

ANNEX 2

SPF Narrative Progress Report

Report period **OCT,2008-JAN,2009**

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1. Project Outputs on research and advocacy 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 product output

Outline outputs during this period	What specific policy issues does this target	What advocacy outputs were informed by your research
1.0 Preparation for the Study	-	-
1.1 Preliminary Preparations	Visited and target Institutions, sought their opinions and understanding of their work policies and issued introduction letters	The intention to research and sell the findings for further advocacy and research to improve women access to the court and justice systems
1.2 Discussion with stakeholders	Views, perception and understanding of the subject and related policies by key stakeholders.	Policy gaps exist which need realistic interventions including research and perceptions of the court and justice systems
1.3 Desk/Literature Review	-review related work by others -review policies and laws of legal and other related institutions	Policy Gaps and dislocations that need redress and which informs the suitability of the methodology to adopt in the conduct of advocacy programmes especially those related to women access to justice and the court system
1.4 Presentation and Review of Methodology and tools	Review methodology and research tools to get authentic information for effective packaging for advocacy purposes	The application of a suitable methodology and techniques facilitates effective advocacy
1.5 Pre-testing of research tools	Testing of research tools to ensure consistency in responses and comprehensive report writing	Ensured the right and realistic techniques and tools were used
1.6 Finalization and mass production of research tools	To eradicate inconsistencies in data collection due to the use of inappropriate and defective tools	The research problem, methodology, objectives and questionnaires were finalized using the inputs of all stakeholders. This informed effective data collection.

2.0 Field Data Collection	-	-
2.1 Orientation workshop for Research Assistants	To draw an effective operation plan for the field data collection in terms of dates of departure and return as well as groups for the various districts and Regions.	The need to use competent and experienced research assistants to facilitate effective data collection and subsequent comprehensive compilation of report.
2.2 Household/Individual Interviews	Soliciting for the views, perceptions and opinions of individuals as against groups and Institutional perceptions and opinions on the subject matter	Perceptions and opinions of individuals as well as their suggested solutions which can be used to assist advocacy groups to portray the issue in the interest of women
2.3 Focus Group Discussion	Eliciting the views, perceptions and opinions of identifiable groups as against individual and Institutional perceptions and opinions on the subject matter	Perceptions and opinions of identifiable groups and their suggested solutions which can be used to assist advocacy groups to advance the issues of women
2.4 Stakeholder Interviews	Institutions such as the High Court, Regional and Circuit as well as District courts were contacted. The commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), and Para-Legal such as FIDA were also contacted for interaction. Issues discussed included their policy frameworks, laws and their purposes of establishment.	Public knowledge on the policy and legal frameworks are necessary ingredients for women access to the court and justice systems in Ghana.
2.5 Monitoring and Co-ordination	To ensure that all activities are carried out according to plan and specification	Standard procedures of research and results-oriented goals are achieved using inputs of professionally competent Senior Research Persons
3.0 Data Analysis and Draft Report Writing	-	-
3.1 Data Entry	To summarize data collected into basic thematic areas according to the objectives of the study.	Inconsistencies in data were resolved and data gaps filled. An appropriate software was used to ensure accuracy during the collation
3.2 Data Summary and Analysis	To summary and analyse data using both manual and electronic methods.	Tables and other pictorials were used to depict primary data, whiles maps were used where appropriate to show geographical location of research areas.
3.3 Draft Report Writing	To come out with a draft report of the study which will be disseminated at Saturday clinics with stakeholders?	Draft report with preliminary conclusions and recommendations aimed at educating the public as well as persuading advocacy groups to use it for their work to further promote women's rights.

2. What is the organisation's success in undertaking this special project

- i. Fulfilled its constitutional mandate of conducting Research and consultancy and Information Mobilization and Dissemination
- ii. Identified policy gaps and defects of institutional legal frameworks, making appropriate recommendations for policy reforms for the general benefit of all Ghanaians especially the disadvantaged such as women
- iii. Contributed to knowledge useful for both academia and interested groups and individuals that this information may be useful to
- iv. Opened up avenues for possible collaborations and networking with stakeholder institutions future research and or training activities of mutual interests
- v. Equipped with some misconceptions of issues of women especially as they relate to culture and how to fashion out appropriate strategies to address them particularly those that have to do with preventing women access to the court and justice system in the country.
- vi. Established confidence in terms of the use of professional competence in the execution of the assignment

3. Stakeholder Perception

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

The effective conduct of the project has earned us further trust and confidence which is one of the yardsticks of granting us accreditation for the award post-graduate diploma and postgraduate programmes in the Institute. It has also earned us project of a countrywide project of conducting forums of Aspiring Parliamentary Candidates and the citizens to enable them share their visions on good governance and how to ensure effective popular participation of the citizenry, using the sub-district structures as the base structures of the local government system. There are reports of both the citizens forums and the National Accreditation Board for reference.

4. What is your perception on the general policy making environment in Ghana

- a) Policies are often well framed but mostly without recourse and serious attention to funds for their execution
- b) Though Policies are made to benefit all citizens, they are often designed with little inputs from most stakeholders resulting mostly in serious implementation problems.
- c) Not much attention is often paid to both the design and implementation of women-related policies

- d) Most policies especially those with political interest are often made in rush fashion resulting in serious implementation problems
- e) Little public education is done on national policies which lead often to members of organizations ignorant of their own work place laws and policies

5. Grant and report related issues

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

- Use more time to adequately educate appropriate officers of beneficiary organizations to facilitate effective reporting
- To allow beneficiary organizations who are have the capacity and found to be truly competent be allowed to undertake two programmes concurrently

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

- ❖ No part of the report is confidential and can be shared wholly to any interested organization for both advocacy and academic purposes