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List of Acronyms

AAIN Action Aid International Nigeria
AAN AIDS Alliance Nigeria
ADVANCE Advocacy, Awareness and Civic Empowerment Project
AOTR Agreement Officer's Technical Representative
BPP Bureau of Public Procurement
CBN Central Bank of Nigeria
CIRDDOC Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre
CISLAC Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre
CPPC Centre for Public-Private Cooperation
CSO Civil Society Organization
DG Democracy and Governance
EITI Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
FOI Freedom of Information
FOMWAN Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria
GON Government of Nigeria
IMC Interfaith Mediation Centre
INEC Independent National Electoral Commission
JDPC Justice Development and Peace Commission
LGA Local Government Area
MDA Ministry, Department and Agency
MER Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting
MERL Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning
NAPIMS National Petroleum Investment Management Services
NASS National Assembly
NEEDS National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
NEITI Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
NGO Non-Governmental Organization
NNF New Nigeria Foundation
PIB Petroleum Industries Bill
PPCD Public Private Collaborations for Development
PWYP Publish What You Pay
REACH Rapid and Effective Action to Combat HIV/AIDS
RFA Request for Application
SEEDS State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
USAID United States Agency for International Development

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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 (CSO) 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 February 28, 2011
Total Estimated Contract/Agreement Amount: \$9,673,848
Obligations to date: \$9,673,848
Current Pipeline Amount: \$2,126,391 of which \$320,453 is already obligated to sub grantees and therefore not available for any purpose; leaving an Effective Pipeline Amount of \$1,805,938
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$365,598
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date: \$7,547,457
Estimated Expenditures Next Quarter: \$420,000
Report Submitted by: Dan Spealman, Pact Nigeria Country Rep

B. Summary of Outputs

Management Outputs

Primary grants/program management accomplishments this quarter include the following (as further detailed in Section II):

- Supported existing partner CSOs through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Modification of IMC's subgrant agreement via no-cost extension
- Modification of AAIN's Subgrant agreement for one-month no-cost extension modification and new obligation/incremental funding through March 2010
- Finalization of IMC's proposal for second phase subgrant award.
- Finalization of some other partners' (PWYP, MULAC and MRA) project proposals for new awards

Program Outputs

Program outputs are detailed in Section II. A quick summary of results from this quarter include:

- Grants, Finance and Administration Training.
- Economic Literacy and Budget Accountability for Governance (ELBAG) Training for Legislators and other key personnel of Amuwo Odofin LGA, Lagos State.
- Civil Society Summit on the 2010 Federal Budget.
- Communication Training for CSO partners.
- Final Dissemination Workshop of the Budget Advocacy and Capacity Building Program of the ActionAid/ADVANCE Project.
- Continued the provision of technical assistance/ mentoring to partner CSOs in project implementation and reporting.
- Continued implementation of IMC capacity building interventions.
- Organizational capacity Assessment of the rest Consortium member NGOs of PPCD project
- Advocacy Capacity Assessment of the rest Consortium member NGOs of PPCD project
- Provided technical support to PPCD project on the development of organizational capacity assessment tool workshop.

C. Recent Programmatic Context

Budget Context

During the quarter under review, the Nigerian National Assembly passed a deficit budget of ₦4.608 trillion for the 2010 fiscal year, over total projected Federal revenue of ₦3.086 trillion. President Umaru Yar'Adua had presented to the Assembly in November 2009, a total budget sum of ₦4.079 trillion. By this, the nation's expenditure profile for year 2010 stands at ₦529 billion higher than what Mr. President had proposed. The passage of the new figure was sequel to the adoption of the report of the Committees on Appropriation of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, which presented a harmonized bill in their respective chambers. Consideration and passage of the budget was delayed as the Legislature had to wait for additions and adjustments made by the Executive under Acting President Goodluck Jonathan to adequately take care of certain developmental projects. While the Executive added a total of ₦336 billion to bring the budget to ₦4.415 trillion, the Legislature

made further addition of N193 billion to bring the 2010 budget to a total of N4.608 trillion. Analysts have expressed reservations on the focus of the budget which, they argue, weighs heavily in favor of recurrent expenditure over capital projects that may have greater potential to improve lives. Many are concerned that the percentage allocation for capital projects (32.5 percent) does not reflect government's avowed commitments towards achieving the objective of infrastructural development.

With budgets being passed at the national and state level this quarter, most ADVANCE budget partners wound up their current subgrants. New subgrants will be issued next quarter that start a new round of monitoring, network strengthening, analysis and advocacy to match the new budget cycle.

Nigeria's Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI)

Nigeria completed a validation exercise meant to evaluate progress in implementing EITI and to establish whether compliant status had been achieved. Validation represents the EITI's Quality Assurance Mechanism and is, therefore, an integral component of the international initiative and critical to maintaining its integrity and status. Validation is also the mechanism that the global EITI Board uses to determine a country's Candidate or Compliant status. The main objective of EITI validation was to establish whether Nigeria was EITI Compliant by providing an independent evaluation and verification of the progress it has made in implementing EITI, and to make recommendations that may help improve and sustain the initiative.

NEITI selected the IDL Group, in association with Synergy Global Consulting Ltd to conduct the Validation exercise. The general approach of the validation team to the NEITI validation exercise closely followed the approach set out in the EITI Validation Guide, with the validators using the Country Work Plan, Indicator Assessment Tool and Company forms as well as other documented information and stakeholder consultation to underpin their validation work. The specific approach and activities undertaken for the validation exercise were three key stages: (a) Preparation, (b) Field Visits, (c) Reporting. From late last quarter to early this year, field work had been done which included a number of stakeholder interviews being conducted with NEITI Secretariat staff and NSWG members and key civil society actors, including ADVANCE partners like CISLAC and PWYP. Also, focus group discussions and further interviews were undertaken with companies, government and civil society stakeholders.

In the findings of the validators submitted to the global EITI Board, their overall assessment is that Nigeria's implementation of EITI is in compliance with the EITI process. The validators also noted several good practices, and made recommendations to improve on areas of weakness. Importantly, they recommended that maintaining compliant status is conditional upon NEITI implementing certain actions within an agreed timeframe. Some of these actions include appointment of competent Directors to the Secretariat; appointment of Auditor(s) for 2006-8 Reports; documentation of appointment process for 2005, and 2006-08, in line with documentation for 1999-2004; implementation of a strategy and work plan to expand NEITI to solid minerals sector and Nigeria/São Tomé & Príncipe Joint Development Zone; and the formalization of structures for engagement between the National Stakeholders Working Group (NSWG) on the one hand and both civil society and companies on the other.

Access to Information

Members of the House of Representatives for the third time early this quarter debated the controversial Freedom of Information (FoI) Bill, which seeks to give people considerable access to information in the country. As soon as the Bill was introduced on the floor for consideration in a Committee of the Whole House, its antagonists rose against it, asking that it be thrown out in its entirety. This contradicted assurances by the Speaker, Dimeji Bankole, that members were willing to consider and pass the Bill, having finished studying the document.

Meanwhile the leadership of the both Chambers has promised that the Bill will be passed into law. At a lecture organized by the National Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, the Deputy Senate President, Chief Ike Ekweremadu said that the Senate had serious commitment to pass the Freedom of Information (FOI) Bill into law as soon as the necessary amendments were concluded. He said that the delay in the passage of the Bill had been as a result of other pressing national issues requiring urgent attention of the lawmakers. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dimeji Bankole has reiterated the House's commitment to the passage of the Bill, assuring that the "Bill is alive contrary to the notion that it is dead." According to him, the House Members are not against the Bill, they only require more education on it.

Meanwhile the campaign for a national access to information law has been stepped up following what has been widely seen as the Presidency's recent mismanagement of public communication on President Umaru Musa Yar'adua illness. The President was flown out of Nigeria in November 2009 and has not been seen in public since then. It has been reported that he was flown into the country in the dead of the night on February 24, 2010. The president's handlers have given no definitive information on his health unless to say he is recovering and wishes the acting President Jonathan Goodluck to continue acting. There has now been agitation in different quarters saying that an access to information law would have compelled information on the true state of his health to be released to any person interested.

II. QUARTER PROGRESS

A. Program Management

This quarter, Pact continued to provide the usual regular mentoring and oversight support in program implementation and reporting to its subgrantees that have on-going projects. Pact also worked with ActionAid Nigeria on its request for a no-cost extension, which resulted in the third modification of its subgrant agreement that extended the project end date from February to March 31st 2010. Furthermore, the subgrant agreement of IMC that ended in November 2009 was modified and granted a no-cost extension which extended the project's end period to March 31st 2010 to enable them complete the outstanding activities. Pact also worked with IMC, PWYP, MRA, NPWP, PPDC, ZCC and MULAC to finalize their pending proposals for new subgrant awards. An award was made to PWYP in March, while IMC, MRA, MULAC and PPDC were finalized in April.

Staff Changes

This quarter, Pact hired two key individuals for support of the Chevron PPCD partners. Lawrence Ogwuche is a former Pact Senior Finance and Admin Manager, and will consult on the project for 4 months – primarily providing support for the systems and procedures of the partners, but also supporting other financial needs in the Pact office. John Onyeukwu will be

the Senior Civil Society Specialist responsible for providing programmatic support and mentoring the PPCD partners as they implement the Chevron-sponsored GMOUs.

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, the Africa Regional Grants Advisor was in Nigeria in February to provide technical support in planning of the Subgrants, Financial Administration training for partner CSOs, which was held in March.

General Portfolio Management

The ADVANCE subgrant portfolio as of this quarter increased to 50 subprojects (52 as of the time of this report) for the life of the award, but the cumulative number of CSO partners is still 30. There were five ongoing subprojects (ActionAid, IMC, NPWP [through CISLAC since NPWP is not yet a registered entity], PPDC, and MULAC) as of the beginning of this quarter. The number increased to six with the addition of PWYP but dropped to three at the end of the quarter with the completion of three subprojects (PPDC, NPWP and MULAC).

Subgrant Finances

During this reporting period, the cumulative cost share remained at \$407,457.40 reported in the last quarter), which is 96.77% of the required cost share (\$421,052) for the life of the program. An additional sum of **\$196,713.39** was disbursed to some of the existing partners with on-going projects (IMC, AAIN, MULAC, PPDC, CISLAC/NPWP and IMC) all of whom had on-going projects that were being implemented, bringing the cumulative of disbursements/advances so far made for all subgrants as of the end of this quarter to **\$2,439,562.20** (up from \$2,242,848.81 in the previous quarter and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Of that amount, the subgrantees have expended and retired/liquidated a total of **\$2,258,057.09** to date (up from \$2,148,765.04 reported in the previous quarter, and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Also this quarter, the cumulative expenditures incurred on consultancies/in-kind subgrants still 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 **\$2,717,051.77** (up from \$2,607,759.72 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 well as the status of their projects as of the end of this quarter, March 31, 2010.

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 2 FY 10 (January to March 2010)										
Recipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Focus	Advances/Disbursements, Actual Expenditures and Project Status					
					Obligated \$	Advances to Date \$	Balance on Advances	Expenditures on Advances to Date	Balance on Expenditures	Project Status
PWYP	30-Mar-06	31-May-07	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	-	Terminated
MBA	30-Mar-06	31-Jul-07	Advocacy on Freedom of Information Bill	Freedom of Information Bill (Legislative /Executive advocacy for the final stages of passage/implementation planning)	120,605.53	120,605.53	-	120,605.53	(0.00)	Closed
IPC	30-Mar-06	31-Jan-08	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	0.00	100,393.82	(0.00)	Closed
WOTCLEF	30-Mar-06	30-Jun-07	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.	85,065.49	85,065.49	-	85,065.49	0.00	Closed
CSLAC	20-Sep-06	30-Sep-07	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
Action Aid Int'l Nig	15-Aug-06	22-Feb-10	CSO Budget Monitoring & Tracking	National & Focal State	826,974.00	818,175.34	8,798.66	763,538.32	54,637.02	Completed
JDPC/ACE	1-Nov-06	31-Dec-06	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	57,729.19	-	Closed
CITAD	9-Feb-07	30-May-07	Voter Education Program	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 in the northern part of Nigeria	27,789.91	27,789.91	-	27,789.91	-	Closed
MULAC	1-Feb-07	30-Apr-07	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	18,500.31	18,500.31	-	18,500.31	-	Closed
ACE	1-Mar-07	30-Nov-07	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	116,001.95	116,001.95	-	116,001.95	0.00	Closed
FOMWAN	8-Mar-07	30-Apr-07	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	62,192.76	62,192.76	-	62,192.76	(0.00)	Closed
ZCC	27-Mar-07	31-Jul-07	Engaging the Processes of EFCC Amendment Act in Nigeria	Citizen Participation and Oversight including National summit 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.	28,305.88	28,305.88	-	28,305.88	-	Closed
AAN	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	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	48,320.81	48,320.81	-	48,320.81	-	Closed
GRDOOC	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	Enabling CSOs to Monitor Government Spending on Education in Rivers State	Civic Participation and Oversight- Primary Education Budget Tracking & Oversight	49,326.17	37,224.59	12,101.58	36,832.96	591.63	Closed
JDPC, Ijebu-Ode	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	Enhancing CS Capacity to Engage the Public Budget Process through the Drawing of Shadow Budgets in Lagos State	Civic Participation and Oversight- Education & Agriculture Budget Tracking & Oversight	45,994.57	37,732.20	12,262.37	44,676.72	(6,944.52)	Completed
OSHAN	1-May-07	30-Aug-08	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- HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Oversight	49,946.27	47,524.61	2,421.66	44,961.23	2,561.38	Completed
ERA	19-Sep-07	12-Aug-08	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.	34,888.73	34,888.73	-	34,888.73	-	Closed

18	CASS	19-Sep-07	18-Sep-08	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	90,055.49	(3,568.80)	91,670.20	(1,574.71)	Completed
19	ABGREMO	19-Sep-07	31-May-08	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.	33,140.61	33,140.61	-	33,140.61	-	Closed
20	WANGONet	19-Sep-07	2/28/2009	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	17,142.95	6,494.84	Completed
21	ZCC	1-Feb-08	31-Mar-09	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	40,026.94	40,026.94	-	40,026.94	-	Closed
22	MULAC	24-Jan-06	18-Apr-08	Promoting Muslim Participation in Electoral reform process in Nigeria	Engagement with electoral reform committee	9,751.08	9,751.08	-	9,751.08	-	Closed
23	ACE	15-May-08	31-Oct-08	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	Closed
24	NBA	26-Jun-08	30-Dec-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform Empowerment of CSOs in Analysing the NEITI Audit and Processes	Holding a roundtable with members on electoral reforms and drafting of mentioned policy documents.	39,354.00	38,142.28	3,211.72	31,960.89	4,181.39	Completed
25	CPPC	26-Jun-08	30-Nov-08	Civil Society Engagement of Government on Oil Revenue Transparency and Civic Oversight of the NEITI Process	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	25,915.00	25,419.53	495.47	25,419.53	-	Closed
26	CISLAC	27-Jun-08	30-Sep-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	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.	9,478.29	9,478.29	-	9,478.29	-	Closed
27	FOMWAN			Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Stakeholder consultation on electoral reform to develop memoranda and submit to the ERC		30,549.92	(504.92)	12,627.79	17,922.13	Closed
28	CISLAC	19-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Engaging the legislature and NEITI Secretariate to deepen NEITI Act implementation Strengthen the capacity of CSO in tracking health and HIV budget to improve transparency in resource allocation for the effective service delivery in the prevention and treatment of HIV in Lagos state	Enhance Effective implementation of the NEITI Act in Nigeria	\$ 29,965.00	19,233.50	4,214.78	14,636.41	4,597.09	Completed
29	AAN	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09	Engaging the legislature and NEITI Secretariate to deepen NEITI Act implementation Strengthen the capacity of CSO in tracking health and HIV budget to improve transparency in resource allocation for the effective service delivery in the prevention and treatment of HIV in Lagos state	To increase participation of non stateactors in the budget process in Lagos state	\$ 21,448.28	18,459.65	5,678.35	6,293.29	12,166.36	Completed
30	CBRRDOC	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09	Enabling CSO's to monitor government spending on Education in Rivers state	To consolidate on the achievements of the previous project towards increasing access to education budget in Rivers state	\$ 24,138.00	9,994.52	13,068.93	11,276.92	(1,282.40)	Completed
31	JDCP	9-Jun-09	31-Dec-09	Making Public Budget work for the Masses Through CSO engagement of the Agricultural and Education Budgetary provisions in Lagos state	Strengthen capacity of CSO for effective involvement in the budget process as a way of promoting good governance and public service delivery	\$ 23,063.45	12,839.78	17,150.22	3,915.76	8,924.02	Completed
32	PRDC	7-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	CSO participation in Public Procurement Act Implementation in Nigeria	To promote accountability, transparency and popular participation in the Nigerian Public Procurement system	\$ 28,990.00	12,929.77	16,694.23	11,049.96	1,879.81	Completed
33	CISLAC for NPWP	7-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	Improved Citizens Participation in Public Procurement in Nigeria	To promote accountability, transparency and popular participation in the Nigerian Public Procurement system	\$ 29,624.00	28,941.31	438.69	10,460.22	18,481.09	Completed
34	CPPC	7-Aug-09	30-Nov-09	Analyzing the 2005 NEITI Audit Report Processes and Findings For CSOs	To initiate a process that would help empower adequately the Nigerian CSO/NGOs community in effective audit-based processing and advocacy in the nation's extract	\$ 29,380.00	14,928.30	1,816.70	12,500.00	2,428.30	Closed
35	MULAC	30-Sep-09	31-Jan-10	Creating Pressure from Religious groups for passage of the FOI bill	To effectively and maximally sensitize Muslim groups to engage with their representatives at the National Assembly with the view to pass the FOI Bill into law	\$ 16,745.00	24,760.08	3,913.92	23,323.65	1,438.43	Completed
36	IMC	10-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Capacity Building of IMC, via systems development	To enhance the capacity of IMC to enable handling of funds	\$ 28,674.00					
	Total					2,514,200.00	2,414,246.95	99,953.06	2,287,119.81	127,127.14	

In-Kind Sub-grants								
	Recipient	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	-	Closed
2	JONAPWD	January 23, 2008	February 29, 2008	Mainstreaming Disability Concern in Electoral Reforms	9,198.64	9,198.64	-	Closed
3	JONAPWD	March 1, 2008	March 31, 2008	Disabled Engaging the Politicians & INEC for 2007 Elections	20,118.28	20,118.28	-	Closed
4	PPDC	April 10, 2008	December 31, 2008	PPDC Procurement Watch program	14,825.05	14,825.05	-	Closed
5	PWYP	December 10, 2008	December 31, 2008	Annual General Meeting: PWYP	13,090.77	13,090.77	-	Closed
	Total				362,468.51	362,468.51	-	

Consultancies								
SN	Recipient	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	-	Closed
2	ZCC	February 8, 2007	April 30, 2007	Regional Stick to the Issues Launch	62,045.16	62,045.16	-	Closed
3	ICTN	March 20, 2007	April 11, 2007	Democratic Right to Vote Credible Candidates into political positions	18,410.55	18,410.55	-	Closed
4	CP	March 19, 2007	April 15, 2007	Improving Citizen's Participation in the 2007 Elections	16,122.85	16,122.85	-	Completed
5	CDD	March 19, 2007	May 31, 2007	Policy dialogue on institutionalizing mechanisms to address violence against women in public life	14,737.85	14,737.85	-	Completed
6	CDA	March 19, 2007	June 30, 2007	Facilitating A Mainstream Youth Agenda In The 2007 Electoral Process	14,167.70	14,167.70	-	Closed
7	YPI	March 26, 2007	April 30, 2007	Nigeria Youth Colloquium on 2007 Elections	18,284.87	18,284.87	-	Closed
	Total				146,081.48	146,081.48	-	

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 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.

In contributing to the achievement of the above objective, Pact/ADVANCE in addition to the regular provision of technical assistance to all partners also carried out the following:

1. Technical support/ training to the PPCD project partners on the development of the RDC organizational capacity assessment tool
2. Implementation of the Organizational Capacity Assessment for all of the partner CSOs in the PPCD project
3. Continuation of Interfaith Mediation Center's Capacity building and mentoring
4. Grants, Finance and Administration training

Development of RDC's Capacity Assessment Tool

During this quarter, the Pact Nigeria Deputy Country Representative/Program Coordinator for Capacity Assessment worked with the PPCD Consortium member NGO – African Centre for Corporate Responsibility (ACCR) to train the representatives of PPCD consortium member NGOs, PPCD and some RDCs on Development of Capacity Assessment Tool for RDC through a training workshop. The training was held at PPCD project office in Warri, Delta State from February 02 – 05, 2010 and 23 participants participated in the workshop. These participants were drawn from PPCD project office, PPCD Consortium NGOs comprising New Nigeria Foundation (NNF), Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF), Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIDPRODEV) and Accord as well as the Regional Development Councils (RDCs). The table below indicates the list of participants.

The workshop was very participatory and intensive. During the workshop, the participants learned about the Pact OCA process/steps and approach. In addition, the participants were able to put most of the learning as relates to tool design into actual practice by developing an

OCA tool for the assessment of the RDCs. The RDC capacity assessment tool, which was the expected outcome of the workshop, has eight key capacity areas that were unanimously identified, discussed and finally agreed by the participants including the representatives of the RDCs. Each of these capacity areas has a number of indicators/statement of excellence. The capacity areas are Project Management, Leadership, Communication, Fund Raising and Resource Mobilization, External Stakeholder Engagement & Advocacy, Financial Management, Community Engagement and Education, and Peace-Building. This tool is already being used by PPCD for the assessment of the capacity of the affected RDCs.

Organizational Capacity Assessments

During the quarter under review, the Organizational Capacity Assessment of the remaining three member NGOs of PPCD Consortium were carried out. (NNF had been assessed previously.) The NGOs were African Centre for Corporate Responsibility (ACCR), Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF) and Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIDPRODEV), all in Warri, Delta State. As in the past, the assessment covered both organizational capacity, and advocacy capacity (as detailed further under Objective 2) and included a broad range of staff from the organizations. It is a highly participatory, 4 to 5-day process that is a capacity building effort in and of itself, as participants gain greater knowledge of themselves and of sector standards of excellence. After the scores were calculated and discussed, Pact facilitated the process of identifying and planning for capacity building interventions to help alleviate capacity gaps.

Based on the OCA tool used, the following eight key capacity areas were assessed:

- Vision, Mission & Objectives (VMO)
- Governance (G)
- Operations & Management Systems (OMS)
- Human Resources Management (HRM)
- Financial Resources (FR)
- Program Planning & Management (PPM)
- Collaboration & Relationship (CR); and
- Sustainability (S)

The interpretation of overall capacity index scores is as follows:

- 1.0 – 1.9 = Below expectation
- 2.0 – 2.9 = As expected
- 3.0 – 3.9 = Better than Expected
- 4 = Surpassing expectations/completed

The following are the scores of the participating organizations. Detailed reports of the assessments were produced and shared with the participants, NNF and Chevron Nigeria Ltd for follow-up.

Scores by Facilitators and ACCR’s Representatives on ACCR’s Organizational Capacity Assessment

Team’s Scores	Capacity Areas							
	(VMO)	G	OMS	HRM	FR	PPM	CR	S
Average score by ACCR Staff/representatives	3.43	2.69	2.56	2.02	1.52	2.64	3.38	2.83
Capacity Index	2.63 out of a maximum of 4 . This means that ACCR’s organizational capacity is as expected)							
Average score by Pact Facilitators	2.5	2.23	2.0	1.5	1.46	1.9	2.83	2.16

Capacity Index	2.07 out of a maximum of 4 . This means that ACCR's organizational capacity is as expected. This notwithstanding , some improvement is still required in some areas as reflected below.
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From the above table and based on the scores of ACCR's representatives, the highest score, which is *3.43* was in *Vision, Mission & Objectives (VMS)* capacity area, while the lowest score, *1.52* was in the area of *Financial Resources (FR)*. For the facilitators' scores, the highest was in *Collaboration & Relationship (CR)* capacity area with *2.83* and the lowest was *FR* with *1.46*. But surprisingly, even though the scores differ, both the facilitators and ACCR's representatives had *FR* as the lowest capacity area of all the eight capacity areas assessed. The overall organizational capacity index of ACCR recorded by ACCR's representatives is *2.63* out of a maximum of *4*, which means that ACCR's organizational capacity is *as expected*. The team of facilitators also has a similar but lower index with his overall organizational capacity index for ACCR at *2.07*, which falls within the same range of interpretation – *as expected*.

Scores by Facilitator and MSDF's Representatives on MSDF's Organizational Capacity Assessment

Team's Scores	Capacity Areas							
	(VMO)	G	OMS	HRM	FR	PPM	CR	S
Average score by MSDF Staff	3.7	3.4	3.5	3.3	2.8	3.4	3.8	3.2
Capacity Index	3.4 (This means that MSDF's organizational capacity is better than expected)							
Average score by Pact Facilitators	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.9	2.0	2.8	2.9	3.0
Capacity Index	2.9 (This means that MSDF's organizational capacity is as expected)							

From the above table, MSDF scored above 3 points in seven out of eight of the capacity areas according to MSDF's representatives and while the facilitators scored 3 points and above in three out of the eight capacity areas. It is important to note that the facilitators and MSDF's representatives did not arrive at the same score for any of the capacity areas. The overall organizational capacity index of MSDF recorded by her representatives is **3.4** out of a maximum of *4*, which means that MSDF's organizational capacity is *better than expected*. The facilitators arrived at an index score of **2.9** out of a maximum of *4*, which falls within the range interpreted – *As expected*.

Scores by Facilitators and NIDPRODEV's Representatives on NIDPRODEV's Organizational Capacity Assessment

Team's Scores	Capacity Areas							
	(VMO)	G	OMS	HRM	FR	PPM	CR	S
Average score by NIDPRODEV Staff/representatives	3.42	2.50	3.43	2.88	3.38	3.91	3.88	3.52
Capacity Index	3.36 out of a maximum of 4 , which means that NIDPRODEV's organizational capacity is <i>better than expected</i>							
Average score by Pact Facilitators	2.12	2.64	3.16	2.83	2.23	2.81	3.0	2.2
Capacity Index	2.62 out of a maximum of 4 , which means that NIDPRODEV's organizational capacity is <i>as expected</i> . This notwithstanding, a few improvements are still required and are detailed in the next table.							

The Interfaith Mediation Centre

In this quarter, Pact offered various capacity building interventions to the IMC team at varying levels. First, the finance and administration team conducted a monitoring/mentoring visit, where they looked at the installed systems and ensured that they were running efficiently. From the visit, it was clear that IMC's accounting systems have been primarily working in line with the laid down rules and regulation. However, necessary corrections were also made in the areas where there were still lapses (such as corrective measures to ensure that all documents are stamped with all the relevant approvals).

In addition, the Pact team worked with IMC on the refinement of their proposal, which has now been approved as a cost-reimbursable subgrant. This represents the third phase of Pact's capacity building support, with the first two being direct capacity building and then an in-kind subgrant. The proposal covers the remaining capacity building areas and also has an element of advocacy which will help to test run the systems put in place.

Finally, Pact supported the IMC communication officer to participate at the MEMS Performance Management Training Workshop held in Sokoto on March 15-19, 2010. It is expected that the capacity gained from this workshop will strengthen IMC's monitoring and evaluation efforts on both its existing projects and future projects.

Grant Finance and Administration Training

This quarter, Pact Nigeria conducted the Grants, Finance and Administration training for its partner CSOs. The training workshop was held in Keffi, Nassarawa State, on March 16-19, 2010. The training offered Pact an opportunity to share expensess across multiple programs. The training had participants drawn from both ADVANCE and REACH programs, thereby leveraging resources from both Programs. Participants drawn from ADVANCE numbered 12 (7 males, 5 females), representing eight CSOs. Again, as a means of saving costs where possible, two ADVANCE partners in Lagos and Ijebu-Ode, Ogun state had undergone the same training in Lagos alongside REACH partners operating in that axis. That brings to 14 (7 males, 7 females) the total number of ADVANCE participants that benefited from this training, and the total number of organizations benefiting to 10. Topics of the training included:

- Highlights of Pact Nigeria's policies and procedures, as well as ensuring proper application, implementation and standardization;
- Examination of cost principles and the various categories of costs;
- Augmentation of the oversight function of the finance officers using the grant document as a guide to appropriate reporting;
- Sharing issues and concerns; and networking with peers.

Objective 2: Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms and civic participation

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

Advocacy Capacity Assessment

During the quarter under review, the Advocacy Capacity Assessment of the remaining three member NGOs of PPCD Consortium were carried out as well. The NGOs as earlier

mentioned are ACCR, MSDF and NIDPRODEV, all in Warri, Delta State. Based on the OCA tool used, the following seven key capacity areas were assessed:

- Issue (being advocated for) is Timely and Significant (ITS);
- CSO Collects Information and Inputs about the Issue (CCIII);
- CSO Formulates a Viable Policy Position on the Issue (CFVPPI);
- CSO Obtains &/or Allocates Resources (especially time & money) for Advocacy on the Issue (COAR);
- CSO Builds Coalitions and Networks to Obtain Cooperative efforts for joint action on the Issue (CBCN);
- CSO Takes Actions to Influence Policy or other aspect of the Issues (CTAIP); and
- CSO Takes Follow up Actions, after a policy decision is made to foster implementation and / or to maintain public interest (CTFA).

The interpretation of overall capacity index scores is as follows:

- 1.0 – 1.9 = Below expectation
- 2.0 – 2.9 = As expected
- 3.0 – 3.9 = Better than Expected
- 4 = Surpassing expectations/completed

Based on the assessment’s result, the average scores by both the facilitator and CSOs’ representatives for each capacity area are as reflected in the tables below.

Scores by Facilitators and ACCR’s Representatives on ACCR’s Advocacy Capacity Assessment

Team’s Scores	Capacity Areas						
	ITS	CCIII	CFVPPI	COAR	CBCN	CTAIP	CTFA
Average score by ACCR Staff	3.6 1 st	3.2 2 nd	1.2 6 th	1.8 4 th	2.0 3 rd	1.1 7 th	1.3 5 th
Capacity Index	2.02 (This means that ACCR’s organizational capacity is as expected)						
Average score by Pact Facilitator	3.5 1 st	3.0 2 nd	1.0 5 th	1.5 4 th	2.3 3 rd	1.0 5 th	1.0 5 th
Capacity Index	1.9 (This means that ACCR’s Advocacy capacity is below expectation)						

The result from the table above indicates that by the average scores of ACCR’s representatives for each capacity area, Issue (being advocated for) is Timely and Significant (ITS) has the highest score of 3.6 out of a maximum of 4, and sequentially followed by CSO Collects Information & Inputs about the Issue (CCIII) with 3.2, CSO Builds Coalitions & Networks to Obtain Cooperative efforts for joint action on the Issue (CBCN) with 2.0, CSO Obtains &/or Allocates Resources (especially time & money) for Advocacy on the Issue (COAR) with 1.8, CSO Takes Follow up Actions after a Policy Decision is made to foster Implementation & / or to Maintain Public Interest (CTFA) with 1.3, CSO Formulates a Viable Policy Position on the Issue (CFVPPI) with 1.2, and finally CSO Takes Actions to Influence Policy or other aspect of the Issues (CTAIP) as the least of all. The overall capacity index is 2.02. This denotes that ACCR’s organizational capacity is as *Expected*.

The average scores of the facilitators for the capacity areas indicate that three capacity areas (CTFA, CTAIP, and CFVPPI) have the same scores of 1.0 each as the least, followed in ascending order with COAR with 1.5, CBCN with 2.3, CCIII with 3.0 and ITS has the

highest with 3.5. The overall capacity index is 1.9. This means that ACCR's Advocacy capacity is *Below Expectation*.

Interestingly, both the facilitators and the ACCR's representatives have same ranking for some capacity areas, even though with different scores. Both ranked ITS as the highest capacity area of ACCR's advocacy capacity, CCIII as the second, CBCN as the third, COAR as the fourth and CTFA as the fifth.

Scores by Facilitator and MSDF's Representatives on MSDF's Advocacy Capacity Assessment

Team's Scores	Capacity Areas						
	ITS	CCIII	CFVPPI	COAR	CBCN	CTAIP	CTFA
Average score by MSDF Staff/representatives	3.2	2.3	2.1	1.9	2	1.8	1.7
Capacity Index	1.9						
Average score by Pact Facilitators	3.2	1.7	1	1	1	1	1
Capacity Index	1.4						

From the above table, MSDF's present advocacy work is limited, even though it covers all the seven capacity areas of advocacy process. Equally, for most of the capacity areas that its advocacy work includes, not much has been accomplished in terms of coverage of the sub elements of the capacity areas.

The result from the table indicates that by the average scores of MSDF's representatives for each capacity area, CSO Obtains &/or Allocates Resources (especially time & money) for Advocacy on the Issue (COAR) has the same score as the overall average score of 1.9 out of a maximum of 4, and significantly the Issue (being advocated for) is Timely and Significant (ITS) had the highest score of 3.2 out of the maximum of 4 points for both the facilitators and the representative staff. CSO Collects Information & Inputs about the Issue (CCIII) with the score of 2.3 came in second place for MSDF's representatives as well as for the facilitators who scored it 1.7 out of the maximum of 4 points. CSO Formulates a Viable Policy Position on the Issue (CFVPPI) had a score of 2.1 locating it in third position, even though this was 1.1 higher than the facilitators score of 1 out of a maximum of 4 points. CSO Builds Coalitions & Networks to Obtain Cooperative efforts for joint action on the Issue (CBCN) was scored 2 by MSDF's representatives, and 1 by the facilitators. CSO Takes Actions to Influence Policy or other aspect of the Issues (CTAIP) scored 1.8 and 1 by both MSDF's representatives and the facilitators respectively. Finally, CSO Takes Follow up Actions, after a Policy Decision is made to foster Implementation & / or to Maintain Public Interest (CTFA) came last in the ratings with a score of 1.7 and 1 by MSDF and the facilitators respectively.

Scores by Facilitators and NIDPRODEV's Representatives on NIDPRODEV's Advocacy Capacity Assessment

Team's Scores	Capacity Areas						
	ITS	CCIII	CFVPPI	COAR	CBCN	CTAIP	CTFA
Average score by NIDPRODEV Staff/representatives	3.75	3.5	1.0	3.0	1.58	1.1	1.5
Capacity Index	2.20 out of a maximum of 4, which means that NIDPRODEV's advocacy capacity is <i>as expected</i> .						
Average score by Pact Facilitators	3.5	2.2	1.0	2.5	1.5	1.0	1.25
Capacity Index	1.85 out of a maximum of 4, which means that NIDPRODEV's						

advocacy capacity, is <i>below expectation</i> .
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From the above table, NIDPRODEV's present advocacy work is limited, even though it covers all the seven capacity areas of advocacy process. Equally, for most of the capacity areas that its advocacy work includes, not much has been accomplished in terms of coverage of the sub elements of the capacity areas.

The result from the table indicates that by the average scores of NIDPRODEV's representatives for each capacity area, Issue (being advocated for) is Timely and Significant (ITS) has the highest score of 3.75 out of a maximum of 4, sequentially followed by CSO Collects Information & Inputs about the Issue (CCIII) and CSO Obtains &/or Allocates Resources (especially time & money) for Advocacy on the Issue (COAR) each with 3.5 and 3.0 respectively. CSO Builds Coalitions & Networks to Obtain Cooperative efforts for joint action on the Issue (CBCN) and CSO Takes Follow up Actions, after a Policy Decision is made to foster Implementation & / or to Maintain Public Interest (CTFA) follow with 1.58 and 1.5 respectively. CSO Takes Actions to Influence Policy or other aspect of the Issues (CTAIP) is next with 1.1 and CSO Formulates a Viable Policy Position on the Issue (CFVPPI) is least with 1.0.

The scores of the facilitators for the capacity areas indicate that ITS is the highest with 3.5, followed sequentially by COAR (2.5), CCIII (2.2), CBCN (1.5), CTFA (1.25) with CTAIP and CFVPPI with the least score of 1.0 each.

After the scores were calculated and discussed, Pact facilitated the process of identifying and planning for capacity building interventions to help alleviate capacity gaps. Detailed reports of the assessments have been produced and shared with the participating CSOs, NNF and Chevron Nigeria Ltd for follow-up.

Communication Training Workshop

Also during the quarter under review, Pact organized a 3-day Communication Training Workshop, aimed at sharing and enhancing the knowledge and skills of participants in communication by:

- Better defining their constituencies
- Developing appropriate messages for their constituencies
- Developing strategies for message delivery
- Engaging in community mobilization

A variety of strategies were employed in the delivery of the workshop with a core principle of adult learning, interactive and hands-on activities. A total of 32 participants (19 males, 13 females) were in attendance.

A strategic communication planning guide was distributed to all participants on the first day to serve as a guide for the development of each organization's communication plan. The guide was used as a template for each day's assignment to develop key steps as they were learned during the workshop. While a few organizations had public relations officers, none had a communication plan or a team that focuses on communication.

The morning sessions on the first day were devoted to an overview of communication, essentials of communication, and key issues in the composition of a constituency. This was all-encompassing, dwelling on interpersonal, verbal, non-verbal communication, channels of

communication, including the media etc. The essence of the session was to learn about the key characteristics of communication with emphasis on strategic communication steps and implementation. The learning objectives of these sessions were for the participants to understand the importance of strategic communication and to identify the key components of effective communication.

The two areas addressed in the afternoon session covered the essence of communication in advocacy and community mobilization followed by brainstorming on: What is a constituency? Each participant detailed the community/constituency they work with and identified issues of importance requiring advocacy and mobilization in their work. At the end of the sessions, participants understood the importance of components of community mobilisation; and identified steps in building coalitions on key issues in their constituency on particular issues.

During the second day, key issues in message development and channels of delivery were covered. Essentially the purpose of the sessions was to learn the characteristics of advocacy messages and tailor the messages to key target groups in the constituencies of the organizations. Participants devoted time to understand their target audiences, the key elements of advocacy messages and identify appropriate channels of communication of messages to different target groups

The afternoon sessions were devoted to key issues in communication channels, knowledge and information management. The purpose was to understand the various channels and benefits for the realization of organizations' goals. There were also sessions focusing on the benefits of working with the media and different channels.

Most activities during the third day were hands-on, devoted to practical group work for participants to develop the outline of their organizations' communication strategies. The group work sessions were devoted to key issues in analyzing participants' organizational constituencies and target groups. Organizational goals were discussed in order to develop the communication goal. They then identified key advocates in their constituencies and developed plans to reach them with key messages on particular issues of importance in the communities they serve. The day was rounded off with next steps and draft plan for each organization.

Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes

The Amuwo Odofin Local Government Council of Lagos State, in recognition of the ADVANCE team's expertise in budgetary issues, this quarter, requested training of its key staff in Good and Democratic Governance, Economic and Budget Literacy. The training, the cost of which was borne by the Local Government Council, was for its legislators and other high and medium level staff of the Council. The ADVANCE program recognizes and takes advantage of such opportunities for public/private partnership, contributing staff time as its social responsibility to increase the effectiveness of public institutions.

The two-day training with 80 participants in attendance (65 males, 15 females) was held at Sunfit Hotel, Amuwo Odofin on March 23-24, 2010. Technical session focused on Just, Good and Democratic Governance, Social and Fiscal Responsibility, Decentralization and Local Governance, Budgeting Systems, Social Audits and Public Hearings as well as Advocacy. At the end of the training, a communiqué was produced in which participants agreed that for the people of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Area to enjoy Just, Good

and Democratic Governance, there should be a free and fair election producing tested and trusted individuals, while the electorate must also cooperate with the constituted authority, irrespective of creed, social status, gender and ethnic background.

Also this quarter, the ADVANCE project organized a Civil Society Summit on the 2010 Federal Budget. The event was held on March 29, 2010 at the Dennis Hotel, Abuja. The Summit was aimed at identifying, discussing and documenting strategic steps CSOs can take to engage with the government towards an enhanced 2010 budget implementation and service delivery. The approach of the 2010 Budget Summit was different from previous summits because this was mainly focused on implementation of the 2010 Federal budget. This is because an analysis of the budget carried out by ActionAid in December 2009 (captured in the last quarter report) had already been shared with the press and other stakeholders at a public briefing. In attendance were a total of 55 participants (37 males, 18 females).

The budget summit commenced with a press briefing featuring ADVANCE state partners and resource persons who shared insights of CSOs expectations from the government towards a performance-based 2010 budget. Thereafter, technical presentations were made by partners and resource persons on key sectors of Education, Health, Women's Rights, Agriculture and Water Resources. At the end of the summit, participants generated a communiqué reflecting strategic steps for CSO/Government engagement as well as expectations from government on the 2010 budget. In addition, repeated news on the Budget Press briefing was aired on television stations – NTA, AIT, Channels, LTV, and Galaxy Television during the news hour on 30th March 2010. Likewise, the print media also featured the Budget Summit – Punch, Daily Trust newspaper.

Finally, during the quarter under review, the ADVANCE project held a Dissemination meeting to close out the ActionAid/ADVANCE Budget Advocacy project on Tuesday March 30, 2010 at Dennis Hotel, Abuja. The Dissemination meeting provided ActionAid and its ADVANCE state partners an opportunity to share with stakeholders highlights of past programming activities, major achievements, challenges, lessons learned and new opportunities for budget work in Nigeria. The meeting featured presentations from ActionAid Nigeria and the three budget partners; CIRDOCC, JDPC and Aids Alliance. Personal testimonies were received from some participants on the impacts of the ADVANCE project especially the budget trainings. In all, 37 participants attended the meeting with 29 males and 8 females.

Access to Information

Muslim League for Accountability (MULAC)

Following MULAC's successful completion of its recent ADVANCE-supported project, Pact worked with MULAC to finalize the design of its follow-on project to further expand the Freedom of Information (FOI) iBill advocacy constituency to include Muslim groups. MULAC intends, in this project, not only gain support for the enactment of a national FOI Law but also one in Kaduna state as a flagship state in Northern Nigeria. The organization intends to:

- Conduct a 2-day Round Table for some selected representatives of forty Islamic organizations and imams to sensitize them on the National FOI Bill and its implications. The Round Table will also be an opportunity for the Imams and observers involved in the previous project to share their peculiar obstacles that they

experienced during their sermons and new strategies developed for the next round of the program. It will be used as a forum to enlist more Imams to commit to giving sermons promoting the FOI Bill and also to encourage and further equip those who could not carry out such sermons in the last round.

- This activity would be followed by monitors being assigned to selected mosques to monitor these sermons and report back to MULAC. A total of twenty mosques will be monitored through the life of the project; each monitor assigned to a state will monitor the four mosques at different times. The monitors will liaise with the Imams to have a sense of when they are likely to preach on the issues.
- Carry out advocacy visits to selected Kaduna State legislators to facilitate the enactment of an FOI law in Kaduna State.
- Sensitize the general public on the importance of access to public information through a public lecture that will target 1,000 participants in Kaduna state with the view to encouraging them to join the struggle in ensuring the passage of the Bill in Kaduna state.

Media Rights Agenda (MRA)

This quarter, ADVANCE completed negotiations with MRA to kick-start a national and state advocacy program to ensure the enactment of a Freedom of information Act at the national level, as well as in Lagos State, that meet international minimum standards and best practices and which will give Nigerian residents of Lagos State a legally enforceable right of access to information held by government officials and public institutions. The sub-grant agreement is designed to:

- Garner executive support for the Bill by recruiting Acting President Goodluck Jonathan as an advocate for the Federal FOI Bill within the first half of the project period.
- Increase support for the Bill within the National Assembly (NASS) by lobbying critical sectors to ensure that the required number of legislators required to pass the Bill into law is achieved by the end of the project period.
- Provide institutional platforms for addressing concerns within NASS on possible media abuse of such a law by co-opting two respected key media bodies - the Newspaper Proprietors Association of Nigeria (NPAN) and the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE) - into the advocacy efforts.
- Garner and sustain executive support for the Lagos State FOI Bill by lobbying and recruiting the Lagos state executive
- Ensure the quick passage into law of the Lagos State FOI Bill by lobbying the principal officers and members of the Lagos State House of Assembly as well as other influential groups like the Action Congress (AC) to support passage of the Bill.
- Raise public awareness on the FOI Bill in Lagos state by co-opting Lagos-based media houses into the advocacy efforts to provide critical and enlightened information to the public about the Bill.

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

Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

The Publish What You Pay Campaign (PWYP)

This quarter, Pact has re-engaged with its long time partner on NEITI, PWYP, by signing a sub-grant agreement to Scale up Demand for Transparency in Nigeria's Extractive Sector through Capacity Building and Public Engagement. The proposed activities under the agreement are:

- Institutional strengthening for PWYP Secretariat by funding personnel cost, procuring equipment; supporting its legal registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and inauguration of its board of trustees.
- Development of Shadow Report on the NEITI Process / Validation that will be a civil society response to the validation exercise in particular and the NEITI process in general.
- A 2-day Civil Society / Media Forum on the NEITI Shadow Report aiming to bring together selected Civil Society actors and media actors to review, make inputs into and endorse the final draft of the Shadow Report. The meeting will also incorporate a capacity building component to train participants on how to use the Report as an advocacy tool. The Forum will be followed by a high-profile media presentation of the Shadow Report.
- A 2-day training of member organizations and media personnel from the six geopolitical zones on monitoring, evaluation and report writing in the extractive sector to enhance reporting on extractive issues that will translate the findings into action.
- Advocacy visits to government agencies (NDDC, NNPC, FIRS, CBN, NAPIMS, DPR) and NASS covered under the NEITI 2005 Audit report to raise issues on the 2005 audit report and reconcile gaps, and encourage them to implement the recommendations of the report.
- Quarterly Policy Briefs covering current and relevant issues in the extractive sector as a tool for stakeholders to understand the issues.

Zero Corruption Coalition (ZCC)

Pact has completed negotiations with long time partner ZCC for a follow-on award that would build on its previous ADVANCE-supported project to build popular participation in the NEITI process. The project will seek to further publicize and circulate to wider spectrum of Nigerians, the findings and recommendations of the 2005 NEITI Audit report through the publication of an information brochure on the 2005 NEITI Audit report. In addition, the information brochure will have a section on how to monitor and engage the audit process for different stakeholders as a way to stimulate actions. The brochure will be derived from the thorough analysis of the 2005 Audit Report already done by the CPPC, a partner of ADVANCE last quarter. It will then proceed to insert highlights of the simplified version in two national dailies to raise awareness. .

The project will convene a CSO Forum to examine the findings of the 2005 NEITI Audit report in order to create awareness on the findings; take stock of progress made in the system since last year's CSO Forum and re-strategize based on current situation. The forum will be a call to action that will develop innovative means of engaging with the agencies in addressing some of the lapses identified by the Audit report.

To build on the rapport created with the relevant agencies identified by the various Audit reports from the last advocacy meeting, another meeting will be convened between CSOs and the relevant agencies to get a report from them on how far they have gone in implementing the remediation plan and to give an explanation as to why most of the lapses identified in the

1999 – 2004 Audit report reoccurred in the 2005 Audit report. This will be a follow up to the previous meeting where promises made by the different bodies will be recalled and stock taking done. Advocacy will then be carried out in order to ensure they increase their level of compliance with the recommendations.

Other Anti-Corruption Efforts

This quarter, PPDC continued to operate its procurement watch listserv, regularly delivering public procurement news to keep citizen sector advocates informed of developments in the procurement sector. The news listserv called “PPNEWS,” delivers daily/weekly news. The PPNEWS has informed CSOs about procurement activities locally, and kept stakeholders abreast of their obligations under the current law and international best practices. Feedbacks from recipients of PPNEWS attest to this fact. The PPNEWS has also promoted a continuous dialogue amongst procurement observers thereby improving public participation in Public Procurement.

PPDC has also produced a simplified version of the Public Procurement Act (PPA 2007), intended to communicate in an easy-to-understand format and simple language, the substance of the law to the general public. Proposed amendments to the Act by NASS had stalled the production of this publication. However, early this year when it was clear that the amendments would not go through, the organization went ahead to produce a draft of the simplified version. This publication was critiqued by CSOs in a Consultative Meeting before it was published. It has now been disseminated to a wide range of stakeholders.

This quarter, PPDC also produced a user hand book, introducing basic concepts and practice of procurement watch within the Nigerian context and as provided for in the Public Procurement Act. The draft was also critiqued by CSOs before it was finalized and published. This handbook provides step by step guidance for trained and un-trained persons in the use of the revised standard checklist for monitoring procurement in Nigeria, with copious references, explanations and referencing from the Public Procurement Act 2007, implementing rules and international best practices. This important resource material is being distributed broadly.

As PPDC’s sub-grant agreement with ADVANCE would up this quarter, Pact is in the process of signing another sub-grant agreement with it. The new agreement is planned to commence next quarter and will promote effective non-state actors’ monitoring of public procurement in Nigerian in a way that improves transparency, accountability and value for money. Among other outcomes, this project will result in:

- An increased number of active trained monitors and core groups of procurement advocates in the different zones of the country from 32 to 129.
- 30 Representatives from 30 MDAs trained and sensitized as to the requirements of the Public Procurement Act and able to implement it more effectively
- An assessment report designed to inform advocacy on improvement of implementation of the Public Procurement Act

C. Problems and Opportunities

Partner and Programmatic Challenges and Problems

- A number of budget partners were unable to complete all of their planned activities prior to the sudden and unexpected finalization of state budgets.

Administration and Management Challenges and Problems

- Delays in response by budget partners to financial reporting queries by Pact precluded the possibility of planned no-cost extensions, and delayed disbursement of funds.
- There were difficulties in identifying a senior-level staff person who had both programmatic and financial/administrative expertise who was willing to live in Lagos and spend a great deal of time in Warri to support the PPCD partners.

Partner and Programmatic Opportunities

- The partnership with the Amuwo-Odofin Local Government Council to train their Legislators, Special Assistants and Senior Special Assistants is a good example to showcase and encourage similar partnerships in the future.

Administration and Management Opportunities

- Pact/ADVANCE had continued to share facilities, logistics and staff time, as well as to jointly co-plan activities with the Community REACH HIV/AIDS program, thereby leveraging the inherent advantage of economy of scale. The commencement of the RTI-implemented LEAD program (to which Pact is a subgrantee) offers similar potential.

D. Activity Changes and Explanations

- Rather than issuing a new solicitation, it was determined that the most effective means of issuing the last round of subgrants during the extension period was to build off of existing partnerships and to issue follow-on awards.
- Due to the reporting delays described above and the unpredictable timeline of the state budget approval process, a number of state-level budget partner activities (including a pair of budget forums, and a number of advocacy visits) were cancelled. These activities will be picked up in the follow-on subgrants to be issued next quarter and applied to next year's budget.
- Due to difficulties with availability of government staff, the web training for the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget has been scheduled for next quarter.
- As already discussed with the AOTR, it took longer than expected to finalize the subgrants of PWYP, ZCC and PPDC then expected. This has caused a number of activities (the NEITI shadow report, the forum on the 2005 audit report, and the procurement training for MDAs) to be delayed. However, all of these subgrants were signed this quarter (or as of this writing) and so all of those planned activities will take place next quarter. In the case of the NEITI shadow report, the extension of the validation process has allowed for more time to produce the report
- As described above, the challenges in identifying the right person to be seconded to the PPCD office were overcome this quarter by hiring a Finance and Admin consultant for 4 months and a Senior Program Specialist for a year's worth of support.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

A. Partner Activities

- Production of Information Brochure on the 2005 NEITI Audit Report and Insertion in Newspapers;
- CSO Forum on 2005 NEITI Audit Report;
- Advocacy Meeting With Agencies/Stakeholders in the Oil and Gas Sector on the NEITI Remediation Plan;
- Development of Shadow Report on the NEITI Process / Validation;
- 2-day Civil Society / Media Forum on the NEITI Shadow Report;
- Production of NEITI Policy Brief;
- Develop Memo to the Acting President on the benefits of an FOI law to the Government;
- Develop Memo to members of the National Assembly on the benefits of an FOI Law to them;
- Produce copies of the Lagos State FOI Bill;
- Develop and produce IEC materials on the Lagos State Freedom of Information Bill;
- Meeting with officers and key members of the Newspapers Proprietors Association of Nigeria on the FOI Bill;
- Meeting with officers and key members of the Nigerian Guild of Editors on the FOI Bill;
- Roundtable for Imams and Muslim Scholars on the FOI Bill;
- Training of Trainers (TOT) for Professional bodies and CSOs;
- Anti Corruption Revolution (ANCOR)

B. Pact Activities

- Ongoing mentoring of all partners, especially IMC
- Continuation of the implementation of capacity building intervention activities for PPCD project

C. Subgrant Management

- Support existing partner CSOs and any other possible new ones through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Closeout of completed projects.
- Work with partners with pending proposals to finalize the proposals.
- Process and issue new subgrant awards for the proposed projects.

IV. QUANTITATIVE INDICATOR DATA

#	Ind. Reference #	Indicator	Collection	Target for FY 10	Quarter Target	Quarter Result	Cumulative Result FY 10	Comments
1		Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) representing marginalized group(s) engaging with government	Quarterly	W = 25 Y = 13 I = 19 D = 8 Total = 65	W = 2 Y = 1 I = 2 D = 1 Total = 6	W = 0 Y = 1 I = 0 D = 1 Total = 2	W = 12 Y = 13 I = 2 D = 1 Total = 28	
2	S11.1	Women-focused CSOs supported by USG assistance to engage in advocacy and/or promote democratic participation	Quarterly	25	2	0	12	
5	GJD 4.1.3	Number of CSO advocacy campaigns supported by USG	Quarterly	30	3	1	7	
7	GJD 4.1.8	Number of USG Assisted Civil Society Organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions	Quarterly	25	4	12	21	
9		Number of people trained (disaggregated by gender)	Quarterly	Total= 800 M=480 F=320	Total= 200 M= 120 F= 80	Total= 181 M= 128 F= 53	Total=591 M=427 F=164	
12		Increased Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes	Quarterly	Nat : 10 State: 12	Nat: 4 State: 2	Nat: 0 State: 0	Nat: 3 State: 4	
13	S11.2.1	Increased Civil Society Participation in NEITI implementation	Quarterly	8	1	1	2	Milestone achieved in Q2 was #13
14	GJD 4.1.2	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to improve internal organizational capacity	Annually	50	5	10	41	