

ANNEX 2

Core Grant Narrative Progress Report

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1. Institutional/Organisation Development: 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

Indicators	Baseline	Prior Period	Current Period	Cumulative
1. HR Management i) <i>Leadership</i> ii) <i>Core staff</i> iii) <i>Support staff</i>	i) 1 ED ii) 2 core staffs iii) 2support staffs	2009 i) ED and 2 Cords ii) 7 core staffs iii) 4 support staffs	2010 i) ED and 2 Cords ii) 7 core staffs iii) 4 support staffs	June 2010 i) 4 ED and 12 Cord ii) 20 Core staffs iii) Support staffs
2. Governance i) <i>Board</i> ii) <i>Committees</i> iii) <i>Documented board meetings Management meetings</i> iv) <i>Staff meetings</i>	i) 7 EC members ii) 4EC meetings iii) 7 Monthly staff meetings	i) 7 EC members ii)4 EC meetings iii)48 weekly staff meetings	i) 7 EC members ii) 12 EC meetings iii)26 weekly staff meetings	21 EC members ii)14 EC meetings iii) 31 staff meetings
3. Systems and procedures <i>Financial management systems</i> i) <i>Budgeting</i> ii) <i>Accounting</i> iii) <i>Internal control</i> iv) <i>Financial reporting</i> v) <i>External audit</i> <i>Operational policies</i> vi) <i>HR policy</i> vii) <i>Gender policy</i> viii) <i>Conflict of interest policy</i> ix) <i>Programme development policy</i> x) <i>Procurement policy</i>	i) Annual budget ii) Manual Accounting iii) Admin/Finance manual vi) HR policy in place vii) -- viii) -- ix) Fist Strategic document	i) 6 annual budgets ii) Excel Accounting iii) Financial policies review iv) -- v) -- vi) HR document reviewed	vii) 1 annual budgets viii) MAYOB Account Software in place ix) Financial policies Manual x) -- xi) -- HR document reviewed	i) 7 Annual budgets ii) – iii)– iv) 3 Financial reports v)11 external audits 10 Annual Plans and budgets

<p>4. Funding base development <i>List long-term programmes(3yrs +)</i> <i>List short-term programme(1 year)</i> <i>Total dollar volume of programmes</i> <i>Approved dollar volumes</i> <i>Percentage overhead recovery</i></p>	<p>1996-1999 Oxfam (GB) 3 years Core grant £200,000 (35% as overhead) ACTIONAID £250,000 (20% as overhead)</p>	<p>2005-2008 2nd Strategic Plan 2004-2006 (\$320,000) G-rap \$100,000 core grant (45% as overhead) G-rap SPF (\$30,000) DISCAP Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of quality of Water and Sanitation in urban areas in northern Ghana \$220,000 (15% overhead)</p>	<p>2009 Prepare 3rd Strategic Plan Long Term - G-rap Core Funding \$75,000 (75% for overheads) -VSO International \$78,000 (25% for overhead cost) Short Term Kasa Program \$75,000 (75% for overhead cost) Interact Worldwide \$67,000 (85% for overheads)</p>	<p>Long term cumulative \$175,000 Cumulative Short term projects \$412,000</p>
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2. Collaboration, coalitions and networking

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

	Organisation / Coalition	Policy issue / theme / nature Starting / ongoing / ending	Outcome
<p>Government - executive - judiciary - legislature</p>	<p>Parliament Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development</p>	<p>Sent Communiqué on Deductions of DACF at source Tracking District Assemblies Common Fund (DACF) to 18 of the 38 MMDAs in three regions of northern Ghana</p>	<p>Clark of Parliament acknowledge receipt of communiqué Results of study to be published first week of Feb. 2010 attended by 18 MMDCEs, Deputy Minister of Local Government attended launching of the report and participants request for a communiqué to be sent to Parliament and Ministry of Local Gov't</p>
<p>Coalition, network</p>	<p>Care West Africa NetDec for the promotion of Efficient Decentralization Ghana</p>	<p>Promoting Natural Resources and Environmental Governance Promotion of broad participation of masses in local government and to demand accountability at district level Promoting Decentralization</p>	<p>Natural Resources and Environmental Governance Network in Savannah area formed; (Savannah Natural Resource and Environment Coalition (SANREC) NetDec starts advocacy for reform of decentralized structures to promote effective decentralization. Training in Decentralization and Advocacy Second batch of 3 Civil</p>

	Institution of Engineers (GhIE)	and Good Governance in northern Ghana through national volunteering	Engineers support four Das in northern Ghana
Peers CBOs	CONnet	Lack of credible national CSO umbrella organization in Ghana.	National umbrella organization of CSO networks in Ghana formed (CONnet)
	Northern Network for Education Dev't (NNED), NGND and UEnet	Quality of CSO standards in Ghana	Peer review of 3 CONnet members in northern Ghana carried out
Donor agencies	Kasa Programme	Formation thematic network on environment in three northern regions	Two trainings carried out and one interactive meeting with government agencies (EPA, Lands Commission and Forestry Commission) by CSOs held
	Ibis West Africa	Promoting Decentralization and Good Governance in northern Ghana	Policy formulation training workshop held for 12 NetDec members and 8 selected assembly persons from Tamale metro and Yendi Municipal assembly Training in Decentralization and advocacy held for 20 (made up of 8 females and 12 males)
DA (please indicate district)	Launching of Report on Tracking flow of DACF to 20 MMDAs in northern Ghana	Accountability in the payment and use of DACF	Report launched and 18 MMDCAs in attendance (Bongo, Navorongo, Bolga, Talensi, Saboba, Yendi, Tamale, Wa, Tumu, Swala, Bole, Buipe, Tolon, Karaga, Gushegu, Lawra, Kaleo and Builsa districts)
Private Sector	Barclays Bank, MTN mobile phone services, Vodafone	Promoting decentralization and Good Governance in northern Ghana	Barclays Bank and MTN honour pledges and still expecting pledge from Vodafone

3. National pro-poor policies

Identified Policy Issue	Research activities in relation to the identified policy area	What are the policy gaps identified from the research conducted	What is your organisations position on these issues supported by your research	What policy alternatives do you propose and how do you hope to achieve this policy change
Development gap between northern and southern Ghana	Government investment in social services in northern Ghana	Less than 5% of government budget for social services spent in three regions northern Ghana	Government should increase public funds to northern Ghana to bridge the gap	Special development program to bridge the gap between north and south
District Assemblies	Percentage of	No ceiling on what	All allocation to	Parliament should

Common Fund Allocation to MMDAs	DACF allocations that actually reach MMDAs in northern Ghana	amount of DACF allocation can be spent on behalf of MMDAs at the national level	MMDAs should be sent to the MMDAs	abolish all DACF deductions at source
Effective National Decentralization	Challenges of Effective Decentralization in northern Ghana	Inadequate qualified human resources for effective decentralization	Technical expertise available for use by MMDAs in northern Ghana	Organize National short term volunteers to offer services to deprived MMDAs of northern Ghana
Millennium Challenge Account (MCA)	How much of MCA funds have been invested in the north	Many uncompleted MiDA projects in the north	Advocacy for MiDA to provide micro credit to all trained farm groups in the area	MiDA should allocate shares of fund to participating MMDAs

4. Success Story

Briefly describe your organisation's landmark achievement this period

The launch of the study report on the Tracking the Allocation of the DACF to MMDAs in northern Ghana was a great success. It was attended by 18 MMDCEs, two Regional Ministers and a Deputy Minister of Local Government. Participants were excited by the report and requested for Communiqué to be sent to the Ministry of Local Government and Parliament. There has been extensive media coverage of the results. Public Accounts Committee of Parliament has requested for a copy of the study report,

5. Stakeholder Perception

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 is increasingly being acknowledged by government officials and politicians as effective allies and not opponents. This was stated in the speech of the Deputy Minister of Local Government during the launch of the DACF Allocation study report. MMDCEs who participated at the launch requested the formation of a Communiqué Drafting Committee to be made up of Government officials and Civil Society during the launch of the study report.

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

The new NDC government has expanded public participation in policy formulation in Ghana. The government has so far initiated two major public policy reform processes; the Decentralization Review and also set up a National Constitutional Review Commission to consult the general public for their views on Decentralization and review of the 1992 Constitution. The Constitutional Review Committee include civil society members and the Technical advisor in a know CSO activist in Ghana

7. Grant and report related issues

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

Nothing

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

None