaped government thinking on the issues and the practicalities of building consensus on the concept of a Union Government.

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 - judiciary - legislature	Ministry of the Interior	Setting up National Peace Council and Regional Peace Councils in Ghana Ongoing	National Peace Council is now Functional with a National Secretariat. 5 Regional Peace Councils have been trained. Training on-going for other regions
Coalition, network	Ghana AU Civil Society Coalition	Worked with Government and other stakeholders to organise Continental Civil Society Conference on the Grand Debate of Continental Union Government preceding the African Union Summit in Accra-2-3 July 2007.	CSO conference presented a document to African Heads of Governments in contributing to the Grand Debate. Follow-up activities are on-going.
RAO, NGO, I-NGO	FOSDA, Media Foundation for West Africa	Promoting Human Rights and Democracy under the framework of West Africa Human Rights and Democracy (WAHRD) project	On-going
Donor institution	IBIS UNDP	Same as Above Establishing Regional and National Peace Council	These activities are on-going
CBO/DA (<i>please indicate district</i>)	Development Institute (Krachi)	Building Peace in Krachi District	On-Going
Other	WANEP-Ghana	Setting up WANEP-Ghana Chapters in each region	On-Going

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

WANEP is currently producing a newsletter on human security in West Africa (Please see attached concept note). The newsletters is at a final phase (translation is underway from English to French because of the bilingual nature of our networks.) The target groups are CSOs across Africa, WANEP's member organizations and partners.

For the output on capacity building for early warning and early response, WANEP produced several policy briefs on: Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria, The policy briefs were mainly on violence during elections in those countries. During the quarter under review, WANEP regularly produced incident and situation reports on peace and security issues across the sub region.

WANEP just wrote a report on women and early warning (please see copy attached). Furthermore, WANEP produced the report on the consultation between human rights organizations, the media and peacebuilding practitioners.

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

WANEP completed its restructuring process. The staff at the regional is currently very lean. Implementation of activities is now coming from the national networks for ownership. The regional office, based in Accra facilitates the coordination and implementation of activities at national and regional levels. WANEP's Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 2006 selected a professional board to replace the representative board. However, more engagement is need from the new board to become proactive in WANEP's work. Since WANEP regional is focusing more on coordination, more efforts are done on marketing, communication and public relations. WANEP requests monthly highlights of the activities implemented at national level. These highlights are compiled and posted on the website. Furthermore, WANEP is working extensively with the media in Ghana and across West Africa-WANEP is often invited as an expert on TV and radio panel discussion and other broadcast shows. WANEP is very often invited at international meeting to make presentation. The organization is very much involved in outreach activities.

6. Grant and report related issues

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

The grant has been instrumental to expand WANEP's work in the sub-region through research and advocacy. We are grateful for the support and partnership from G-RAP.

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

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