

ANNEX 2

SPF Narrative Progress Report Oil and Gas Sector Research and Advocacy Project (OGSRAP)

Report period July-December 2010

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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	Level of Completion	Beneficiary /Target Groups	What specific policy issues does this target	What advocacy outputs were informed by your research
Influence Legislation and Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthening of OGSN• Undertake research and publish results	70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy makers• Legislators• RAOs• NGOs/CBOs• Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need for systematic civic engagement in policy formulation in the oil and gas sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A press release published in the Daily Graphic of Thursday, October 29 2009 calling on government to systematic engage the civil society organisations in the formulation of oil and gas policy and regulatory frameworks• Live interview on TV3 7am News on October 14, 2009 to discuss the issue of lack of transparency in

				the policy formulation process. The Minister of Energy was called into the programme to react to our news item
Awareness Raising and Sensitization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of materials on pro-poor issues 	65%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliamentarians Media RAOs NGOs/CBOs Citizenry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help manage soaring stakeholder expectations among Ghanaians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two key documents have been developed to better inform stakeholders about what should and should not be expected from the emerging oil and gas industry. These documents will be published and launched by end of February, 2010

2. What is the organisations success in undertaking this special project

The following major successes have been chalked thus far by the Oil and Gas Stakeholders Network (OGSN):

1. The OGSN has been able to bring together more RAOs and other civil society actors who have pledged to collaborate with the Network to ensure sound governance of the emerging oil and gas sector;
2. Help raised the ‘red-flag’ about the unacceptable procedures and processes being used by the government in formulating requisite policy and regulatory frameworks to oil and gas sector;
3. Develop easy to understand pamphlet/handbook containing basic information about the new petroleum industry, which will be published by end of February 2010. A draft glossary of selected oil and gas terminologies has also been prepared.

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?

KITE’s credibility and legitimacy as an energy RAO has been bolstered by its involvement in the OGSRAP project. KITE was included in the list of stakeholders whose views and comments were solicited for incorporation in the draft Local Content and Participation Policy document. The organisation was also invited by the Minister of Energy to submit a proposal on how the activities of various stakeholders, especially NGOs working in the sector, could be coordinated, which it duly obliged. KITE’s views and positions on the conduct and action of government in the Oil and Gas industry were sought by journalists/media practitioners from both the electronic and print media prior to publication of news stories on the oil and gas sector. KITE was also invited by USAID to

join a team of consultants from the USA to conduct an industry-wide needs assessment to inform the US government support to the fledgling sector.

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

Policy making is still devoid of the active participation of all relevant stakeholders. There seems to be some basic misunderstanding within government as to the role of non-governmental actors in the policy formulation process. The government appears to hold the view that civil engagement should happen only at the end of the policy formulation process after government and its team of consultants have produced a draft document. This means that key policies are deprived of stakeholders input until a near final document (almost invariably cast in stone) is put in the public domain, with very little time for comments to be incorporated.

5. Grant and report related issues

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

Unduly long delay in the preparation of relevant documents and the inexplicable reluctance on the part of the Ministry of Energy to release draft documents in their acceptable forms have hampered the project's capacity building and knowledge sharing component. Consequently, no knowledge sharing and capacity building session could be organised for the targeted beneficiary during the period under review. We are anticipating that majority of the relevant documents will become accessible this quarter so we hope to intensify those activities by engaging the PSCME and the media in reviewing and inputting into the development of the policy and regulatory frameworks for the sector. **We therefore wish to humbly request a six-month extension to the project so as to enable us complete the earmarked tasks.**

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

The report on what stakeholders need to know about the emerging petroleum industry should not be shared until its launch by end of February 2010.