

## ANNEX 5

### Narrative Progress Report

Report period January – June 2008

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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?**

In the last six months, ABANTU has continued working on its thematic areas of governance, peace building and climate change issues. It was certain that no specific laws were being put in place to specifically address issues of concern to women in these areas during this period. However there were opportunities to deepen interest in policy circles around them. Thus, ABANTU continued with its work of enhancing policy dialogue and its thematic areas. In particular, ABANTU has engaged with policy makers to enhance knowledge and commitment to gender equality issues in relation to participation in politics with specific reference to election 2008. Though, no specific policies are yet in place on behalf of women, the advocacy work is yielding results. Indicators for this include: the heightened discussion on women and politics in the media, the specific debate around women as vice presidential candidates for the various political parties, and the upsurge of interest by women themselves in politics.

ABANTU as a founding member and current Convenor of NETRIGHT has also actively engaged with The Aid Effectiveness processes of the Paris Declaration. Specific initiatives have been undertaken to influence the policy processes of the Accra Agenda for Action (AAA) as well as enhance knowledge and awareness about the High Level Forum 3 (HLF3) and its implications for gender equality.

### 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?**

Civil society credibility continues to grow, enhancing the legitimacy of Research and Advocacy Organisations (RAOs). A reference to this evidence of change particularly as regards women's rights organisations, is exemplified by the enhanced relationship between them and critical actors such as think tanks. For example, the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA) has deepened its governance work by bringing a cutting-edge gender dimension to it. It has succeeded in doing this through its active involvement of ABANTU and NETRIGHT in all its programmes. The Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG) has similarly involved women's rights organisations in its policy dialogue on governance.

Another source of credibility is also derived from RAOs active engagement with international processes such as the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) as well as the UNCTAD XII. The active engagement at these levels on critical issues of concern to ordinary citizens have pointed to the important role of civil society and enhanced the inclusion of their perspectives in critical policy processes and outcomes.

### 3. Collaboration, coalitions and networking

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

	<b>Organisation or coalition</b>	<b>Policy issue / theme / nature Starting / ongoing / ending</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Government</b> - executive - judiciary - legislature	MOWAC (Dept of Women); Local Government, Chief Justice	Promotion of women's participation in politics with specific reference to election 2008; promotion of understanding of UN Resolution 1325 on peacebuilding and initiating processes for expanding the reach of the programme within the sub-region; Promoting women's leadership generally.	Legitimacy of women's leadership; Affirmation of women's participation in politics. Opportunity for greater outreach on peacebuilding
<b>Coalition, network</b>	NETRIGHT, DV-Coalition, Women's Manifesto Coalition.	Aid Effectiveness; Implementation of Domestic Violence Law; Women in Election 2008 .	- Gender implications of Aid Articulated. - Enhanced commitment to implement DV law. - Enhanced engagement of women in election 2008.
<b>RAO, NGO, I-NGO</b>	Ibis West Africa, WEDO, IDRC, TWN, Women in Broadcasting, FES, WILDAF, ILGS, Womankind, African Gender Institute(AGI)	Women's Political Participation, Climate Change, Mechanism, Aid Effectiveness, promotion of the rights of women generally, Promotion of women's participation in election 2008; gender and peace-building	- Accountability established - New Partnerships developed. - Knowledge deepened on Critical issues and their gender implications.
<b>Donor institution</b>	AWDF, AAG, Global Fund, Olof Palme International Center	Leadership training programmes on Election 2008; Research on Conflict & Militarism; Forums on Election 2008;	- Ownership of programme among constituents - Policy gaps on gender equality issues added - Strengthened leadership capacity of women
<b>CBO/DA (please indicate district)</b>	GAWU, Kwaebibirem District Assembly, CENSUDI, PRIDE, GIRD, WOMEC, WIB, TMA, AMA, SHIFSD,	Women's Leadership, Election 2008, Peacebuilding, Climate Change	-Strengthened capacities on policy influencing -knowledge enhancement -strengthened networking

Other			
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#### 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

Outputs presented in submitted Workplan	Estimated levels of completion	Target groups that received or used the output delivered	Copy of concept paper <sup>1</sup> / output attached
One (1) voter's education workshop (Koforidua)	100%	Women, policy makers, students, female parliamentary aspirants and media	No / Yes
One (1) workshop for development of conceptual framework & research (Accra)	100%	Women, policy makers, resource persons, media and academia	No / Yes
One (1) day consultation on Conflict, Gender and Militarism in West Africa (Accra)	100%	Women, NGOs, CBOs, media and policy makers	No / Yes
International Conferences – Mexico, Canada, Rwanda etc	100%	Women, policy makers, international NGOs, academics and International media	No / No
One (1) preparatory meeting with implementing partners – CIDA's programme of promoting women's participation in Election 2008. (Accra)	100%	Implementing NGOs	No / Yes
CCI partnership programmes – updating ABANTU's website, training of ABANTU's staff on intranet(Marratech)	100%	Interns from CCI (Canada), staff and management of ABANTU	No / Yes (check website)
Programme Review meetings/Staff	100%	Programme Officers and	No/ Yes

<sup>1</sup> Some of the activities do not require concept paper.

meetings		staff	
Strengthening Media Relations	100%	Policy makers, NGOs, activists, students	No / Yes (check newspaper cuttings).

## 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

By the end of June 2008, ABANTU had successfully, implemented programmes outlined for implementation during the period. In actual fact, ABANTU has done more than it had projected and therefore a number of assignments that we have implemented as additions stand at about 18%. ABANTU has always found it necessary to seize upon collaborative opportunities to deepen its impact and contribution to the gender and policy advocacy space.

ABANTU has within the period successfully organised its monthly management and staff meetings. All of these have enhanced our effectiveness as a learning organisation. We have also contacted a consultant who will facilitate our next strategic planning meeting slated for November this year, to cover our activities for the period January 2009 – December 2011 (Three years). On election 2008, we are happy to report about our active engagement in the whole process. We have obtained a list of all female aspirants and our programmes of building their capacity will soon begin.

## 6. Grant and report related issues

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

None.

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

None.

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### **Notes on narrative reporting**

In principle, G-rap accepts grantee organisation's own annual report, on the assumption that these reports show a relationship between annual workplans, budgets and outputs of these organisations and – if possible – impact.

G-rap however monitors a number of indicators that a Grantee's annual report may not always focus on and have designed a simple narrative reporting format to gather this data. This gives the programme managers a quick overview of progress against workplan of each grantee and of significant results in a number of relevant areas relating to the Logical Framework and objectives of the Programme.

G-rap intends to minimize Grantee's time investments in reporting, hence this concise format. Nonetheless, additional documentation can be annexed to the report for more detail.

Narrative reporting is a bi-annual contractual requirement. The deadline for report submission is four weeks after the end of the reporting period.

Completed reports need to be submitted in signed hard copy (2 signatures), as well as in electronic format using MS-Word 2003 compatible software (to: [info@g-rap.org](mailto:info@g-rap.org)).

### **Notes on the revised reporting format**

The Core Grant reporting format needed amendments after the Mid Term Review. From 2007 onwards, organisations funded by G-rap are requested to use the new format. The new format can be recognised by the green coloured hi-lighting of the entries.

Most important change is the plain text format; the tabular format often created problems when used on other computers. The format now features only one tabular entry.

Furthermore, we have slightly altered the order and phrasing of the questions.

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