



**Ghana Developing Communities Association (GDCA)
In Conjunction with
The Accountability and Good Governance Network
(AGNET) and
Dalun Simli Centre (DSC)**

**Project Title: Enhanced Participation of Citizens in Oil and
Gas Governance**

**First Quarter Report
(July – August 2010)**

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ANNEX 2

SPF Narrative Progress Report

Report period: 1st July – 30th September 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

Project Outputs	Completion level	Target groups
Output 1: Capacities of CSOs to engage duty bearers on oil and gas issues enhanced	Progress towards achieving output on course. Capacities of CSOs have been strengthened on oil and gas issues. One training workshop on the Petroleum Revenue Management and Local Content and Participation Bills organised as planned. Two of the six monthly learn and share sessions among CSOs and have been organized within the period.	Participants at the capacity be were drawn from the Coalition and other NGOs. A total of 35 participants took part in the training.
Output 2: Information on government policies on oil and gas disseminated	12 out of 24 Radio programmes produced and broadcast. Information on revenue management bill and the local content and participation disseminated at community fora	The information disseminated within the period was targeting primarily the project districts of Savelugu-Nanton and Tolon-Kumbungu and the Tamale Metropolis. A lot more audience outside the project area have been affected due to the usage of Simli

		Radio which transcends the boundaries of the project districts.
Output 3: Stakeholder awareness on oil and gas issues enhanced	Three district level awareness fora organized in the three project districts to solicit views regarding the management of the oil and gas resources. As a tool for effective advocacy on the various issues around the oil and gas find, views of people have been sampled to that effect.	The target included representatives of CBOs, NGOs, and Traditional Authorities.
Output 4: Inputs/views/opinions on oil and gas policies (revenue management and local content) collated and disseminated.	Not due	Not due
Output 5: Awareness of job opportunities in oil and gas industry increased	Not due	Not due
Output 6: Alternative measures to curb labour migration proposed.	Not due	Not due

Outline outputs during this period	What specific policy issues does this target	What advocacy outputs were informed by your research/project
Output 1: Capacities of CSOs to engage duty bearers on oil and gas issues enhanced	Increased contribution of civil society to the debate in and shaping the formulation and passage of the Local Content and Participation Bills and the Petroleum Revenue Management	Since the Oil find, a lot of CSO's have been engaged at different levels with the objective of ensuring that the oil resources is utilized at a most efficient and transparent manner. Due to the fact that it an emerged area, CSO's capacity to carry out advocacy in this area is limited. This output is expected to enhance the skills and knowledge of some selected members of CSOs in this new field.
Output 2: Information on government policies on oil and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing public participation in the shaping of legislation on 	Government has come with some draft policies to guide the production and utilization of the oil and gas

gas disseminated	<p>oil and gas find.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing alternative sources of employment for the youth • Implementation of SADA to avoid focusing on oil find alone 	resources. Some opinions have been gathered through public fora, radio programmes and articles published in the newspapers.
Output 3: Stakeholder awareness on oil and gas issues enhanced	Spread out the awareness on the Local Content and Participation and the Petroleum Revenue Management Bills for contributions by stakeholders	Communities, traditional authorities and district level authorities in the project area have been sensitised on the oil and gas find. Their capacities to contribute to the debate have been enhanced
Output 4: Inputs/views/opinions on oil and gas policies (revenue management and local content) collated and disseminated.	Due in second quarter	
Output 5: Awareness of job opportunities in oil and gas industry increased	Due in second quarter	
Output 6: Alternative measures to curb labour migration proposed.	Due in second quarter	

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

Within the period under review, a number success has been chalked with regards to the indicators identified in the project design. Nine dialogue meetings have been organised by the coalition led by the Accountability and Good Governance Network (AgNET) in 9 communities in the Savelugu-Nanton and the Tolon-Kumbungu districts and the Tamale Metropolis. The meetings were organised in the following communities: Sagnarigu, Wayamba, Chanshegu, Dalun, Tolon, Nyankpalla, Diare, Savelugu and Nanton in the above mentioned Metropolis and districts. The names of the communities are arranged in the order in which it was organised. It was organised between August 4th - 18th September 2010.

Thirty- five (35) members of some selected NGOs and CBOs have had their capacities enhanced on some of the draft policies developed on oil and gas issues. This is expected to enhance their ability to explain these issues to their constituents. The specific policies dealt

with include the draft Petroleum Revenue Management Bill and the draft Local Content and participation Bill. Out of the 24 radio programmes broadcast as indicator slated for the entire project period, 12 have been produced and broadcast of 30 minutes per slot each through Simli Radio. This activity is expected to receive much attention in the next quarter. The draft local content and participation bill have been published in both the Advocate newspaper and GDCAs local magazine 'the savannah advocate'.

A total of 130 sampled people have from the Tamale Metropolis, The Savelugu-Nanton and the Tolon-Kumbungu districts have responded to questionnaire designed to ascertain the level and of awareness of the oil find and the their suggestions for its utilization. Awareness of some selected people have been enhanced from resulting from the organization of three awareness forum.

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?

Oil and Gas advocacy is an emerging development area in Ghana and like many CSOs in Ghana, a project specifically on oil and gas advocacy is new for all the members of the coalition. From past interventions, members of the coalition have developed very strong credibility and legitimacy among its constituents with their interventions. This therefore provided a good foundation for the implementation of the project activities among the target groups. The credibility of the Coalition members has increased among the target groups because of their ability to respond to emerging social issues. This has come about as a result of the recognition of the constituents of members of the coalition of the opportunity to add their voice to this important national discussion. What this means is that CSOs as intermediary between the larger population and the state are able to live up to their responsibilities when they have the resources.

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

Since the discourse of the issues around the oil find began in the country, Government has been leading the processes. It is important to mention that CSOs are fast gaining recognition as key stakeholders in the oil and gas policy environment because of the quality of the inputs they are contributing into the policy and regulations formulation processes. Infact CSOs have heavily shaped the state of most of the drafts policies being considered. In the immediate past both Government and CSOs have been engaging the populace towards the generation of ideas, unfortunately, a lot more part of the populace have not had their views yet captured into shaping the policies further. Though the general policy environment is quite conducive, a lot more would have to be done to have views of a larger more Ghanaians included in the policy formulation processes.

5. Grant and report related issues

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

None specifically for now.

6. Proposed Next Step

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

In the next quarter, the table below provides activities and periods they would be implemented.

Months		October	November	December	Responsibility
Activities	Target				
1. Organize 6 monthly learn and share (review) meetings for CSOs (Agnet, CBO network, Community Youth Association) in the area of oil and gas	3 meetings held.				GDCA
2. Hold 24 radio discussions on government policies on oil and gas					GDCA
3. Publish policies on oil and gas in local newsletters 7 times.	6 policies published.				GDCA
4. Organize 6 public symposia in second cycle and tertiary Institutions on oil and gas.	6 symposia organized.				AGNeT
5. Organize one regional level advocacy forum on oil and gas	1 forum held.				GDCA

policies					
6. Collate information from the stakeholders and others agencies in oil and gas issues	Relevant information collated.				DSC
7. Prepare position papers of CBOs, youth groups/associations, students, chiefs on oil and gas policies (revenue management and local content).	Position papers prepared.				DSC
8. Organize 6 public symposia in second cycle, tertiary, technical/vocational Institutions on oil and gas	6 symposia organized.				DSC
9. Prepare a position paper for government to ensure timely implementation of SADA, NPDP in the Northern Region.	Position paper prepared.				DSC
10. Organize one Regional youth	One regional				AGNeT

forum on alternative job opportunities in the Northern Region regarding SADA, NYEP, National Plantation development programme and others.	forum organized				
11. Monitoring and Evaluation	Activities monitored.				GDCA