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SPF Narrative Progress Report

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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/project
<p>Initial Engagement with the Minister for Mines and Energy 13 July at Christian Council Conference room</p> <p>Executive Committee members of Coalition met with the minister and were briefed on government preparations on the oil and gas production. Members impressed on the minister the need for legal instruments to protect those who will lose out with the oil discovery and production. Further collaboration with the minister to ensure the maximum benefit of the oil and gas resource. Clearer insight to some of the issues from government helped in planning interventions. Leadership of the coalition member churches were present at this meeting. Coalition partners (GPC) were involved in the planning and implementation of the programme. Completed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the Oil and Gas Find 	
<p>Experiential sharing and insights with CSOs and FBOs in a Roundtable Engagement on the Draft Bills (E.g.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of Petroleum Revenue Bill and Local Content 	<p>Reconsideration of Issues related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The excessive powers of

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<p>Petroleum Management Revenue and Authority Bills) in order to define progressive ways to influence its implementation. 26 July at Osu Presby Church Conference room</p> <p>22 men and women from selected FBOs and CSOs participated effectively</p> <p>100% for the Petroleum Revenue Bill. Authority Bill not yet in public domain</p>		<p>the Minister for Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Confidentiality Clause • Appointment of members on the Advisory Committee • Membership of the Public Interest and Accountability Committee (no FBOs) • Relationship of the Bill to National Development <p>As a follow-up a Memorandum was submitted to Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Energy on 21st Sept. 2010. A copy of the memorandum is appended.(no...)</p>
<p>36 Coalition members, represented by various church leaders, women and youth leaders sensitized at a workshop on managing expectations on the oil and gas find in Ghana. 27-28 July at Ampomah Tourist Hotel, East Legon Accra Members of the coalition were targeted as participants.</p> <p>100% complete</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Expectations, Local Content • Effect and impact of oil and gas find on national development in general and frontline communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective management and safe production of oil and gas. (Church Leaders pledged to do presentations to their annual sessions) Outcomes – special presentation during E.P. Church Synod, Presby Women’s conference etc. • Reflections on issues of oil and gas in the bulletins and newsletters of coalition members • Presentations made by the General Secretary at the various assemblies of member churches. • Information sharing and knowledge generation (The advocacy aimed at sharing information on the oil and gas find. Increasing members’ awareness and soliciting their active participation in the work of the coalition. Help manage the overly high expectation of Ghanaians.)

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<p>1 Media Briefing organised 56 participants from 27 media houses (print and electronic) 16 August at Jubilee House, Kuku Hill, Osu</p> <p>The briefing centred on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why the coalition should involve itself in oil and gas. • What and how coalition intends to carry out the advocacy project. • The need for the public to assist coalition in its work. (see appendix...) <p>Outcome so far: Some Churches, para church and Civil Society Organizations have approached coalition for information input into their own work. Many Churches have suddenly become interested in advocating for oil and gas in Ghana.</p> <p>NB: Another briefing to be held on the result and impact of Coalition's advocacy initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing information on reasons for the Coalition interest in Oil and Gas advocacy; and • sharing preliminary findings from stakeholders related to Oil and Gas management with the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public knowledge of Coalition's oil and gas advocacy initiative enhanced through media reportage. Extending the scope of the Coalition for still wider impact. Coalition is now collaborating more closely with the Civil Society Platform on Oil and Gas. Coalition was invited to share its thoughts with the Constitutional Review Committee sitting in Tarkoradi. Many more member Churches of the coalition have joined the fray to ensure prudent management of the oil resource.
<p>1 Community sensitization forum with stakeholders on the benefits and effects of oil and gas 17th August 2010 108 participants (including opinion leaders, church leaders, women and youth group leaders) Venue: Church of Pentecost, Half Asini, W/R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high interest of members of the Local Council of Churches (LCC) in oil and gas find was elicited. • The LCC members were empowered to educate local people on oil and gas and its likely effect on environment and livelihoods and thus help manage the expectation of the people. 	<p>Expectation management for peaceful co-existence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Council of Churches in Half Assini to discuss issues further in their respective congregations to sensitize and manage their high expectations. • CCG to make Oil and Gas the major policy issue for discussion in its Christian Home week booklet This will elicit further and wider discussions on oil and gas production in Ghana. This will help manage expectations. Across the country discussions on the topics through out the year in all denominations and the local/community level
<p>Engagement with Gender-based CSOs, and FBOs on gender concerns at all levels relating to Oil and Gas for 20 participants 26 August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for gender planning and involvement from beginning • Alternatives for young women and girls not to join the prostitution trade • Likely effects of oil and gas on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and development • Mainstreaming gender in the management of oil and gas through specific policies • Setting up of national policy on Oil and Gas with achievable targets specific for women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share outcomes with MOWAC and collaboration for effective policies to the best interest of especially the poor and marginalised. • More education and sensitization on Oil and Gas to target both men and women • Repackaging of information

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<p>frontline families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livelihoods • Prostitution <p>Church of Pentecost Transit Quarters, Tesano, Accra</p> <p>Key concerns raised include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The likely effects of unfulfilled expectation on the youth. • The effect of the rampant and indiscriminate sale of land. <p>There is the need to validate coalition findings and to seek funding to do further and in-depth assessment of the socio-economic effects of oil and gas.</p> <p>90% complete</p>	<p>development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of Oil and Gas on health, environment, of men and women, displacement of families, prostitution etc. • Government through GES/NCCE/Information Service Dept. To provide deeper involvement and understanding of men and women in the frontline communities. 	<p>on oil and gas with specific target to enhance gender development</p> <p>To call the attention of all stakeholders especially on different levels of effect on men and women and why specific interventions for them should be adequately enhanced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churches and stakeholders need to reposition themselves in order to focus on the likely effects of oil and gas production on gender in the frontline communities.
<p>You Policy dialogue session with stakeholders on sustainable livelihoods For 50 participants at the World Bank Conference Room on 17 September Selected stakeholders including traditional leaders, reps. from sector ministries, Accra Office of the World Bank, media, muslim community, and coalition members</p> <p>80% complete</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy on Land Use • Revenue Management Authority • Local Content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communiqué on Coalition's position shared with Ministry of Mines and Energy, Parliament, Selected Media Houses, Constitutional Review Committee (sent on 23rd Sept.) <p>Communiqué is appended. (No...)</p>
<p>Development and printing of advocacy materials – IEC/BCC materials to sensitize and educate Coalition members and their congregations and the general public Preliminary consultations with identified Consultant</p> <p>30% complete (engaged a consultant, content of materials agreed on)</p> <p>Presently about 70% complete. Seen final draft and made inputs to complete the process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Expectations • Information on Local Content opportunities and general information on oil and gas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication tools for further advocacy at congregational level and the general public • Advocacy materials for downstreaming <p>Materials will share information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Oil and gas production and the need for public especially church leaders and members interest in its total management. • The likely positive and negative effects on the country. • The need to be realistic in our expectations.

2. What is the organisation's success in undertaking this special project? (Quantitative and Qualitative indicators)

- In releasing the communiqué, the Ministry of Energy and Mines have requested a follow-up engagement with the Coalition to discuss the issues raised and how to attend to the Coalitions request

- Interest and participation have been very high. Coalition programmes have attracted regular and effective participation of high level church leadership
- Annual Church Conferences of Coalition members have found space for Oil and Gas advocacy in their communiqués, church newspapers and news letters. This interest has not been same for other developmental issues in the past.
- Media coverage and reportage of Coalition programmes has overwhelmingly supported the advocacy drive of the programme. Showing the commitment of the media to support issues of national concern
- Congregations have requested for more interaction for information

3. Stakeholder Perception

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

The role of the Church in development, whether through direct service delivery, advocacy or policy engagement continues to be a dominant feature in the development arena. In this regard, the Coalition has received attention and respect from Government as a result of its leverage and non-partisan position in society coupled with the critical mass of people it mobilises. For instance the project attracted some key government ministers and institutions to dialogue and engage on the programme related issues. Examples include:

- Minister of Mines and Energy met Coalition members to debrief them on Government's efforts on managing the gas find. Also submitted a copy of Coalition's communiqué to the Minister who intends to meet the coalition for discussion;
- Engaged the Deputy Minister of Science and Environment, Key Technical Person responsible for the Ghana Revenue Authority, Key persons from GNPC, CEPS, KNUST, Representatives of the Accra Office of World Bank on pragmatic policy issues that will maximise the most benefits of the oil and gas to the economy and citizens;
- Other Civil Society Organizations including NGOs continue to recognise the crucial role the Church is playing in adding its voice to issues of national character and the possible impact. Hence a continuous support in providing research findings and technical support to the various engagements of the coalition. This is evident in our collaboration, and engagement with the Civil Society Platform on Oil and Gas, COLANDEF, KITE, NETRIGHT, ARK Foundation, ISODEC, Public Agenda etc.

Overwhelming public response to Coalition's programmes evidenced in the turn out for sensitisation programmes and discussions in various congregations. Nevertheless, while some sections of the public are supportive of Church involvement, others still hold the view that Coalition's role should stay with the church while others feel Coalition's involvement in Oil and Gas advocacy is crucial. This is seen on some interactive news websites. This ambivalence however also creates an opportunity to intensify the church's involvement.

4. What is your perception on the general policy making environment in Ghana with regards to this specific issue

There are frantic efforts to quickly recoup the benefits from the oil and gas hence development of policy frameworks and legal instruments to this regard. From deliberations among civil society and other major stakeholders it is clear that the process must slow down to critically look at issues related to the management of the oil and gas industry. It is now obvious that the purported drilling of the Oil in October will not have adequate machinery regarding well equipped institutions and management frameworks in place. For instance the Revenue Management Bill is yet to be finalised and passed. Transparency and accountability issues must be viewed as a way of deepening democracy. Hence government must take steps in taking these into account in its relationship with CSOs, parliament and all other major stakeholders. Some issues related to confidentiality and making contract issues public need to be looked at. Nevertheless the involvement of the CSOs and FBOs in the process is a reflection of Government's readiness to include all stakeholders to ensure that the Country derives the most from the oil and gas find.

5. Grant and report related issues

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

We commend G-RAP for supporting the Coalition to carry out advocacy in ways that will be effective within the 6 month period of the project.

6. Proposed Next Step

What issues will you continue working on as an outcome of this project?

- Coalition proposes to use the 2011 Christian Home Week celebration to further the objectives of the Oil and Gas Advocacy Project. The booklet will primarily focus on educating and sensitising coalition members and especially the Local Councils of Churches which include all churches at the local level.
- In addition, the Annual Delegates Conference of the Ghana Pentecostal Council (GPC) will be used to share the coalition's position with membership and sensitize them. In addition, the Annual Week Celebration of the GPC will also focus on managing expectations of the Oil and Gas.
- Coalition proposes to use the medium of the Christian Network on Population & Development, which is a more encompassing Coalition, to reach many more churches and work on the high expectations.
- Also target other communities outside those on the frontline.