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List of Acronyms

AAIN Action Aid International Nigeria
AAN AIDS Alliance Nigeria
ABGREMO Akpabuyo Bakassi Green Movement
ACE Alliance for Credible Elections
ADVANCE Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment Project
AOTR Agreement Officer's Technical Representative
BPP Bureau of Public Procurement
CASS Centre for Advanced Social Sciences
CBN Central Bank of Nigeria
CIRDDOC Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre
CISHAN Civil Society for HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
CISLAC Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre
CPPC Centre for Public-Private Cooperation
CSO Civil Society Organization
DG Democracy and Governance
EFCC Economic and Financial Crimes Commission
EITI Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
ERC Electoral Reform Committee
FEC Federal Executive Council
FOI Freedom of Information
FOMWAN Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria
FY Fiscal Year
GON Government of Nigeria
IMC Interfaith Mediation Centre
INEC Independent National Electoral Commission
IP Implementing Partner
JDPC Justice Development and Peace Commission
JONAPWD Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities
LGA Local Government Area
MDA Ministry, Department and Agency
NASS National Assembly
NBA Nigerian Bar Association
NEEDS National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
NEITI Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
NGO Non-Governmental Organization
NJC National Judicial Council
PWYP Publish What You Pay
RFA Request for Application
SEEDS State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
USAID United States Agency for International Development
WANGONeT West Africa NGO Network
WOTCLEF Women Trafficking and Child Labor Eradication Foundation
ZCC Zero Corruption Coalition

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I. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

A. Activity Summary

Implementing Partner: Pact, Inc.
Activity Name: Advocacy, Awareness, and Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE) Project
Activity Objectives: Strengthened civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms such as budget transparency, access to information, and judicial oversight Strengthened public-private partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives
USAID/Nigeria SO: SO11: Strengthened Foundations for Democratic Governance
Life of Activity (start and end dates): May 23, 2005 through May 22, 2010
Total Estimated Contract/Agreement Amount: \$8,000,000.00
Obligations to date: \$7,623,848.00
Current Pipeline Amount: \$1,655,891, of which \$364,471 is already obligated to sub grantees and therefore not available for any purpose; leaving an Effective Pipeline Amount of \$1,291,420.
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$338,928
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date: \$5,967,957
Estimated Expenditures Next Quarter: \$420,000
Report Submitted by: Dan Spealman, Pact Nigeria Country Rep.

B. Summary of Outputs

Management outputs

Primary capacity building and grants/program management accomplishments this quarter include the following:

- Supported existing partner CSOs through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Processed no-cost extension modifications for a number of partner CSOs.
- Finalized Inter-Faith Mediation Centre (IMC's) capacity building workplan.
- Held strategic planning training workshop for IMC.
- Continued the provision of technical assistance/ mentoring to partner CSOs in project implementation and reporting.
- Continued the on-going reconciliations and closeout of completed projects.
- Prepared and released latest ADVANCE subgrants Request for Application (RFA).
- Completed compliance review of the applications received in response to the RFA.

This quarter, Pact continued to provide its remaining subgrantees that have on-going projects with regular mentoring and oversight support in program implementation and reporting. One partner whose project timeline had elapsed got a no-cost extension to enable them complete their outstanding activities. Within the quarter under review, Pact continued to track cost share contributions of CSO partners and also processed the financial close out of the few remaining completed but unclosed projects.

Pact also prepared and released the latest subgrants RFA, which was distributed among the partner CSOs and also made available on Pact Nigeria website. The latest RFA focused on building on the progress made by the ADVANCE program in FY 08 in the context of the ADVANCE FY 09 work plan, prevailing ADVANCE budget and USAID Nigeria priorities. Thus, the programming areas under the RFA are budget advocacy, anti-corruption/NEITI, legislative advocacy, and public procurement. Thirty-three applications – mostly from our existing partner CSOs were received as of March 31, which was the closing date of the RFA. Pact staff carried out compliance review of all the applications and selected 18 out of the 33 applications for the technical review that has taken place as of the writing of this report. We anticipate that given the funds available for subgranting at this stage of the program, 10 of the applications will be selected and issued with subgrant awards in the next quarter.

Also during this reporting period, Pact and USAID engaged on a number of programmatic and management collaborations. The USAID ADVANCE AOTR held a program meeting with ADVANCE team at Pact Nigeria's office on February 12. Issues discussed included the proposed financial review follow-up visit, FY 09 first quarter report, PMP and targets, FY 09 work plan and budget. The USAID Nigeria Financial Analyst paid a three-day follow-up visit (February 17 – 19) to the earlier review of the ADVANCE program that was done in FY 08. The purpose of the follow up visit was to assess the progress that Pact Nigeria had made in implementing the recommendations of the review's report. At the end of the visit, the analyst was satisfied that much progress had been made by Pact Nigeria in the implementation of the recommendations and encouraged Pact to complete the few pending recommendations not yet fully implemented. The ADVANCE team jointly with other DG IPs participated in USAID DG team/US Embassy's meeting held at the USAID office, which

discussed the way forward on the Electoral Reform Committee's report. In addition, Pact Nigeria received the report of the mid-term evaluation of the ADVANCE program from USAID Nigeria. The report was very positive and Pact will work on the recommendations in moving the program forward through the remaining part of its lifespan.

Finally, in pursuance of the registration process with the National Planning Commission, Pact Nigeria held a meeting to re-engage with the National Planning Commission. In follow-up to the next steps agreed to at the meeting, Pact Nigeria submitted additional documentation as requested by the Commission, who is now reviewing and will follow-up when they are able.

Program outputs

- ActionAid's CSO summit on the 2009 Appropriation Bill.
- ActionAid's advocacy visit to the Chair, Senate Committee on Health.
- ActionAid's development and production of the NEEDS analysis report (2004 – 2007)
- ActionAid's technical support on budget advocacy to the Lagos state ministry of economic planning and budget.
- WANGONet's training of CSOs on NEITI process and engagement.
- ZCC's one-day advocacy meeting with relevant government agencies and other stakeholders in the Nigerian oil and gas sector.
- ZCC's publication and national launch of the Citizen's Manual on the NEITI.
- ZCC's newspaper insertion of the simplified version of the NEITI audit report 1999-2004.

C. Recent Programmatic Context

Budget Context

The quarter under review was one in which the shockwaves of the global economic recession were beginning to be felt more deeply across the nations of the world, with Nigeria being no exception. President, Umaru Musa Yar'Adua at a Federal Executive Council meeting held in January 2009 took the members to task, saying the challenges of the moment come with opportunity to prove themselves. This was because the year 2009 was ushered in amidst persistent push and pull of both local and global economic realities, foisting upon them the task of maintaining micro and macro-economic stability in an already delicate situation now worsened by an environment of global economic meltdown.

It is estimated that up to 90 percent of Nigeria's foreign exchange earning comes from crude oil exports, and in a situation where global oil prices are experiencing a steady decline as a result of the global economic recession, that has become a major source of concern for a national economy whose annual budgetary projections are underpinned by the pricing of oil in the world market. In this light, the governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Professor Chukwuma Soludo, made a proposal for the injection of \$20 billion (N3 trillion) into the system as "safety net" or "shock absorber" against the vagaries of the external environment, while the nation's \$52 billion external reserve will be made to serve as stimulus to bolster the ailing economy.

Amidst all of this, the National Assembly passed a N3.102 trillion 2009 budget after two months of debates, which the President signed with reservations. The President had expressed particular concern over what he considered high forecasts and estimates used by the National

Assembly in formulating the budget, saying they were not reflective of current realities of declining international oil prices and production constraints. He nevertheless signed the budget, noting that it was being signed while keeping in mind the clear challenges facing the nation. The budget, according to the President had a “decided bias for power supply, transportation and other critical infrastructure.” It also has increased funding for health, education, agriculture and other areas critical to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals including the peace, security and sustained development of the Niger Delta.

Electoral Reform/Governance

On August 28, 2007, President Umaru Musa Yar’Adua inaugurated a 22-member Electoral Reform Committee (ERC) headed by a former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Muhammad Lawal Uwais, which made its report on December 11, 2008. In March 2009, the agitations of Nigerians for the release of the ERC’s report caused the President to set up two separate White Paper review committees on the Uwais report. One was headed by the incumbent Defense Minister, Shettima Mustapha. His committee accepted the recommendations in the Uwais report but the review committee headed by Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of the Federation Michael Aondoakaa recommended that the status quo be maintained – the most controversial part of the status quo being that the President continues to retain power to appoint the chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), while the Senate ratifies the appointment.

Based on these review reports, the Federal Executive Council (FEC) announced that it had rejected the recommendations of the Justice Uwais-led committee with respect to the appointment of the chairman and members INEC, which drew sharp criticism from Nigeria civil society. Although, the FEC rejected the most important part of the Uwais panel’s recommendations, it did however, accept certain of the recommendations such as:

- Continuing with the Open-Secret system of voting;
- Accreditation of voters before commencement of elections;
- Declaration of election results at each polling station; as well as
- Unbundling INEC through the creation of a Political Parties Registration and Regulatory Commission, an Electoral Offences Commission and a Centre for Democratic Studies.
- Independent candidates should be allowed to contest elections
- INEC’s funding should be a first-line charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation.

Finally on the electoral issue; the verdicts of the Appeals Court on the contested Edo and Ondo states 2007 gubernatorial elections brought to an end the clouded political atmosphere in these states and redefined the leadership of those states. The Court endorsed the election of Comrade Adams Oshiomhole of the Action Congress and Dr. Olusegun Mimiko of the Labour Party as the legitimate governors of Edo and Ekiti states respectively, thereby ending the rule of Professor Osunbor and Dr. Olusegun Agagu of People Democratic Party (PDP) as governors of Edo and Ondo states. Also, the Appeal Court sacked Mr. Segun Oni as the governor of Ekiti state and ordered a re-run of the election in 10 out of the 16 local government councils in the state within 90 days. INEC has scheduled the re-run election for April 25, 2009. Dr. Kayode Fayemi of the Action Congress and Segun Oni of the PDP are the candidates for the election.

General Anti-Corruption Developments

As part of the war on corruption during the quarter under review, President Yar'Adua approved the suspension of the chairman of the National Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), Dr. Ransome Owan and six other commissioners over N1.5 billion alleged fraud in the Energy sector.

Also this quarter, the federal government took its anticorruption war to another level when it requested the government of the United States of America to furnish it with information on the complicity of both past and serving Nigerian officials who were involved in the Halliburton bribery saga. According to a report credited to one District Court in Houston, USA, between 1994 and 2004, Halliburton, in violation of Foreign Corrupt Practices Acts (FCPA) gave bribes to high ranking Nigerian officials in the executive branch and the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), in a scheme to secure four lucrative Bonny Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) contracts worth about \$6 billion. The report indicated that Halliburton and KBR accepted to pay fines totaling \$402 million, of which Halliburton's share is \$382 million to the US Justice Department. Besides, the report was said to have indicated that under a separate settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Halliburton will pay a further fine of \$177 million bringing the total fines to be paid by both organizations to \$579 million, the single largest combined settlement ever paid by US companies under the FCP Act. After substantial deliberation, the Senate passed a resolution urging the Federal Government to take all necessary steps to expose and prosecute Nigerians involved in the bribery saga. It also resolved to pursue an independent investigation into the matter, in line with the powers vested in it by the 1999 Constitution.

Anti-Corruption Commissions

The ICPC was very active this quarter. It commenced an investigation that resulted in handing down a 12-year jail sentence by a High Court sitting in Maiduguri, Borno State on the Special Adviser to the Governor on Poverty and Youth Empowerment, Abba Gana Abbas Dawa. He was charged with misappropriation of public funds when he held sway as chairman of Damboa local government council. Dawa was convicted alongside the treasurer of the council. The two were prosecuted by the ICPC for allegedly diverting six million naira under the pretence of paying for construction of boreholes.

ICPC also probed the Ondo State Accounts this quarter. While the state was still grappling with EFCC's stoppage of over N8billion contracts it awarded, the ICPC decided to place the financial activities of Ondo State government since 2003 under another round of scrutiny. But unlike the EFCC, the ICPC went further in its probe by extending its probe to local government councils and requested for details of all capital projects embarked upon by all the 18 local government councils in the state from 2003 to date. ICPC, in its letter addressed to the state Commissioner for Finance and referred to the Accountant General of the State said it was investigating a case of an alleged violation of provisions of the ICPC Act by some public servants in Ondo State. The anticorruption agency ordered the state government to provide details of all capital projects in all the 18 local governments from 2003 to date. The Commission also directed the Accountant General of the state to furnish it with a list of all Millennium Development Goals Projects embarked upon by the state government within the same period. It also sought to know on whose authorization the state government funds were deposited in interest yielding accounts as well as the exact amounts deposited in all such interest yielding accounts from May 2003 to date, and the actual amount of interest accruing

thereon. The ICPC's summon was received in the office of the Finance Commissioner on January 15, 2009.

Finally, in the same vein, ICPC also quizzed 10 Zamfara State commissioners over alleged financial misappropriation. They were invited to the headquarters of the commission in Abuja following a petition, which alleged that top government functionaries in the state used state government funds to finance personal projects.

The EFCC also continued to be active in its statutory responsibilities this quarter. It investigated several cases, one of which was the Vaswani brothers' case. EFCC stormed the office of the Vaswani brothers on March 17, 2009 and arrested 12 of their staff and detained five of them in Abuja. The Commission also arrested two senior Customs Comptrollers in connection with the case. The two top officers were apprehended for their alleged roles in the various transactions between the Customs Service and the Vaswani brothers through their business outfits, in the process of which the Federal Government was allegedly defrauded of N3 billion.

Civil Society Engagement

Civil society groups continued to play increasingly significant roles in enhancing good governance this quarter. Aside from the interventions of Pact-ADVANCE partners, other civil society organizations like the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria (CIPSM) constructively engaged the public procurement administration in Nigeria. For example, the Abuja chapter of ICAN organized a symposium on Nigeria 2007 Public Procurement Act. The symposium was organized to educate ICAN members and the public at large on the workings of the new procurement Act. Similarly, other civil society groups, relevant professional bodies and the Nigerian media also held roundtable discussions to review the content of the Public Procurement Act 2007, as well as the bill for its amendment introduced by the Executive, and the various inputs proposed for its amendment by the NAS.

The roundtable identified numerous concerns with the Government's implementation of the Public Procurement Act, including that the National Council on Public Procurement envisaged under the Public Procurement Act has not been inaugurated by the President since June 4, 2007 when the Procurement Bill was signed into law. Participants at the roundtable also noted with dismay that the Act had not been tested since it was signed into law, and yet the Executive is hastily asking for an amendment, while on its part, the National Assembly went beyond its mandate to surreptitiously smuggle in other provisions not sought in the amendment proposed originally by the Executive. In part as response to this activism and advocacy for better implementation of the law, the federal government confirmed Emeka Eze as the Director-General of the Bureau for Public Procurement (who had previously been acting in that role).

Finally, civil society groups organized two national dialogues on the outcome of the Electoral Reform Committee's work. The two meetings brought together different political parties (particularly the opposition), academia, CSOs and the media to discuss the report of the ERC and its implications for electoral governance in Nigeria. The first dialogue was organized by Coalition for Change (C4C) of the Department for International Development (DFID), while USAID implementing partners organized the second.

II. QUARTER PROGRESS

A. Program Management

Regional/HQ Support

Pact Headquarters and the Regional Office in Nairobi continued their usual support to Pact Nigeria through information sharing and advice on issues that have enhanced the management of the ADVANCE program. In addition, Pact Headquarters sponsored an Africa regional meeting and a global organizational development meeting/training, in which Pact Nigeria staff participated at Pact HQ expense. The regional meeting was held in Zanzibar, Tanzania in February and was attended by the Pact Nigeria Country Representative and Deputy Country Representative. The organizational development training was held in Pretoria, South Africa in March and was attended by the Pact Nigeria Program Officer for Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing.

General Portfolio Management

The ADVANCE subgrant portfolio as of this quarter remains at 40 subprojects for the life of the award, and the cumulative number of CSO partners stands at 28. The ongoing subgrants as of this quarter stood at three, but the subgrants of ZCC and WANGONeT were completed during the quarter. ZCC and some of the subgrantees that previously completed their projects are likely to be re-engaged next quarter under the new applications/proposals that are undergoing technical review. The only partner that will continue implementation of its ongoing project uninterrupted is AAIN, and its project will run through to February 2010.

During this reporting period, Pact continued to closely monitor the program activities of all its CSO partners to ensure quality in their program implementation. This included attendance and input at the following partner activities by members of the ADVANCE staff:

- WANGONeT's NEITI training workshop on Oil Revenue Transparency and Civic Oversight of the Nigeria Extractive industry transparency Initiative (NEITI) on February 25- 27, 2009
- ZCC's Advocacy meeting with agencies/stakeholders in the Nigerian oil and gas sector, held in Abuja on February 4, 2009

In addition, the ADVANCE program also engaged with the Government of Nigeria as follows:

- Participated at the Federal Ministry of Finance/Budget Office 2009 Budget Briefing held on March 24, 2009 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja.
- Held a meeting on March 30, 2009 with the Lagos State Budget Office on the prospect of having the Lagos State Budget made accessible to the masses on a dedicated website, which Pact ADVANCE has offered to set up for the Budget office.

Furthermore, the ADVANCE team also participated in NDI/IFES/IRI national dialogue on Electoral Reform held on March 31, 2009 in Abuja.

Subgrant Finances

During this reporting period, Pact Nigeria completed reconciliations with more number of partner CSOs whose projects are completed, and successfully closed out the completed projects of FOMWAN (first project), ZCC (first project) and Green CODE (formerly ABGREMO). This allowed Pact to de-obligate the sum of **\$4,938.77** from these closed-out projects, which brings the cumulative to **\$100, 054.45** (up from \$95,115.68 reported in the fourth quarter of FY 08). Pact staff were also able to track and report additional cost share of **\$100,516.7**, which brings the cumulative to **\$341, 986.6** (up from \$241,468.90 reported in the last quarter of FY 08), which is 81.22% of the required cost share (\$421,052) for the life of the program.

During this reporting period, an additional sum of **\$158,811.77** was disbursed/advanced to the existing partners (WANGONeT, AAIN, and ZCC) all of whom had ongoing projects as well as one partner with closed out project Green CODE (or ABGREMO), bringing the cumulative of disbursements/advances so far made for all subgrants as at the end of this quarter to **\$2, 134,550.10** (up from \$1,975, 738.33 in the previous quarter and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Of that amount, the subgrantees have expended and retired/liquidated a total of **\$1, 924, 643.53** to date (up from the \$1, 798,008.64 reported in the last quarter, and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Also this quarter, the cumulative expenditures incurred on consultancies/in-kind subgrants remain at \$458, 994.68 because there was no additional expenditure incurred. Together, the cumulative grand total of expenditures at the end of this quarter, based on retirements/ liquidations of subgrants including expenses from in-kind support and consultancies stands at **\$2, 383, 628.21** (up from the \$2, 257,003.32 in the last quarter). Table 1 below provides a summary of current subgrant recipients (including those receiving in-kind support) along with each subgrantee's obligated amount, advances/disbursements, expenditures and balances as of the end of this quarter, March 31, 2009.

Subgrant Summary Table

TABLE 1: Summary of Status of ADVANCE Sub-grants and Consultancy (Advances and Actual Expenditures including Balance) as at End of Quarter I, FY 08 (Jan– Mar 31st, 2009)

	Recipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Focus	Advances/Disbursements, Actual Expenditures and Project Status					
						Obligated Amount	Advances to Date (\$)		Expenditures on Advances to Date (\$)		Project Status
						\$	Advances	Balance on Obligated Amt	Expenditures	Balance Due(Grantee)/P act	
Standard Grants											
1	PWYP	3/30/2006	5/31/2007	Publish What You Pay Campaign in Nigeria	Awareness and advocacy around the NEITI and ongoing oil industry audit process	140,051.18	140,051.18	-	140,051.18	0.00	Terminated
2	MRA	3/30/2006	7/31/2007	Advocacy on Freedom of Information Bill	Freedom of Information Bill (Legislative /Executive advocacy for the final stages of passage/implementation planning	120,936.80	120,639.58	297.22	120,605.53	34.04	Closed
3	IPC	3/30/2006	1/31/2008	Media Strengthening for Reporting on Corruption and Policy Reform	Media audit and capacity building for increased effectiveness of CSOs in using the media for awareness on anti-corruption, trafficking, & budget monitoring	100,393.82	100,393.82	-	100,393.82	(0.00)	Closed
4	WOTCLEF	3/30/2006	6/30/2007	Public Awareness and Advocacy on Trafficking in Women and Children (Kano, Osun and Cross River States)	Increased awareness, public support and advocacy for more effective policies and enforcement of anti-trafficking laws.	85,000.00	85,065.49	(65.49)	85,065.49	0.00	Closed
5	CISLAC	9/20/2006	9/30/2007	Strengthening Civil Society Engagement of the Legislative Process through Targeted Policies	Legislative Advocacy & Tracking of Targeted Bills at NASS	157,419.48	157,419.48	0.00	157,419.47	0.00	Closed
6	Action Aid Int'l Nig	8/15/2006	2/22/2010	Building Capacity of CSOs in Budget Monitoring & Tracking	National & Focal State	826,142.42	627,435.08	198,707.34	625,632.16	1,802.92	On-going
7	JDPC/ACE	11/1/2006	12/31/2006	Voter Registration Monitoring in 15 states across all the 6 Geo-Political Zones of Nigeria	Voter Registration and Oversight of INEC	58,000.00	57,729.19	270.81	58,000.00	(270.81)	Closed
8	CIAD	2/9/2007	5/30/2007	Voter Education Programme in 15 Local Government Areas of Kano, Jigawa & Bauchi States	Civic Education (Elections) including training of CBOs on voter education; distribution of voter education materials; voter education advocacy visits to traditional rulers and religious leaders; and conduct of voter education forums at grassroots level in 15 Local Government Areas (LGAs) of Kano, Jigawa and Bauchi States	29,725.78	27,789.91	1,935.87	28,196.04	(406.13)	Completed
9	MULAC	2/1/2007	4/30/2007	Right to Vote	Civic Education (Elections) including public awareness lectures for Islamiyya & Conventional schools; Seminar for Imams & Muslim clerics plus public enlightenment & education on the right to vote in 5 States (Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Sokoto and Niger) in the Northern part of Nigeria	18,510.94	18,573.21	(62.27)	18,573.21	-	Completed
10	ACE	3/1/2007	11/31/2007	INEC Oversight and Stakeholder Advocacy. However, project scope increased to include National Peoples' Tribunal on 2007 Elections	Civic Education (Elections) including tracking & reporting of election s activities in some national dailies; advocacy visits to some stakeholders; conduct of town hall meetings with road transport unions & okada riders associations; & production & airing radio jingles in North Central zone of Nigeria	128,223.13	116,001.95	12,221.18	107,481.88	8,520.07	Completed
11	FOMWAN	3/8/2007	4/30/2007	Voter Sensitization for Increased Participation & Protection of Mandate at Mosques, Churches, & Market Arenas	Civic Education (Elections) including advocacy visits to state media; road shows on voter education; and radio dialogues in 5 Targeted States (Kogi, Nassarawa, Kano, Niger and Kwara) in the northern part of Nigeria	62,089.84	62,003.92	85.92	62,192.76	(188.84)	Closed
12	ZCC	3/27/2007	7/31/2007	Engaging the Processes of EFCC Amendment Act in Nigeria	Citizen Participation and Oversight including Bridging meeting with Legislatures on the passage of EFCC amendment Act; advocacy visits to chairman of Good Governance group in the House of Representatives & to the House ad-hoc committee; and press conference.	35,234.38	28,305.88	6,928.50	28,305.88	-	Closed
13	AAN	5/1/2007	9/30/2008	Strengthening Capacity of CSOs in HIV Budget Tracking & Improving Transparency in Resource Allocation for Effective Service Delivery in the Prevention & Treatment of HIV in Lagos State	Civic Participation and Oversight- HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Oversight	49,880.06	46,192.22	3,687.84	43,987.82	2,204.40	Completed

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							\$	Advances	Balance on Obligated Amt	Expenditures		Balance Due(Grantee)/Pact
Standard Grants												
14	CIRDDOC	5/1/2007	9/30/2008	Enabling CSOs to Monitor Government Spending on Education in Rivers State	Civic Participation and Oversight- Tracking & Oversight	49,326.17	37,224.59	12,101.58	36,632.96	591.63	Completed	
15	JDPC, Ijebu-Ode	5/1/2007	9/30/2008	Enhancing CS Capacity to Engage the Public Budget Process through the Drawing of Shadow Budgets in Lagos State	Civic Participation and Oversight- Tracking & Oversight	49,994.57	37,732.20	12,262.37	44,676.72	(6,944.52)	Completed	
16	CISHAN	5/1/2007	8/30/2008	Enhancing Capacity of CSOs in HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Monitoring of Allocation of Resource & expenditures for attaining MDG in HIV/AIDS in Kano & Rivers States	Civic Participation and Oversight- Oversight	49,946.27	40,063.20	9,883.07	41,890.54	(1,827.34)	Completed	
17	ERA	9/19/2007	8/12/2008	Local Empowerment and good governance in Edo/Delta states, South south Zone of Nigeria	Conduct of Survey Research on NEITI process & practice including its Act, publication (e-copy) and dissemination of report; conduct of environmental parliament on NEITI; and advocacy campaign on expanding the mandate of NEITI.	35,433.07	35,025.72	407.35	35,025.72	-	Completed	
18	CASS	9/19/2007	9/18/2008	Oil revenue transparency and civic oversight of the NEITI process in Rivers/Bayelsa states, as well as national perception survey in some targeted states in the remaining 5 geopolitical zones in Nigeria.	Desk research on effectiveness of NEITI at State and LGA level; FGD in each state; conduct of 3 capacity building / dissemination workshops for CSOs; and conduct of enlightenment Forums at grassroots level by trained CSOs; Conduct National Perception Survey on NEITI; and provide leadership role to other partners on State Perception Surveys.	86,526.69	79,823.19	6,703.50	79,713.36	109.83	Completed	
19	ABGREMO	9/19/2007	5/31/2000	Legislative Advocacy & Capacity Building for CSOs on oil revenue transparency in Akwa Ibom and Cross river state	Legislative Advocacy and Capacity Building for Civil Society Organizations on Oil Revenue Transparency in Akwa Ibom, and Cross River States of Nigeria.	33,064.96	34,030.50	(973.62)	29,765.00	4,273.50	Completed	
20	WANGONeT	9/19/2007	2/29/2009	Capacity Building for CSOs on oil Revenue Transparency and Civic oversight of the NEITI process in Nigeria	Conduct of Training on Extractive Revenues Transparency and Oil Sector Audit to address the identified gaps by CPPC.	27,136.22	23,637.79	3,498.43	17,142.94	6,494.85	Completed	
21	ZCC	2/1/2008	3/31/2009	Production of citizens guide to information and process of NEITI as well as engaging government of Nigeria on NEITI audit report	produce a Citizen's Guide to Information & Processes of the NEITI, carryout Legislative/Policy Advocacy on NEITI Audit Process and hold a stakeholder review & dissemination of audit report	48,096.58	40,026.94	8,069.64	15,010.93	25,016.01	Completed	
22	MULAC	1/24/2008	4/18/2008	Promoting Muslim Participation in Electoral reform process in Nigeria	Engagement with electoral reform committee	9,762.50	9,751.07	11.43	9,751.07	-	Completed	
23	ACE	5/14/2008	7/30/2008	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Support Performing Musicians Association of Nigeria and the Association of Professional Bodies in Nigeria to provide input to the ERC	30,787.67	29,367.52	1,420.15	29,196.42	171.10	Completed	
24	NBA	5/15/2008	10/31/2008	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Holding a roundtable with members on electoral reforms and drafting of mentioned policy documents.	29,952.91	29,388.89	564.02	27,498.29	1,890.60	Completed	
25	CPPC	6/26/2008	12/31/2008	Empowerment of CSOs in Analysing the NEITI Audit and Processes	Assessment of the capacity of CSO/NGOs currently engaged in, or are interested in audit process and NEITI/Oil Revenue budget performance monitoring and evaluation for WANGONET to use and train CSOs; and development and production of a reference manual on NEITI auditing; Analysis of the NEITI Audited reports and Producing reports for Policy/Legislative Advocacy by ZCC.	39,354.00	36,142.28	3,211.72	12,596.38	23,545.90	Completed	
26	CISLAC	6/26/2008	12/31/2008	Civil Society Engagement of Government on Oil Revenue Transparency and Civic Oversight of the NEITI Process	Provision of regular technical support on NEITI Act Implementation to NASS Legislators and their support staff, through relevant Committees & Stakeholder review meeting on NEITI Act.	25,915.00	25,419.53	495.47	15,945.17	9,474.36	Completed	
27	FOMWAN	6/27/2008	9/30/2008	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Stakeholder consultation on electoral reform to develop memoranda and submit to the ERC	9,538.00	8,547.01	990.99	8,598.29	(51.28)	Completed	
Total						2,336,442.44	2,053,789.41	282,653.03	1,979,349.12	74,440.29		

In-Kind Sub-grants								
	Receipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Amount estimated for In-Kind	Final Grant Value	Amount Due for De-obligation	Status
1	CISLAC, ZCC and AAIN (in-kind)	Various prior to awards	March 1, 2007	Legislative advocacy on the Fiscal Responsibility Bill;	305,235.77	305,235.77	-	Complete
2	JONAPWD	January 23, 2008	February 29, 2008	Mainstreaming Disability Concern in Electoral Reforms	9,198.64	9,198.64	-	Complete
3	JONAPWD	March 1, 2007	March 31, 2007	Disabled Engaging the Politicians & INEC for 2007 Elections	21,812.11	20,118.28	1,693.83	Completed
4	PPDC	April 10, 2008	December 31, 2008	PPDC Procurement Watch program	14,825.05	14,825.05	-	Complete
5	PWYP	December 10, 2008	December 31, 2008	Annual General Meeting: PWYP	17,795.00	13,090.77	4,704.23	Complete
	Total				368,866.57	362,468.51	6,398.06	

Consultancies								
SN	Receipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Amount estimated for In-Kind	Final Grant Value	Amount Due for De-obligation	Status
1	ZCC	November 6, 2006	December 8, 2006	National Stick to the Issues Launch	2,312.50	2,312.50	-	Complete
2	ZCC	February 8, 2007	April 30, 2007	Regional Stick to the Issues Launch	62,045.16	62,045.16	-	Complete
3	ICTN	March 20, 2007	April 11, 2007	Democratic Right to Vote Credible Candidates into political positions	18,410.55	18,410.55	-	Complete
4	CP	March 19, 2007	April 15, 2007	Improving Citizen's Participation in the 2007 Elections	16,122.85	16,122.85	-	Complete
5	CDD	March 19, 2007	May 31, 2007	Policy dialogue on institutionalizing mechanisms to address violence against women in public life	8,812.51	8,812.51	-	Complete
6	CDA	March 19, 2007	June 30, 2007	Facilitating A Mainstream Youth Agenda In The 2007 Electoral Process	14,242.59	14,242.59	-	Complete
7	YPI	March 26, 2007	April 30, 2007	Nigeria Youth Colloquium on 2007 Elections	18,284.87	18,284.87	-	Complete
	Total				140,231.03	140,231.03	-	

B. Programmatic Results

The ADVANCE program has three primary objectives:

Objective ONE: Strengthened civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management

Objective TWO: Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms and civic participation, including in electoral processes

Objective THREE: Strengthened public-private (CSO) partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives

During the reporting period, significant progress was made under each of the key ADVANCE program objectives. Programmatic results are thus elaborated below.

Objective 1: Strengthened civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management

Pact/ADVANCE continued to provide technical assistance to all partners, some of which had on-going projects this quarter. The partners were assisted through interventions consisting of project proposal refinement and mentoring of existing partner CSOs on program implementation and management, monitoring and evaluation, monthly financial reporting, and weekly and quarterly program reporting.

Organizational Capacity Building for Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC)

In this quarter, Pact Nigeria continued to work to enhance the capacity of the Interfaith Mediation Center (IMC) through continuous mentoring and specific interventions according to the work plan. The Pact team visited IMC at the beginning of the quarter to review the draft work plan that had emerged from the initial assessment. Looking at the critical issues that had been outlined by the assessment in order of priority, the meeting was tasked with generating possible activities that could be part of an in-kind grant.

A quick assessment of the information and communication technology (ICT) and office equipment needs was carried out by the Pact ICT consultant in consultation with IMC staff. It was also an opportunity for IMC to present to Pact what they had been able to achieve in-house from the critical issues that were identified, some of which were rough drafts of the vision, mission, core values and core activities. At the end of the meeting, IMC was given the Pact templates for proposal and asked to come up with a proposal taking into consideration the results of the assessment and their focus as an organization.

Having generated buy-in and gathered sufficient information, the three-day strategic planning workshop was designed in collaboration with IMC to suit their needs. There were a total of 17 participants, out of which 2 were members of the board of directors (2 females and 15 males). Using the Pact Strategic Planning Module, the workshop included the following

sessions; the historical scan and review of IMC mission and vision; analysis of trends; identification and prioritization of themes; and action planning. The methodology for the workshop was highly participatory, encouraging all participants to contribute to the process.

The historical scan and review of the mission and vision tasked the IMC staff to cast their minds back to when the organization started and explore some of the reasons/ideas behind its formation. This process led the participants to identify the need for certain amendments that should be made to the organization's vision and mission statements, hence they were reviewed thus; the vision from "Interfaith coexistence toward a developed societies free of ethno-religious and socio-political conflict" to "Interfaith coexistence towards a developed society free of violent ethno-religious and socio-political conflict." and the mission from "Through non-violence strategic engagement, create peaceful societies" to "To create a peaceful society through non-violence and strategic engagement in Nigeria and beyond."

The analysis of the trends utilized the SWOT (for Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) and PEST (for Political, Economical, Social and Technological) analytical tools to task the participants to brainstorm and generate an outline of the trends that are affecting the organization. The participants spent some time brainstorming around how the weakness and threats could be turned into opportunities and to plan for mitigation in the future. This led to emergence of themes and areas chosen by the organization for concentration, including topics such as service delivery, sustainability, financial systems, management, donor relations, communications, human resources development, and advocacy. Having identified these themes, they were prioritized and turned into an action plan for the organization. The final strategic plan document based on this input is in the process of being developed.

Strategic Planning Workshop

MULAC in this quarter organized a two-day program for its network members and partners on strategic planning and grass root mobilization against corruption for Islamic organizations. MULAC requested that Pact Nigeria give them technical assistance during the meeting in the area of strategic planning and proposal development and the Pact ADVANCE Capacity Building Officer was in attendance to provide this support. This is in line with Pact policy of continuing to nurture relationships developed with partners even after their projects have ended. The essence of this approach being that it offers Pact the opportunity to broaden its network, as well as assess the impact of the capacity building efforts overtime.

The Strategic Planning program on grass root mobilization against corruption had in attendance a total of 56 participants (47 males, 9 females) drawn from selected MULAC network organizations in Kaduna State, the media and other members of society that agree with MULAC's vision of a corruption free state.

Topics covered during the program included the overview of MULAC activities, brief introduction to advocacy as a means of intervention; an overview of strategic planning as a starting point for the network and action planning session, an introduction to proposal writing as a process of sourcing for funds. There was also paper presentation on the management of NGO – the challenges of sustainability; monitoring and evaluation as a means of tracking and learning from both opportunities and challenges. In the end, a communiqué was issued and some selected organizations were tasked with fleshing out the ideas behind the work plan to be shared with the entire house when next they meet.

Objective 2: Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms and civic participation, including in electoral processes

This objective includes information on progress this quarter in regards to Pact and partner activities around legislative advocacy, budget advocacy and electoral reform advocacy.

In this quarter, Pact Nigeria continued to mentor its partners and followed up specifically with the partner CSOs to monitor the plans, and the real world application of the skills and knowledge imparted to them at the advocacy skills building workshop. This was done through phone conversations, visits, review of proposals and emails and as a result, a number of these partners were able to respond to calls for proposal building upon the already developed advocacy action plans.

Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes - ActionAID

This quarter, notwithstanding that other budget partners' projects have not yet restarted, ActionAid continued to mobilize and feature them in its own activities in order to support them with the technical expertise available within ActionAid. This is in line with the role of ActionAid ADVANCE as the lead technical partner in this area working to strengthen the capacity of the other partners.

During the period under review, ActionAid held the following activities, some of which were implemented in close collaboration with other ADVANCE budget advocacy partners and Pact Nigeria:

1. Budget Advocacy and Analysis Training Part 1 (2-day CSO Summit on the 2009 Appropriation Bill)
2. Advocacy visit to the Chairperson Senate Committee on Health to present CSO's observation and recommendation on the 2009 appropriation bill
3. Development and Production of the NEEDS analysis report (2004 – 2007)
4. Engagement with Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies as it relates to our budget work
5. Technical Support on budget advocacy to the Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget on budget accessibility to the public

This quarter, under the flagship of the ADVANCE Budget Advocacy and Analysis Training (BAAT), a 2-day CSO budget summit was held at Sharon Ultimate Hotel, Area 3 Garki Abuja on January 22 and 23, 2009. The summit provided an opportunity for Civil Society organizations and budget analysis experts to discuss and analyze the 2009 appropriation bill presented by President Musa Yar'Adua on December 2, 2008.



The Chairperson Senate Committee on Health - Honorable Dr. Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello with ActionAid's Country Director – Dr. Otive Igbuzor and the Health Analysis Consultant at the CSO summit on the 2009 Appropriation Bill

The summit attracted stakeholders from various sectors and was graced by dignitaries and government representatives such as the Chairperson Senate Committee on Health, Honorable Iyabo Obasanjo-Bello, who promised that the output of the summit will be used to inform future budgeting processes. Also present was the representative of the budget office who enlightened participants on how and when CSOs can make inputs into the budget processes/stages thereby making the budget effectively participatory. The summit provided an opportunity for stakeholders from various states to listen to experts' analysis of the key social sectors (namely: Education, Health and HIV/AIDS, Agriculture, Water and Sanitation, as well as Women Affairs) with a view to bringing out the high points, identifying gaps as well as making recommendations on the way forward. Participants deliberated on and analyzed the budget as well as the implication of having most of the national income from oil locally and internationally. They came to a consensus on the high points, identified gaps, and made suggestions on how to bridge these gaps and address the issues identified.

The summit attracted a total of 87 participants (55 males and 32 females) from civil society organizations, development partners, the media, the academia and representatives from the National Assembly, Ministries, Departments and Agencies. Outcomes of the workshop included the following:

- A communiqué was developed representing the views of all the stakeholders at the summit, which will be presented to the national assembly, the media and the public with the aim of complementing government's reform efforts, especially in key sectors, which have serious impact on the lives of majority of Nigerians.
- Also developed were organizational advocacy points which will be used to engage future budget work at different levels in order for the budget processes to be participatory.

Also this quarter, on February 25, 2009, the ActionAid ADVANCE team led an advocacy visit to the Office of the Chairperson, Senate Committee on Health, National Assembly, Abuja. The visit was to present to the Senate Committee on health, specific health issues derived from discussions and analysis of the 2009 Appropriation Bill at the 2-day CSO Summit on the bill. The visit was also to seek the legislators' commitment for Nigeria to meet national and international targets on health budgetary allocations especially the 15% minimum benchmark set by the Abuja Declaration signed by African Heads of State and the Universal Access to treatment. Also discussed was the state of the health care delivery, and how to better impact on health care financing and delivery. In addition, the team presented possible platforms which CSOs can engage in to participate in the budget enactment process.



The CSO team led by ActionAid Nigeria presenting advocacy issues to Senator Iyabo Obasanjo -Bello, the Chairperson, Senate Committee on Health

Also this quarter, ActionAid ADVANCE developed the NEEDS analysis report, which is an assessment of the Federal Government's spending on NEEDS between years 2004 and 2007, and which has been sent to press as of the time of this report. The National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) policy was developed by the Nigerian government under President Obasanjo in year 2004 in an attempt to reduce the poverty level among the citizens. The design and the implementation of the NEEDS was meant to specifically address four main areas: reform of government institutions in order to strengthen government, improving the macroeconomic environment, implementing a social charter to improve people's access to health, education, welfare, employment, security and participation and value re-orientation through institutional and governance reforms.

The report examines the financial commitment of government to the key priority sectors of the reform like agriculture, roads, health, education, power. The study argues that while there are notable achievements in the macro-economic environment, the same cannot be said of other key areas. The strategic funding targets stated in the policy were not met during the period under review (2004 – 2007). Consequently, it is believed that this may affect not only NEEDS II but also the achievement of the MDGs which are currently being implemented under President Yar'Adua's Seven-Point Agenda. The study concludes by highlighting across sectors what needs to be done if government actually wants to make life easy for its people and realize other goals of development.

In addition, within the quarter under review, the Federal Ministry of Finance and Budget Office of the Federation held a Ministerial Briefing on the 2009 Budget at the International Conference Centre to unveil the 2009 Budget to the general public and respond to stakeholders' questions on the 2009 Budget breakdown. The briefing took place on Tuesday March 24, 2009, and the ActionAid ADVANCE team, in pursuance of its engagement with MDAs participated in the briefing alongside other civil society organizations, government ministries, representatives from the diplomatic community, development agencies, media organizations, the private sector and top government officials from different MDAs.

The Finance Minister and the Director General, Budget Office of the Federation made presentations on (1) the environment and challenges upon which the 2009 budget is produced (2) the breakdown of the 2009 budget (3) key elements of the 2009 budget (4) the focus of the 2009 budget, which is on critical infrastructure (5) key deliverables for the year (6) implementation of the 2009 budget and critical challenges surrounding the implementation

and finally, (7) the policy agenda. The invitation and participation of the ActionAid ADVANCE team was a tacit acknowledgment by relevant government agencies of the depth of budget advocacy work, which the team has become increasingly known for.

On March 30 – 31 2009, the ActionAid ADVANCE team also honored an invitation by the Budget Office of the Federation to attend a 2-day workshop on budget implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation at the Congress Hall, Transcorp Hilton. The theme of the workshop was, “Making the 2009 Budget a Success – Identifying and Facilitating Critical Success Factors.” According to the convener, the workshop was the product of the government’s experience with the implementation of the 2008 budget, which did not achieve the anticipated success. In 2008, only 62% of the capital budget was implemented. According to the Director General of the Budget Office of the Federation (BoF), the workshop also reflected government’s determination to fulfill its promise to deliver better results to Nigerians as stated in the 2009 Presidential budget speech. It was noted that in order for the government to achieve its mandate and deliverables as presented during the Ministerial brief on the 2009 budget, it had become very expedient that all processes, approaches and practices of the state and its officials/agencies (MDAs) on budget implementation must be reviewed.

Outcomes of the workshop included the following:

- Emphasis was placed on developing a monitoring and evaluation framework for budget implementation at each MDA.
- A recommendation was made for periodic submission of reports on implementation to the BoF by the MDAs, including monthly implementation reports by the MDAs to the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF) to avoid delay in transfer of funds by the Ministry of Finance and CBN.
- It was proposed that the implementation and procurement reports by the MDAs and BPP should be published
- The involvement of communities in procurement processes was suggested via; (i) extension of advert/call for tender in the communities that are direct beneficiaries of the service or project, (ii) involvement in needs assessment and (iii) in monitoring of projects
- The need for urgent intervention in the Legislature-Executive frictions over budgeting was identified

Finally this quarter, ActionAid ADVANCE led a CSO/Media advocacy visit to the Lagos State Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, to follow-up on concerns raised at the December 2008 meeting regarding the difficulty associated with accessing the Lagos State budget. The follow-up visit was held with the Lagos State Director Budget and his team on Monday March 30, 2009 at the Lagos State Secretariat, Alausa. A total of 11 persons attended, representing the Budget Office, International Press Centre, Aids Alliance, ActionAid and Pact Nigeria. Participants discussed the possibility and modality of making the budget available to the public, especially on the state website for easy access, as well as meaningful and continuous involvement of civil society in the budget process. At the meeting, the Budget Office team agreed the budget was a public document and should be treated as such and also expressed their interest and willingness to have their own website whereunto they will be loading the budget and budget related documents. Conclusions from this initial meeting necessitated requests for additional follow-up meetings and activities leading to the finalization of a Ministry website, which will be detailed next quarter.



From L to R: The Director Budget, Lagos State Mr. Bayo Sodade, MEPB staff and the ActionAid Governance Team Leader Ene Obi



From L to R: Lanre Arogundade from IPC, MEPB staff, Dan Spealman, Country Representative Pact Nigeria and AbdulRasheed Mohammed of Aids Alliance

Objective 3: Strengthened public-private (CSO) partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives:

The Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)

Pact /ADVANCE support to partners on NEITI advocacy continued this quarter. The activities of partners included the following;

- Advocacy meeting with government agencies and other oil and gas stakeholders in Nigeria;
- Production and national launch of the Citizen’s Handbook/Manual on NEITI;
- Newspaper insertion of the simplified version of the 1999-2004 NEITI audit report;
- Training of CSOs on the NEITI and audit processes.

ZCC

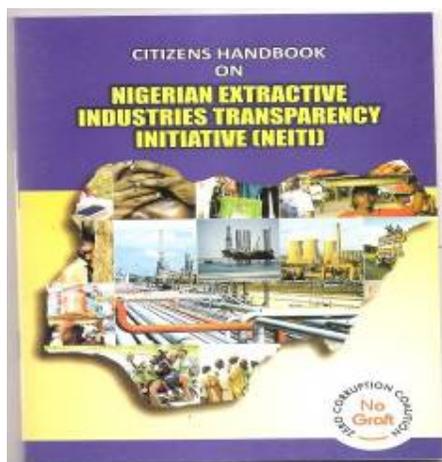
The Zero Corruption Coalition (ZCC) organized a one-day advocacy meeting with relevant agencies within Nigeria’s framework for oil and gas revenue generation and management on February 4, 2009. The meeting took place at the NEITI Secretariat conference hall, Abuja. The 37 participants at the meeting (29 males, 8 females) were drawn from 13 civil society organizations, the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS), the Office of the Accountant General of the Federation (OAGF), the NEITI Secretariat, and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The objectives of the meeting were to determine the level of implementation of the recommendations of the NEITI Audit report (1999-2004) by the relevant agencies and to explore areas of collaboration between CSOs and those agencies. After extensive deliberations, participants at the meeting resolved that there is an urgent need for:

- The NEITI Secretariat to define the information required from the relevant agencies;
- The NEITI Secretariat to delegate a specific officer who will be liaising with relevant government agencies;

- The development of a petroleum database (as is the practice all over the world) to keep track of crude extracted and provide related information on the industry;
- The NEITI 2005 Audit report to be made public as soon as possible.

At the end of the meeting, participants resolved to make the dialogue and engagement a continuous one. Finally, participants demanded that the NEITI Secretariat should, as a matter of urgency, put in the public domain a progress report of implementation of the recommendations of the NEITI Audit report of 1994-2004.

Also this quarter, following its production of the Citizen's Handbook on the Nigerian Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), ZCC organized a one-day national launch of the handbook on March 24, 2009 at Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja. In attendance at the launch were a total of 58 persons (44 males, 14 females) drawn from 33 civil society organizations, legal practitioners, representatives of the National Assembly, school teachers and students, the media and the NEITI Secretariat. The manual was formally presented to the public by Mallam Sa'eed Haruna, the Executive Secretary of the NEITI. The launch, apart from being a media event also served as an avenue for awareness creation on the NEITI processes, most especially at the national level.

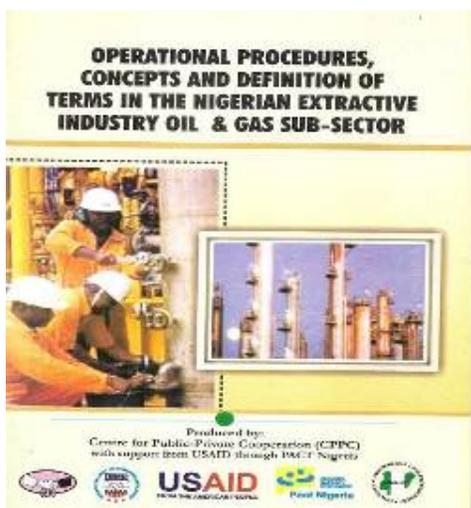


Finally this quarter, ZCC published a paid full page advertorial of the simplified version of the NEITI Audit report in the Punch Newspaper of March 30, 2009 in the Punch Newspaper. The choice of the Punch Newspaper was as a result of the wide readership it enjoys across Nigeria. The aim of the newspaper insertion was to create awareness on the NEITI Audit report among a wider spectrum of Nigerian citizens. The popularization of the audit report, it is hoped will stimulate Nigerians to demand greater transparency and accountability in Nigeria's oil and gas sector.



CPPC

This quarter, the Centre for Public-Private Cooperation (CPPC) completed its only remaining project activity under its current award – the publication of a handbook titled “Operational Procedures, Concepts and Definition of Terms in the Nigerian Extractive Industry Oil and Gas Sub-Sector.” The document has been circulated to relevant government agencies and CSOs working on NEITI advocacy. This is aimed at helping all stakeholders, especially the CSOs working around the NEITI in Nigeria, deepen their appreciation of the relevant terminologies and concepts associated with the oil and gas sector, thereby making them more effective as they engage with the process from a knowledge-based standpoint.



WANGONET

The West African NGO Network (WANGONET) organized a three-day CSO capacity building event on oil revenue transparency and civic oversight of the Nigerian Extractive

industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) from February 25 – 27, 2009. The training dealt mainly with the NEITI audit process, but also touched tangentially on other aspects of the initiative, particularly the operations of the Nigeria extractive sector. The training was organized for selected CSOs advocating for effective implementation of the NEITI Act in the country and was aimed at enhancing the capacity of relevant Nigerian CSOs working on NEITI advocacy to understand the operations of the extractive industries in Nigeria and to engage the NEITI audit process more effectively.

In designing the training, WANGONET made extensive use of the research findings of the CSOs Needs Assessment on NEITI Audit Process, which in itself was an outcome of Pact support for another ADVANCE partner organization, the Centre for Public Private Cooperation (CPPC). The research by CPPC revealed a huge gap in the technical know-how of most CSOs working on NEITI advocacy, and a lack of the necessary capacity to translate the NEITI 1999-2004 audit report into an advocacy instrument, which this workshop helped to address. A total of 15 persons (11 males, 4 females) drawn from 14 NEITI-focused CSOs were trained.

C. Problems and Opportunities

Partner and Programmatic Challenges

- There is a perennial difficulty in getting a firm commitment from relevant government institutions, especially the National Assembly, on issues around budget. The plan is to continue to engage with the offices at every platform while also searching for common grounds.
- Similarly, it is difficult to get management-level government officers to attend meetings where they are expected to make key contributions. When partners eventually get those at the decision-making level to be at such meetings, it is an uphill task getting them to stay long enough to make a meaningful contribution to the discourse.

Administration and Management Challenges

- WANGONET did not submit its quarterly report when due, in part because of a family emergency.
- Delay by a number of ADVANCE partners in final reconciliation of their completed project accounts resulted in delay of financial closeout of the completed projects.

Partner and Programmatic Opportunities

- ADVANCE support to ZCC this quarter has further opened advocacy door to the NEITI Secretariat and established more cordial relationship with the NEITI Secretariat. The NEITI advocacy meeting with relevant government agencies has provided Pact ADVANCE with key insight into how to strategically support civic engagement of the process in future. The meeting also offered a new opportunity for affected stakeholders to meet regularly on NEITI implementation in the country.
- The collaboration with other ActionAid teams to hold the budget summit provided an opportunity to cost-share some of the expenses incurred at the summit.

- The technical support to the Lagos state government on budget advocacy was achieved so far through the close partnership with the media and CSOs who took part at the 2008 Media Advocates program held in Lagos.

D. Activity Changes and Explanations

- Budget analysis and advocacy training to CSOs (BAAT): the first phase of the BAAT was the CSO budget summit held early in the year while the final phase of the BAAT was delayed to provide an opportunity for new ADVANCE partners to benefit from the training.
- Quarterly roundtables for budget office and ministries (along with the accompanying scorecards) were also delayed this quarter, as a result of the late partnership consensus by the OSSAP MDG office to the objectives of the roundtable. These sessions will commence next quarter.
- The latest ADVANCE subgrants solicitation was delayed briefly this quarter, which meant a reduction in the overall number of partners with ongoing projects. However, most quarterly targets were met (or nearly so, while some were exceeded) and the solicitation was issued in the middle of the quarter. Subgrant awards will be issued to qualified applicants next quarter.
- This also led to a number of small programmatic delays, including Pact's annual Finance and Admin training which was moved to early next quarter so that new partners could be brought on board by the time of the training.
- Though many capacity building activities targeted at IMC have been completed on time, finalization of IMC's program description and budget has been a bigger challenge than anticipated, in large part because of the schedule of the co-leaders. However, a final design meeting has been scheduled in Abuja as of the time of the writing of this report.

E. Success Stories

Activities under the ADVANCE project have continued to yield impressive results, which in many cases have had transformative impact. Some examples of success include the following.

ADVANCE partner nominated

The NEITI activities this quarter stimulated greater media coverage of the extractive industries revenue issues. It also led to the resuscitation of the hitherto dormant NEITI/CSO committee. As a result of the ZCC project, a closer working relationship was forged with the NEITI Secretariat, which led to the nomination of ZCC to the NEITI/CSO Steering Committee. Finally, as a result of the newspaper insertion of the simplified version of the NEITI 1999-2004 audit report, there have been requests from Nigerians through phone calls and text messages expressing their interest to join the Zero Corruption Coalition.

Public Access to Lagos State Budget Enhanced

As an outcome of a string of advocacy visits by the ActionAid ADVANCE team to the Lagos state Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget as well as an offer of technical assistance by Pact Nigeria, work is already underway – as of the time of this report – to set up a website for Lagos state budget office onto which the state budget and related documents will be uploaded and made easily accessible to the masses.

ADVANCE Invited to Provide Technical Support

It is frequently the case that civil society organizations join trainings and capacity building efforts reluctantly – often solely in order to access funds, or because they think it will please the donor, but rarely because they have self-identified and important need and sought out support to help fill that need. However, Pact’s capacity building efforts in the past have successfully and sufficiently impressed its partners that its services are occasionally requested, regardless of current or future funding relationships. Such a request can be a rare occurrence in the field, and as such, should be noted. One such request came this quarter from MULAC, who organized a two-day program for its network members and partners on strategic planning and grass root mobilization against corruption. MULAC requested that Pact Nigeria facilitate sessions on strategic planning and proposal development and Pact was happy to oblige. The workshop reached a total of 56 participants (47 males, 9 females) drawn from selected MULAC network organizations in Kaduna State, the media and other members of civil society.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

A. Partner Activities

- Carry out initial assessment of New Nigeria Foundation.
- Advocacy on public release of the NEITI 2005 Audit Report.
- Analysis and advocacy on the 2005 NEITI audit report.
- Advocacy for commencement of NEITI 2006 Audit.
- Monitoring, documentation and advocacy on NEITI Implementation.
- Development of Public Procurement Monitoring Manual for CSO monitors.
- Formal training of CSO monitors on public procurement implementation.
- Advocacy on the proposed amendment of the Public Procurement Act tracking of its implementation.
- Documentation and report of the public procurement implementation.
- Budget tracking and analysis trainings for CSOs
- Quarterly roundtables in partnership with Budget Office, OSSAP MDG and MDAs.
- Publication of roundtable report into scorecard.
- Training of legislators on participatory and rights-based budgeting.
- Engagement with government on the MTSS process.

B. Subgrant Management

- Support existing partner CSOs through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Closeout of completed projects.
- Carry out technical review of new applications/proposals for next round of subgrants.
- Carry out pre-award assessment of new partners, if the need arises.
- Process and issue new subgrant awards.

IV. QUANTITATIVE INDICATOR DATA

#	Ind. Reference #	Indicator	Collection	Target for FY 09	Quarter Target	Quarter Result	Cumulative Result FY 09	Comments
1		Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) representing marginalized group(s) engaging with government	Quarterly	W: 25 Y:= 13 Islm. = 19 Disab.=8 Total: 65	W: 5 Y: 1 Islm: 2 Disab: 1 Total: 9	W: 6 Y:= 3 Islm. = 0 Disab.=0 Total: 9	W: 9 Y:= 7 Islm. = 1 Disab.=0 Total: 17	
2	S11.1	Women-focused CSOs supported by USG assistance to engage in advocacy and/or promote democratic participation	Quarterly	25	5	6	9	
3	S11.1.1	Citizen Input Reflected in Target Policies	Quarterly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Milestones not yet set, as Pact evaluates opportunities for strategic engagement
4	GJD 4.1.1	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to promote political participation	Quarterly	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Targets not set for FY09 and FY10 as election activities which were the primary source for this indicator ended in FY 08.
5	GJD 4.1.3	Number of CSO advocacy campaigns supported by USG	Quarterly	40	6	2	4	A number of projects ended last quarter and will be restarted with the ongoing solicitation.
6	GJD 4.1.5	Number of People who Have Completed USG Assisted Civic Education Programs	Quarterly	Total: 1,200 M= 800 F= 400	Total: 250 M= 170 F= 80	Total: 197 M= 139 F= 58	Total: 402 M= 278 F= 124	
7	GJD 4.1.8	Number of USG Assisted Civil Society Organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions	Quarterly	30	4	1	18	

#	Ind. Reference #	Indicator	Collection	Target for FY 09	Quarter Target	Quarter Result	Cumulative Result FY 09	Comments
8	S11.1.2	Advocacy Capacity Index	Periodically	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.86	End of program reassessment to be measured against the initial baseline.
9		Number of people trained (disaggregated by gender)	Quarterly	Total= 800 M=480 F=320	Total: 200 M= 150 F= 50	Total: 270 M= 200 F= 70	Total: 475 M=339 F=136	
10		Selected Policy and Advocacy Information Available	Quarterly	n/a		n/a	n/a	No target set for this indicator, as it is related directly to indicator 3.
11		Organizational Capacity Index	Periodically	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.83	End of program reassessment to be measured against the initial baseline.
12		Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes	Quarterly	Nat : 10 State: 15	Nat: 1 State: 2	Nat: 6 State: 0	Nat: 9 State: 2	FY09 Milestones 1, 3, 5, 12, 14 & 21 (Nat). No state-level budget partners on stream, until new solicitation is complete.
13	S11.2.1	Civil Society-GON partnership to implement the NEITI	Quarterly	8	1	5	9	Milestones 1, 6, 7, 8 & 12.
14	GJD 4.1.2	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to improve internal organizational capacity	Annually	40	8	24	26	