

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?

The government has finally announced the establishment of the Northern Ghana Development Fund with as seed money of 25 million US dollars. In the past six years the main advocacy agenda of the Network was the development gap between the north and southern Ghana. The Network has sent a number of petitions to government concerning the gap and asked for a special package in order to bridge the development gap. The Network will continue to press for the passage of legislation to make the contribution of government a permanent one. The Network also convened a meeting of major stakeholders to discuss the future of the fund.

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 organizations especially RAOs continue to be recognised and respected as neutral entities when it comes to national issues such as partisan politics. Civil Society organizations are respected as neutral observers of national voters' registration and NGND was requested as a neutral body by the Northern Regional Coordinating Council to convene a meeting of political party representatives to discuss the impending limited voters' registration. Efforts of RAOs such as IEA and CDD are held in high esteem at the national level in relation to preparations to this year's general elections in December.

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	Northern caucus in parliament	Discussions on the government proposed 25 million US dollars as seed money for the Northern Development fund	First meeting of cross sections of northerners held in Tamale in April 2008
Coalition, network	Affiliate Network for Social Accountability	Promoting Social Accountability in Africa	Presented paper on Participatory Monitoring Evaluation as tool for Social Accountability and Transparency

RAO, NGO, I-NGO	USAID/EDC	Study of Islamic Education in Ghana	Study report published
Donor institution	DFID	Donor outreach to the north	DFID Country Director visits the north
CBO/DA (please indicate district)			
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. Study of Islamic Education in Ghana report published (Publication attached)
2. Training workshop in Ethiopia for CSO leaders on the use of Community Scorecard to demand Social Accountability in May 2008 (report attached)

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
1. One female staff will be sponsored to pursue an MA in order to be promoted to management position in at the Network Secretariat
 2. Two mandatory Executive Committees meetings have been during the reporting period. The next will be held in first week of September

6. Grant and report related issues

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

The one on one meeting with organizations by the G-RAP Management Team is a useful exercise that assisted NGND as a grantee organization to go through our program with the team and made amendments to improve our financial proposal.

The information required on organizational profiles is rather very detailed and some of the questions and details required can be eliminated to reduce the volume of information required about our organizations as well as the amount of paper work

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