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List of Acronyms

AAIN Action Aid International 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
EITI Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
FOI Freedom of Information
FOMWAN Federation of Muslim Women Associations of Nigeria
IATT Inter-Agency Task Team
IMC Interfaith Mediation Centre
JDPC Justice Development and Peace Commission
LGA Local Government Area
MDA Ministry, Department and Agency
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
RDC Regional Development Council
REACH Rapid and Effective Action to Combat HIV/AIDS
SEEDS State Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy
TUGAR Technical Unit on Governance and Anticorruption Reforms
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: \$1,707,555, of which \$824,773 is already obligated to sub grantees and therefore not available for any purpose; leaving an Effective Pipeline Amount of \$882,782
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$418,836
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date: \$7,966,293
Estimated Expenditures Next Quarter: \$475,000
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.
- Tracked cost share and carried out closeout of a number of completed projects of partner CSOs.
- Finalized proposals received from MRA, MULAC, ZCC, PPDC, CIRDDOC, JDPC and CISLAC, and issued them new awards

Program Outputs

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

- Memos on the FOI Bill to the President, members of the National Assembly and ordinary citizens on the benefits of an FOI Law developed.
- Up-to-date database of mobile phone numbers of members of the Lagos State House of Assembly developed for the purpose of the advancing the Lagos State FOI campaign developed.
- Mapping of National Assembly members according to their States and constituencies for use in furtherance of the FOI Campaign carried out.
- ADVANCE partners trained in advanced Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL).
- Chevron/PPCD partners trained on Financial Management Systems in NGOs.
- IMC's Program Planning and Management Workshop held.
- Advocacy campaign to the Rivers State Ministry of Education carried out.
- Advocacy campaign to the Rivers State Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning accomplished.
- PPDC's Training for MDAs on the Public Procurement Act and the role of CSOs in Public Procurement Process held.
- Chevron/PPCD partners trained in Strategic Planning.
- Chevron/PPCD partners trained in Resource Mobilization and Project Management.
- Ongoing capacity building provided to IMC.
- Ongoing capacity building provided to PPCD project and its consortium member NGOs.
- Information Brochure on the 2005 NEITI Audit Report produced.

C. Recent Programmatic Context

Budget Context

As of the early part of this quarter, there was still uncertainty and apprehension over the state of health of then President Umaru Yar'Adua. Controversies also raged over who authorized what spending, especially in view of the fact that the year's budget had yet to become law at the time. Allegations were made that quite a number of projects were signed off on behalf of the ailing president, and that huge and unbudgeted sums were spent in funding his stay in Saudi Arabia. On April 22, the then Acting President, Goodluck Ebele Jonathan finally signed the 2010 Federal budget into law, laying to rest the confusion that had momentarily

stymied the national economy. The approved aggregate expenditure for the year 2010 is N4.6trillion, with a deficit of N1.52trillion or 4.66% of the nation's GDP.

A month after President Yar'Adua's sad passing, the new President Goodluck Jonathan sent a request to the National Assembly, seeking its approval of a supplementary budget of N639. 8 billion. He based this request on unanticipated items of expenditure, such as the Negotiated Civil Service wage increase, and the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) arrears of monetization. The president drew the ire of segments of Nigerian civil society when news filtered out that N10 billion had been earmarked within the supplementary budget for a lavish celebration of Nigeria's 50th Independence Anniversary come October 1, 2010. While the Information Minister has denied the stated amount as a rumor, the actual amount has not been made known, and so many civil society groups and members of the media mobilized their various constituencies to oppose what they regarded as a very extravagant venture.

This request for lavish spending was in stark contrast to a letter accompanying the supplementary budget proposal, in which the President also requested that the Assembly consider a downward revision of the 2010 budget from the approved N4.608trillion on the basis of "serious shortfall in the projected revenue and the adverse implications it poses for financing the level of aggregate expenditure appropriated." There had been media reports earlier that there was an existing understanding between the Presidency and the leadership of the National Assembly to cut down the capital allocation by as much as 40% when the price of crude oil in the international market dropped to \$59 per barrel.

Meanwhile, in a show of commitment to the ideals of probity and public accountability, the government of Goodluck Jonathan has initiated review of certain projects awarded earlier. The review is expected to result in the cancellations and re-award in deserving cases. Such action seems to suggest that the new president is serious about ensuring transparency and accountability in public expenditure.

Federal Public Procurement Process

In the period under review, the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) announced that it had saved the federal government of Nigeria from losses of over N88.5 billion from award of contracts by various government ministries, departments and agencies (MDAs) in the last three years as a result of its operations. The amount purportedly saved was the difference in cost between what was supposed to be awarded by various MDAs and what was actually certified by the Bureau for award.

The Bureau has noted that the level of compliance with public procurement procedures in the award of contracts has grown from 60 to 80 per cent during the three-year period of its operations. The Director General in a press statement however, pointed out that the bureau has been contending with huge pressures from "politically exposed people in public offices," who he said are often exposed to corruption through the award of contracts and expenditure of public funds. "The major challenges the bureau faces include: the high resistance to change by the various institutions, headed by powerful political, public service, religious as well as retired and serving military elites, who have some relationships with government through contracts, such that when a decision is taken, it touches unseen hands and legs of powerful people," he said.

Eleven lawmakers this quarter accused the Speaker of the House Representatives of gross violation of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2007 – urging the Economic and Financial

Crimes Commission (EFCC) and the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) to investigate the use of capital funds in the House. They alleged in a press conference that the House received the total sum of N11 billion for 2008 and 2009, out of which a total of N9 billion was expended with the authority of the Speaker without proper accounting. These allegations resulted in a brawl amongst the lawmakers in support of the Speaker and those pitted against him. The fracas was triggered by a resolution to suspend the 11 lawmakers for allegedly breaching House rules in their attempts to have the speaker probed for suspected corruption charges. Many Nigerians have criticized the suspension of the 11 lawmakers till the end of the legislative calendar as victimization of whistleblowers, and have called on the Speaker to respond to the allegations instead.

Anticorruption - EFCC

After 17 months of self-exile, former chair of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu returned this quarter to Nigeria. The Federal Government had on May 5, 2010 dropped a criminal charge it filed against him at the Code of Conduct Tribunal for an alleged non-declaration of assets when he was in office. The charges were thought to be politically motivated by the Yar'Adua administration as a result of Mallam Ribadu's prosecution of some powerful government officials during Obasanjo's tenure. The Presidency also prevailed on the Police Service Commission (PSC) to commute Ribadu's dismissal to retirement and restore his rank to Assistant Inspector General of Police. This decision has elicited mixed reaction from the public. The segment of the public that had criticized the timing and subsequent sack of Mr. Ribadu as victimization of a worthy officer welcomed these developments. Another segment, largely made up of a number of CSOs, has condemned the reversal of dismissal and demotion and dropping of criminal charges as being arbitrary and abuse of due process. They contend that due process of the law should have been allowed to take its course, as Mallam Ribadu had challenged his demotion and dismissal in Court. They reason that these actions have demonstrated President's Jonathan's abuse of state power for personal gain, which itself is corruption.

Freedom of Information

The leadership of the House of Representatives has this quarter said that that even if the Freedom of Information Bill (FOIB) fails to become a law under the present House, it would eventually get passed by the National Assembly because of the role it would play in ensuring free and fair elections in Nigeria. The Chair of the House Committee on Information and National Orientation, Hon. Ahmed Aliyu Wadada, made this known during a media chat with journalists at the National Assembly. Failure of the present 6th Assembly to pass the FOIB before the end of their tenure next year would mean that the process would be started afresh when new lawmakers come on board next year. However, Wadada assured Nigerians that the House of Representatives and the committee in particular, are determined to pass the Bill. Given the slow movement and strong opposition in the House, however, CSOs committed to this bill are adjusting strategies and putting greater emphasis on targeting the newly instituted executive to pressure the NASS to pass the bill.

II. QUARTER PROGRESS

A. Program Management

This quarter, Pact continued to provide mentoring and oversight support in program implementation and reporting to its subgrantees that had ongoing projects. Pact also issued new awards to IMC, MRA, MULAC, ZCC, PPDC, CIRDDOC, JDPC, and CISLAC. The

approval/signing of the subgrant agreement of NPWP is expected from HQ as of the time of this report.

Staff Assumption of Office

John Onyeukwu, the Senior Civil Society Specialist recruited last quarter for providing programmatic support and mentoring the Chevron/PPCD partners as they implement the Chevron-sponsored GMOUs, assumed duty in May and was immediately deployed to PPCD. He is based at NNF's office in Lagos but with frequent mentoring/technical support visits to PPCD project office and the rest of the consortium member NGOs, all based in Warri, in the Niger Delta.

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 Program Officer for Nigeria from Pact Headquarters was in the country in June to provide technical support to ADVANCE while the Pact ADVANCE Program Coordinator for Anticorruption Advocacy was on maternity leave. Furthermore, Pact Headquarters sponsored the Pact global Procurement Management training that was held in May in Nairobi, and the Pact Nigeria Administrative Officer participated at Pact HQ expense.

General Portfolio Management

The ADVANCE subgrant portfolio as of this quarter increased to 59 subprojects for the life of the award, but the cumulative number of CSO partners is still 30. There were three ongoing subprojects (PWYP, IMC and MRA) as of the beginning of this quarter. The number increased to nine with the addition of MULAC, ZCC, PPDC, CIRDDOC, JDPC and CISLAC at the end of the quarter. The old awards of CPPC, Action Aid, IMC -1st project, and ACE-2nd project were all closed out during the period.

Office Relocation

Subsequent to the expressed intention of the owner Pact's rented office to sell the property and not renew the lease, Pact Nigeria relocated its office this quarter. Pact Nigeria succeeded in getting a new office at No. 30, Lobito Crescent, Off Ademola Adetokunbo Street, Wuse 2.

Subgrant Finances

During this reporting period, Pact Nigeria continued reconciliations, cost share tracking and closeout process with a number of partner CSOs with completed projects, and realized the sum of \$90,097.48 as additional cost share from the closed-out projects of CPPC, ActionAid, IMC -1st project, and ACE-2nd project. This brings the cumulative cost share to \$497,554.88 to date (up from \$407, 457.40 reported in quarter 1¹ of FY 2010), which has already exceeded the required cost share (\$421,052) for the life of the program.

Also, during this reporting period, an additional sum of **\$132,003.35** was disbursed to a number of the existing partners with ongoing projects, including those that got new awards (ActionAid, CIRDDOC -2nd award, JDPC- 2nd award, CPPC, IMC, MRA, MULAC, ZCC, PPDC, CIRDDOC-new award, JDPC –new award, CISLAC-new award), bringing the cumulative of disbursements/advances so far made for all subgrants as of the end of this

¹ There was no cost share reported in Q2 FY 2010.

quarter to **\$2,571,565.55** (up from \$2,439,562.20 in the previous quarter and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Of that amount, the subgrantees have expended and retired/liquidated a total of **\$2,305,930.07** to date (up from \$2,258,057.09 reported in the previous quarter, and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants).

In addition, the sum of \$7,774.71 was expended on in-kind subgrants this quarter (PWYP and JDPC's partly in-kind award), thus the cumulative expenditures incurred on consultancies/in-kind subgrants increased to \$466,769.39 to date (up from \$458,994.68 reported in the previous quarter). 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 **\$2,724,826.48** (up from \$2,717,051.77 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, June 30, 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 1 FY 10 (October to December 2009)										
	Recipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Advances/Disbursements, Actual Expenditures and Project Status					
					Obligated Amount \$	Advances to Date (\$) Advances	Balance on	Expenditures on Advances to Date Expenditures	Balance	Project Status
1	PWYP	30-Mar-06	31-May-07	Publish What You Pay Campaign in Nigeria	140,051.18	140,051.18	-	140,051.18	-	Terminated
2	MRA	30-Mar-06	31-Jul-07	Advocacy on Freedom of Information Bill	120,605.53	120,605.53	-	120,605.53	(0.00)	Closed
3	IPC	30-Mar-06	31-Jan-08	Media Strengthening for Reporting on Corruption and Policy Reform	100,393.82	100,393.82	0.00	100,393.82	(0.00)	Closed
4	WOTCLEF	30-Mar-06	30-Jun-07	Public Awareness and Advocacy on Trafficking in Women and Children (Kano, Osun and Cross River States)	85,065.49	85,065.49	-	85,065.49	0.00	Closed
5	CISLAC	20-Sep-06	30-Sep-07	Strengthening Civil Society Engagement of the Legislative Process through Targeted Policies	157,419.48	157,419.48	0.00	157,419.47	0.00	Closed
6	Action Aid Int'l Nig	15-Aug-06	22-Feb-10	CSO Budget Monitoring & Tracking	820,701.60	820,701.60	-	820,701.60	-	Closed
7	JDPC/ACE	1-Nov-06	31-Dec-06	Voter Registration Monitoring in 15 states across all the 6 Geo-Political Zones of Nigeria	57,729.19	57,729.19	-	57,729.19	-	Closed
8	CITAD	9-Feb-07	30-May-07	Voter Education Program	27,789.91	27,789.91	-	27,789.91	-	Closed
9	MULAC	1-Feb-07	30-Apr-07	Right to Vote	18,500.31	18,500.31	-	18,500.31	-	Closed
10	ACE	1-Mar-07	30-Nov-07	INEC Oversight and Stakeholder Advocacy. However, project scope increased to include National Peoples' Tribunal on 2007 Elections	116,001.95	116,001.95	-	116,001.95	0.00	Closed
11	FOMWAN	8-Mar-07	30-Apr-07	Voter Sensitization for Increased Participation & Protection of Mandate at Mosques, Churches, & Market Arenas	62,192.76	62,192.76	-	62,192.76	(0.00)	Closed
12	ZCC	27-Mar-07	31-Jul-07	Engaging the Processes of EFCC Amendment Act in Nigeria	28,305.88	28,305.88	-	28,305.88	-	Closed

13	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	48,320.81	48,320.81	-	48,320.81	-	Closed
14	CIRDDOC	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	Enabling CSOs to Monitor Government Spending on Education in Rivers State	35,671.40	35,671.40	-	35,671.40	-	Closed
15	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	46,537.22	46,537.22	-	46,537.22	-	Closed
16	CISHAN	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	49,946.27	47,524.61	2,421.66	44,961.23	2,563.38	Completed
17	ERA	19-Sep-07	12-Aug-08	Local Empowerment and good governance in Edo/Delta states, South south Zone of Nigeria	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	86,526.69	90,095.49	(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	35,140.61	35,140.61	-	35,140.61	-	Closed
20	WANGONeT	19-Sep-07	2/29/2009	Capacity Building for CSOs on oil Revenue Transparency and Civic oversight of the NEITI process in Nigeria	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	40,026.94	40,026.94	-	40,026.94	-	Closed
22	MULAC	24-Jan-08	18-Apr-08	Promoting Muslim Participation in Electoral reform process in Nigeria	9,751.08	9,751.08	-	9,751.08	-	Closed
23	ACE	14-May-08	30-Jul-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	29,317.52	29,317.52	-	29,317.52	-	Closed
24	NBA	15-May-08	31-Oct-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	29,952.91	29,388.89	564.02	27,498.29	1,890.60	Completed
25	CPPC	26-Jun-08	30-Dec-08	Empowerment of CSOs in Analysing the NEITI Audit and Processes	39,354.00	36,142.28	3,211.72	31,960.89	4,181.39	Completed
26	CISLAC	26-Jun-08	30-Nov-08	Civil Society Engagement of Government on Oil Revenue Transparency and Civic Oversight of the NEITI Process	25,419.53	25,419.53	-	25,419.53	-	Closed
27	FOMWAN	27-Jun-08	30-Sep-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	9,478.29	9,478.29	-	9,478.29	-	Closed
28	CISLAC	19-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Engaging the legislature and NEITI Secretariate to deepen NEITI Act implementation	\$ 29,965.00	\$ 30,549.92	(584.92)	\$ 27,802.15	2,747.77	Completed

29	AAN	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09	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	\$ 21,072.11	\$ 21,072.11	-	\$ 21,072.11	-	Closed
30	CIRRD0C	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09	Enabling CSO's to monitor government spending on Education in Rivers state	\$ 22,018.77	\$ 22,018.77	-	\$ 22,018.77	-	Closed
31	JDPC	9-Jun-09	31-Dec-09	MARKING PUBLIC budget work for the masses Through CSO engagement of the Agricultural and Education Budgetary provisions in Lagos state	\$ 14,749.72	\$ 14,749.72	-	\$ 14,749.72	-	Completed
32	PPDC	7-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	CSO participation in Public Procurement Act Implementation in Nigeria	\$ 29,990.00	\$ 27,714.16	2,275.84	\$ 27,157.52	556.64	Completed
33	CISLAC for NPWP	7-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	Improved Citizens Participation in Public Procurement in Nigeria	\$ 29,624.00	\$ 27,122.97	2,501.03	\$ 23,075.13	4,047.84	Completed
34	CPPC	7-Aug-09	30-Nov-09	Analyzing the 2005 NEITI Audit Report Processes	\$ 29,001.22	\$ 29,001.22	-	\$ 29,009.92	(8.70)	Closed
35	MULAC	30-Sep-09	31-Jan-10	Creating Pressure from Religious groups for passage of the FOI bill	\$ 16,633.30	\$ 16,633.30	-	\$ 16,633.30	-	Closed
36	IMC	10-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Capacity Building of IMC, via systems development	\$ 27,975.12	\$ 27,975.12	-	\$ 27,975.12	-	Closed
37	MULAC	10-Apr-10	31-Aug-10		\$ 25,267.00	\$ 21,780.18	3,486.82	\$ -	21,780.18	On-going
38	MRA	10-Apr-10	30-Nov-10		\$ 65,503.00	\$ 17,724.21	47,778.79	\$ -	17,724.21	On-going
39	IMC	10-Apr-10	31-Dec-10		\$ 64,962.00	\$ 33,363.39	31,598.61	\$ 18,266.69	15,096.70	On-going
40	ZCC	15-Apr-10	14-Sep-10		\$ 37,666.66	\$ 30,930.55	6,736.11	-	30,930.55	On-going
41	PPDC	1-May-10	31-Dec-10		\$ 149,365.00	\$ 47,979.60	101,385.40	-	47,979.60	On-going
42	CIRDD0C	1-Jun-10	15-Dec-10		\$ 29,990.00	15,910.32	14,079.68	-	15,910.32	On-going
43	JDPC	1-Jun-10	31-Dec-10		\$ 11,746.67	-	11,746.67	-	-	On-going
44	CISLAC	21-Jun-10	30-Nov-10		\$ 97,629.33	-	97,629.33	-	-	On-going
					\$ 2,985,384.22	\$ 2,660,623.83	\$ 324,760.40	\$ 2,490,303.21	\$ 170,320.62	

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	-	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	June 30, 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
6	PWYP	March 15, 2010	November 30, 2010		49,738.00	10,910.24	38,827.76	On going
7	JDPC	June 1, 2010	December 31, 2010		17,672.00	-	17,672.00	On going
	Total				429,878.51	373,378.75	-	

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	-	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	-	Complete
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	-	Complete
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, many of which had ongoing projects this quarter. The partners were assisted through interventions consisting of training, project proposal refinement and mentoring on program implementation and management, monitoring and evaluation, monthly financial reporting, and program reporting.

In contributing to the achievement of the above objective, Pact/ADVANCE carried out a number of capacity building activities this quarter namely:

- Continuous mentoring for all partners
- Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL) training for all partners
- Finance and Administration training for PPCD partners
- Strategic Planning workshop for Chevron/PPCD partners
- Resource Mobilization and Project Management Trainings² for Chevron/PPCD partners
- Project Management and Planning for IMC

In this quarter, Most of the capacity building interventions focused largely on the targeted organizations. Pact Nigeria continued to mentor its partners, providing them guidance as they implemented their various activities. Specifically;

- MULAC was mentored and monitored by both the MERL officer and the finance team as they carried out their FOI public sensitization lecture.
- IMC was guided through the planning and implementation of their procurement processes that were set in place during the first phase of their project. They were also mentored through the implementation of various activities both within and outside of their project with Pact by the finance team and the project coordinator.
- PWYP also started off this quarter and has been mentored through its procurement processes.

² The two trainings held back-to-back at the same venue.

Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Learning (MERL)

During the quarter under review, Pact ADVANCE trained its CSO partners in Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL). The training was an advanced one, being a hybrid of Pact MERL Training Modules 1 and 2. It was held on May 3-7, 2010 at the Asaa Pyramid Hotel, Kaduna, and had 30 participants (17 males, 13 females) drawn from 19 organizations. The two objectives of the training were:

1. To improve the proficiency of Pact ADVANCE grantees in Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Learning (MERL), and support their efforts in overseeing MERL for their own programs; and
2. Developing data quality management systems and support their efforts in addressing data quality issues in order to maximize utility of data generated from their programs and grants and specifically their grant with USAID/Pact

The topics covered included:

- Review of basic MERL principles and terminology
- Development of a results framework and project indicators
- Review of ADVANCE program indicators
- Review of USG indicators and reporting requirements and schedules
- Review of basic evaluation approaches
- Review of ADVANCE reporting formats /scheduling
- Review of basic data quality management
- Identification and discussion of common issues/problems grantees face in collecting, analyzing and using data, and ways of minimizing them
- Review of data quality and risk management concepts and principles
- Discussion of data management
- Discussion of data ethics.
- Development of a data quality / risk management plan.
- Data auditing and how to prepare and make the most of the external data quality audit process

The ADVANCE MERL Officer anchored the training and was supported by the REACH MERL Specialist, the ADVANCE Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building Officer as well as well as the MERL Advisor for Africa from Nairobi. The result of the pre and post tests showed a significant improvement in the participants' knowledge base in MERL.

Finance and Administration Training for Chevron/PPCD partners

The training was a 4-day training conducted from May 4-7, 2010, with the following objectives:

- To underpin the importance of operational policies and procedures, ensuring proper application and implementation.
- To bolster understanding of financial management and systems.
- To enhance the oversight function of the finance officers via the GMoU as a guide for appropriate reporting
- To share issues and concerns; network with peers.

There were a total of 12 participants (four males, eight females) with a minimum of two participants per consortium member, including PPCD. The training covered 13 key Finance and Administration areas and was developed and facilitated by the Pact Finance Manager and a consultant. The training consisted of PowerPoint presentations, plenary sessions, discussions and group work to enhance practical understanding of the topics.

The training also offered Pact the opportunity to informally identify consortium members with weak Finance and Administrative support from the level of interaction with each other. It also created an eagerness for networking and information sharing on best practices.

For most of the participants, it was the first time they were receiving training on the principles of Financial Management in an NGO environment. They all attested that the training gave them better understanding of the principles behind funders' rules and regulation.

Strategic Planning Workshop for Chevron/PPCD partners

In order to address one of the needs identified in the course of organizational assessments of the PPCD partners, Pact held a 4-day Strategic Planning Workshop. By the end of the training, participants had gained enhanced skills to develop their organizational strategic plans. The workshop was held at the Gordon's Hotel and Resort in Abiraka, Delta State on May 11-14, 2010, with a total of 22 participants – 13 males, 9 females. The objectives of the training were for participants to:

- Understand the importance of strategic planning, and its potential to impact service delivery.
- Have a clear written, practical, strategic plan that is grounded in the needs of key organizational stakeholders
- Be able to use the strategic plan to implement organizational changes, make strategic decisions, and mobilize resources.

First, the importance of going through what had happened in the past was discussed, after which participants were broken into organizational groups for brainstorming and articulation of what has been happening within and outside their respective organizations in the past 10 years. The essence of this scan was for all participants to develop a shared view of their organizations' history.

Next, Participants were led through individual exercises designed to equip them with the skills to formulate and review Vision and Mission Statements. Taking another look at their existing mission statements, participants were led through an exercise that tasked them on discovering the unique personality of their respective organizations, why they exist, what needs they are meeting and how they meet those needs. This led to a recasting of the mission statement.

In order to identify and reflect on trends in the environment, participants were divided into organizational groups to carry out an analysis of both the external and internal environments in which they operate. The PEST and SWOT analyses were introduced as techniques to be used. At the end of the trends analysis, a number of critical issues affecting each organization were generated.

The final session built on the critical issues that were identified and sought to add more, prioritize and refine strategic themes, and develop unit-level goal statements. The facilitator introduced the concept of a strategic theme and the session then went on to explore what the goal for each of the strategic themes identified could be, and based on this, activities for each goal identified. A few additional, short sessions on action planning, budgeting and monitoring were also carried out to ensure that all participants had a good understanding to enable them step down the training subsequently.

Resource Mobilization and Project Management for PPCD

Based on the results of the analysis of the organizational capacity assessments carried out by Pact Nigeria on the Chevron/PPCD partners, the need to enhance the capacity of the partners in resource mobilization and project management became very significant. To address this, Pact Nigeria held a Resource Mobilization Training and a Project Management Training back-to-back across a period of five days. The Resource Mobilization Training was held on May 31-June 2, 2010, while the Project Management Training was held on June 3-4, 2010 at the same venue – the PPCD office in Warri, Delta State. Both were participatory and created opportunity for partners to reflect and share experiences on what they had been doing and to explore new ways of improving and updating their skills. The objectives of the trainings were:

- To share knowledge on the concept and practice of resource mobilization/project management, and how it affects civil society sustainability;
- To share experiences and challenges facing CSOs;
- To share and discuss tools that CSOs can use to improve resource mobilization;
- To discuss effective and efficient ways of improving project management;
- To initiate the development of resource mobilization plans.

In attendance were a total of 30 participants (21 males, 9 females) for the resource mobilization sessions, and 35 participants (27 males, 8 females) for project management. For each session there were three persons representing each consortium member organization, while the rest consisted of Regional Development Council (RDC) chairmen, assistants and project coordinators. Methodology in every instance was guided by a strong reliance on appreciate enquiry (A.I) and participation in presentations, brainstorming, plenary discussions, experience sharing, questions/answers and lots of group work.

Presentations emphasized the need for every organization to have a strategic plan, which will give direction to resource mobilization, and that resources are both material and non-material. Participants shared previous resource mobilization experiences and discussed each of the steps in the resource mobilization cycle:

- Clarifying your vision (developing a strategic plan).
- Assessing the current resource situation of the organization.
- Researching different resource providers.
- Identifying appropriate resource mobilization mechanisms.
- Preparing a Resource Mobilization Plan.
- Implementing the plan.
- Monitoring, evaluating progress and result.

Following this, the facilitators took the group through the analysis of different resource mobilization mechanisms, which could be used to seek resources, including how to effectively respond to solicitations. At the end of the workshop, the participants developed

their own resource mobilization plans and discussed how to deal with challenges that might arise in their implementation.

As the second workshop on Project Management commenced, the participants discussed basic terminology and four key constraints that had to be handled for effective management: scope, schedule, budget and quality. Subsequently, the workshop reviewed the six phases of project management: initiation, planning, implementation, monitoring, adapting and closure. Next, workshop explored some of the tools used in the implementation of projects such as the Gantt charts and M&E systems. M & E as a management tool was an in-depth discussion, as there were a number of project coordinators, especially from the RDCs, who do mainly physical projects. It was enlightening for the organizations and the RDCs to share experiences on how they plan and implement M & E for their various projects. This led the group to practically outlining the project management challenges that they have encountered so far in their work. At the end of it, the facilitator made a presentation enumerating many of these challenges, and proffering some solutions.

Project Management and Planning for IMC

In line with the holistic organizational capacity building of IMC, Pact Nigeria and IMC jointly agreed that a training on Project Planning and Management for IMC should be held from June 8 – 10, 2010. The 3-day training of 20 participants (consisting of IMC secretariat staff, volunteers and zonal coordinators) was successfully carried out as scheduled in the Access hotel, Kaduna State. The purpose of the training was to enhance the knowledge of IMC staff on Project Planning and Management in order to improve their capacity, and identify the gaps that need improvements for better service delivery to meet international standards of donors.

Day one focused on discussions around defining project management, dwelling particularly on the key capacity areas and elements of management, as well as an explanation of how to use these key elements in project planning and management. On the second day, the workshop centered on leadership and the project manager, and proposal writing. Day 3 focused on Participatory Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting and Learning (MERL) as a management tool, and also explored some project management challenges.

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 and budget advocacy.

Muslim League for Accountability (MULAC)

This quarter, MULAC held a one-day familiarization workshop for 10 members of its project implementation team from within and outside Kaduna on the FOI Bill. The objective of the forum was to acquaint the implementation team with FOI bill issues and to plan activities that will result to the passage of the FOI Bills in Kaduna State House Assembly and the NASS. The forum was a platform for members to familiarize themselves with the content of the federal FOI Bill. The meeting resulted in the development of a work plan.

MULAC also held a Round Table (April 29, 2010) on the FOI Bill for 48 Islamic scholars (39 males, 9 females) from the Northern states of Kaduna, Kano, Sokoto, Zamfara, Katsina,

Kebbi and Jigawa. The forum had a mix of Imams who were involved in preaching on FOI issues in the previous MULAC ADVANCE project, and prospective Imams who were being targeted to preach on FOI issues in their Mosques. The meeting was aimed at getting Imams' support for the FOI Bill by familiarizing them with the importance and contents of the Bill and getting their commitment to include it in their sermons.

The Roundtable began with an experience sharing session where Imams who participated in the previous ADVANCE project shared their experiences. The detailed report on findings of the monitoring of the Imams' sermons from the previous project was presented. During this session, new Imams learned from their experiences, and were motivated to include FOI issues in their sermons. Participants' awareness was also raised with a presentation titled "Freedom of Information: The Islamic Perspective." This presentation, which was highly interactive, teased out the Islamic tenets from the Quran and other sources, which supported public access to information. A resolution was adopted, calling on all Imams present at the meeting to ensure that they include Freedom of Information issues in their sermons.

As a follow-up on the commitment of Imams to include issues of access to information in their sermons, MULAC undertook to monitor these sermons in selected mosques in Kano, Jigawa, Katsina, Sokoto and Kaduna states. Every Friday, Muslims all over the world gather at different places to hold an obligatory prayer in a congregational form called Juma'at prayer. This prayer section is always done with a large congregation accompanied with sermons. MULAC decided to take advantage of this opportunity to sensitize people on the FOI Bill. In the period under review, there were sermons in two mosques in Katsina State; two mosques in Jigawa state; two mosques in Kano state; three mosques in Kaduna state and a Mosque in Sokoto. This sums up to a total of 10 sermons on FOI issues this quarter.

On Sunday, May 23, 2010, MULAC held a Public Sensitization Lecture on the Freedom of Information Bill at Arewa House, Kaduna for 618 people (438 males, 180 females). It was designed to mobilize and enlighten a large number of Muslims on the need for the passage of the FOI Bill, with a view to arming them with sufficient information to effectively engage with their elected representatives, who predominantly constitute opponents of the Bill. The presentations at the meeting explored the concept of access to information, its importance in a democratic setting and practical linkages between access to information and corruption in Nigeria.

In addition MULAC carried out three advocacy visits to legislators representing Chikun, Birnin Gwari and Zaria Constituencies to press for the passage of a Kaduna State FOI Bill into law. The 13-man advocacy team was made up of Imams; representatives of Islamic organizations including the Muslim lawyers Association of Nigeria, Muslim Media Practitioners and Muslim Sisters Organization and MULAC staff. Advocacy materials were prepared and used to press home MULAC's position during these visits. Given the difficulties of formal visits to legislators' offices where it was impossible to meet with them in person, MULAC re-strategized and met with them in unconventional settings like marriage, naming and burial ceremonies, and used these opportunities to convey their advocacy messages.

Finally, MULAC held a media sensitization program aimed at educating the general public on the issues of the Federal and State Freedom of Information Bills. Three episodes were aired on DITV Television Kaduna in prime time for 30 minutes. The first episode was the airing of the FOI Public sensitization lecture described above. The airing of this program

educated many people including those from the rural areas. As a result of the aired program, a number of civil society groups (a majority of them Islamic groups) requested that MULAC should also organize a similar program in the Zaria senatorial zone. MULAC is still in discussions with them over this. The second program aired was a panel discussion of four eminent members of the community - MULAC executive Director; representative of the Muslim lawyers Association of Nigeria; representative of Muslim media practitioners and the Imam of Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic. The issues discussed were on the importance of access to information from an Islamic perspective. The third episode was a repeat airing of the second episode. The feedback MULAC got was that these programs sensitized many people on the FOI Bill.

Media Rights Agenda (MRA)

This quarter, MRA pursued its broad objective of ensuring the enactment of a Freedom of Information Act at the national level as well as in Lagos. It concentrated in the initial part of the project period (April to May 2010) on developing a number of advocacy documents with which it plans to engage different stakeholders for the duration of the project. The key documents are:

- A Memorandum to members of the National Assembly, which highlighted the potential benefits of the Freedom of Information law to legislators.
- A Memorandum to the members of the Lagos State House of Assembly, which is a slightly modified version of the Memorandum to members of the National Assembly.
- A Memorandum to the President, which highlights the benefits of a Freedom of Information law to the Government and the country as a whole. The Memo urges him to become a champion for the Bill, arguing that his image and reputation would be greatly enhanced by a more public and active support for the Bill, which is very popular among the citizenry. It also urges him to exert his influence within his party and the National Assembly to ensure the passage of the Bill.
- A Memorandum to the Governor of Lagos State, which highlights the benefit of Freedom of Information law to the State government and the people of Lagos, including arguments about how it would enhance the government's credibility and build public trust in the government
- A Memorandum to ordinary citizens, which lays out the benefits of a Freedom of Information Act to the country as a whole and to various sectors. It encourages ordinary citizens to be involved in the campaign for the passage of the Freedom of Information Bill into law and highlights various ways in which ordinary citizens can support the campaign.

MRA, having recognized that executive support is key to the Federal FOI Campaign this quarter engaged to ensure that the Presidency intervenes directly at the NASS. MRA's Executive Director has had a series of telephone conversations with Mr. Ima Niboro, the Special Adviser on Media to President Goodluck Jonathan, to arrange an initial meeting with him. A meeting was scheduled but had to be cancelled and after that, it was not possible to find another date until July 5.

Also this quarter, MRA seized the opportunity of a meeting of the Federal Government's Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) in Kaduna on June 14 to 17, 2010 to brief representatives of the government's anticorruption agencies on the imperative of a Freedom of Information Act in the successful prosecution of the anticorruption crusade. The success results of this briefing are detailed in the success story towards the end of this report.

MRA has also held discussions on the subject of the Freedom of Information Bill with officials of the Federal Ministry of Information and Communication led by Mr. Godwin Igbinsosa, a Director in the Ministry. Mr. Igbinsosa has pledged the Ministry's support for and commitment to the passage of the Bill. He has also indicated that the Minister of Information and Communications, Professor Dora Akunyili, would be willing to play a more active role in advocating for the passage of the Bill. He undertook to set up a meeting between a delegation from the Freedom of Information Coalition and the Information and Communication Minister. The meeting is expected to take place in July 2010.

On the Lagos state FOI Bill, MRA has held a series of consultative meetings with various officials and members of the Lagos State House of Assembly in an effort to mount an effective advocacy campaign at the State level. During the period under review, MRA personnel have met with the Clerk of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Adewale Taiwo Olatunji; the Majority Leader of the House, Hon. Kolawole Taiwo Musibau; and Mr. Lanre Odubote, Chief Press Secretary to the Speaker of the House, amongst others.

These advocacy visits have been successful in laying the groundwork for further advocacy efforts. On May 2, MRA was able to get the mobile phone numbers of all the members of the House through personal contacts with a member of the House. After several follow-up visits, MRA has obtained a list of all the members of the Lagos State House of Assembly, their constituencies and members of the House Committees for its targeted advocacy efforts. Though stymied by official channels, MRA has also been able to acquire a copy of the proposed state bill through back channels.

Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC)

This quarter, the CIRDDOC Project team paid a field visit to the project site, Port Harcourt, Rivers State on June 22, 2010. The visit was intended to mobilize the stakeholders for the project, and to acquaint CIRDDOC's network of partners with the details of the project – its objectives, activities and benefits, as well as ensuring ownership for the project. The visit was also used as planning meeting with the partners, especially officials of the State's chapter of Civil Society Coalition on Education for All (CSACEFA), and some government officials from the state's ministry of education. The meeting, which was held at River State Secretariat discussed the project work plan and defined the role of the partners in line with the project design towards achieving set objectives.

Participants adopted a draft advocacy brief as well as a request letter for advocacy visits, which would be used to secure appointments to carry out proposed advocacy visits to the relevant ministries. The brief focused on drawing government attention to some of the lingering challenges of budgeting and education in the state while also soliciting the participation, support and cooperation of various stakeholders towards finding solutions to identified gaps. The meeting also resolved to organize a budget summit on July 14-17, 2010 and charged the partners with the responsibility of mobilizing other stakeholders and identifying suitable venue for the summit.

CIRDDOC also facilitated a series of advocacy visits to policy makers to garner support for their project. They visited the Rivers State Education Ministry, where the Director received them on behalf on the honorable commissioner of education. The director, Mrs. Hanachor D.O. and assistant director, Mrs. Bertha Alalibo, received the advocacy brief on behalf of the commissioner and dialogued with the partners on the best way forward. A follow up visit

resulted in the education commissioner agreeing to partner with CIRDDOC at the CSO budget 2010 and 2011 budget summits. The 2010 summit is scheduled to be held on July 14, 2010 to identify advocacy issues in the 2010 budget while that of 2011 would make input into the 2011 education budget in Rivers State, based on reports by the budget monitors.

Justice, Development and Peace Commission (JDPC)

As of this reporting, JDPC had just been awarded its third subgrant under the ADVANCE project, and therefore just commenced programming. The award will run from June to December 2010 and will focus on the education sector in Lagos State, specifically on advocating for the improvement of dilapidated infrastructure in schools in target local governments in Lagos.

JDPC and its CSO partners commenced their programming this quarter with advocacy visits to the Lagos Ministries of Education and Economic Planning and Budget, as well as to various House Committees (most notably the Committee on Education.) The visits sought to increase openness and engagement with civil society in the budgeting process (including posting of the budget to the Web) and also to deliver invitations to the Stakeholders' Meeting to be held on July 21, 2010. Commitments for cooperation were secured from a number of key officers and legislators.

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

Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

During the quarter under review, PWYP Nigeria received a subgrant award from ADVANCE to strengthen its capacity and began some basic activities such as the procurement of office equipment. Also, in order to ensure that PWYP assumes a full legal status, part of the award will go to pursuing its registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). To that end, the required constitution has been drawn up for the organization in compliance with the law and submitted to the CAC.

A member organization of the PWYP Campaign, the Zero Corruption Coalition (ZCC), which is highly regarded in revenue transparency issues, has been given a consultancy to conduct research and produce a shadow report on the NEITI process and the ongoing Validation of the EITI in Nigeria. The consultant is carrying out a desk review and also meeting with other stakeholders. The report will be concluded next quarter and copies produced and disseminated to stakeholders.

Also this quarter, the process of producing a policy brief covering current and relevant issues in the extractive sector began. There was collation of relevant data for the brief and a draft was produced that has been shared with members for inputs before it goes to print next quarter. This brief will help stakeholder groups (CSOs, public officials, media, etc.) monitor the progress on remediation steps being taken, while also serving as a useful tool to the media for increasing their understanding of NEITI issues and enriching the quality of their reportage.

Zero Corruption Coalition (ZCC)

In the quarter under review, ZCC produced 10,000 copies of a three-fold brochure on the NEITI 2005 Audit Report titled, “*What You Need to Know About NEITI 2005 Audit Report.*”

The main objective of this information brochure is to increase the awareness of CSOs and the entire populace on the critical findings of the 2005 NEITI Audit report. The brochure captured the critical findings and recommendations of the audit report. The brochure is being disseminated through ZCC membership network as well as through its zonal coordinators in the six geo-political zones that make up the country. Also this quarter, ZCC completed preparations for its 2005 audit forum which took place on July 1 and so will be reported next quarter.

Public Private Development Centre (PPDC)

In furtherance of the goal to promote effective non-state actors in the monitoring of public procurement in Nigerian in a way that improves transparency, accountability and value for money, PPDC this quarter carried out several activities. One of these was the continued delivery of its web-based Public Procurement News, where news on public procurement activities in Nigeria and the world are distributed electronically to 254 subscribers.

Also this quarter, PPDC held a training workshop for Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) on the Understanding of the Provisions of the Public Procurement Act and the Role of CSOs in the Public Procurement Process. The MDAs selected for the training were chosen to represent the six geo-political zones in Nigeria. Priority for selection of MDAs was given to MDG ministries. A total of 24 participants (13 males, 11 females) benefitted from the training. The training exposed the officers to the access to information provisions of the Act and the objectives and implications for procurement observation and monitoring provisions, as well as their role in improving transparency and accountability in the procurement process. It dealt with procurement planning, prequalification of contractors; the use of bidding documents and RFPs; evaluation of bids and proposals; and levels of access to information under the PPA 2007. The workshop helped shatter preconceived negative notions and also created the needed synergy with MDAs for effective procurement monitoring practice. The evaluation of the post-workshop evaluation assessment forms, as compared to the pre-workshop assessment, showed that the training provided for better understanding of the PPA 2007 and the CSO role in the procurement process for participants

C. Problems and Opportunities

Partner and Programmatic Opportunities

- The current wave of court cases on issues of corruption, waste and lack of accountability seem to be raising awareness on the need for more involvement of Nigerians in how the nation's resources are spent.
- Also, because Pact Nigeria is building on past projects, with the same partners in the same focal states, it was easy to dialogue and arrive at a consensus on program focus and how to move to achieve results. For instance because CIRDDOC has a history of doing budget work in Rivers State, it was easy for them to conclude that from past experience, it would be most expedient to concentrate on advocating for a dedicated sub-budget to stock libraries and to increase teachers' salaries to motivate them to work harder to improve performance in the education sector.
- For JDPC, since they too had programmed in Lagos State, it was easy for them to confirm that since the state appeared to be progressively moving towards achieving the UNESCO internationally prescribed bench mark of 26 per cent of total budget allocation to education, added pressure should be made towards advocating to government officials to meet that benchmark. Also, from past program experience,

JDPC partners decided that they should focus on advocating for improved school infrastructure. To this end, their Budget Monitoring group would be monitoring how money budgeted for schools' repairs and construction is being utilized.

- Opportunity emerged to collaborate with some additional civil society organizations (African Center for Leadership, Strategy and Development as well as CSACEFA) for budget tracking and advocacy work at the national level. This is being discussed with these potential partners for necessary actions next quarter.

Administration and Management Opportunities

- Pact/ADVANCE continued to reap the expected benefits of sharing facilities, logistics and staff time, as well as potentially co-planning activities with the Community REACH HIV/AIDS program and the LEAD local governance program.

D. Activity Changes and Explanations

Most activities took place as planned this quarter. However, the delay occasioned by JDPC's hesitation to accept a partly in-kind award initially resulted in a lengthy negotiation process and delayed commencement of programming. But the grant has been signed and programming activities have commenced with adequate arrangements concluded on how to make up for lost time.

E. Success Stories: Govt. Agency Adopts FOI Campaign as its Foremost Strategy

The Inter-Agency Task Team (IATT) is the coordinating platform of various government agencies that have an anticorruption or accountability mandate in Nigeria. It is made up of the Technical Unit on Governance and Anticorruption Reforms (TUGAR), the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), the Code of Conduct Bureau, the Nigeria Financial Intelligence Unit (FNIU), the Nigerian Police, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Federal Ministry of Justice, the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), the Budget Office of the Federation, the Office of the Auditor-General of the Federation, the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), the Federal Ministry of Finance, the Public Complaints Commission (PCC), the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI), the Corporate Affairs Commission, the Central Bank of Nigeria, the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons and Other Related Matters (NAPTIP), and the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR).

Presently, the IATT is in the process of developing a National Anticorruption Strategy which will be presented to President Jonathan and the Federal Executive Council for adoption to guide the anticorruption war in the country. The IATT held a retreat in Kaduna in June 2010 with the heads of the agencies that make up the Team to make inputs into the three components of the draft Strategy, namely; Prevention (encompassing Institutional and Systems Reform); Enforcement (comprising Investigation, Prosecution, Adjudication and Asset Recovery) and Public Enlightenment and Engagement. In recognition of ADVANCE partner MRA's work on FOI, its Executive Director, Mr. Edetaen Ojo was tasked with facilitating the session on the Prevention (Institutional and Systems Reform) component of the Strategy. He emphasized the need for a Freedom of Information Act in any meaningful anticorruption strategy. The meeting therefore agreed to adopt as one of the immediate interventions required as part of its short-term strategies, the passage of the Freedom of

Information Bill into law. All the anticorruption agencies agreed to work together to ensure that the Bill is passed before the end of the tenure of the present administration.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

A. Partner Activities

- Budget Summit on Rivers State Education Budget 2010
- Constitution of Budget Monitoring Committee for both Rivers State and Lagos State Education budget 2010 to monitor release and assessment of sectoral performance
- Stakeholders' Meeting by JDPC partners on Lagos State Education Budget 2010
- Capacity building for JDPC partners on budget analysis and advocacy
- Compilation of reports at coordination meeting by budget monitors
- Training of six Lagos State Government Ministry of Finance and Budget Planning and two JDPC staff on maintaining budgets on dedicated websites
- Establishment of education budget monitors at the national level
- Advocacy meetings with other members of the House of Representatives and the Senate on the FOI bill
- Advocacy meeting with Speaker and principal officers of the Lagos State House of Assembly on the FOI bill
- Meeting with officers and key members of the Nigerian Guild of Editors on the Federal FOI bill
- Meeting with officers and key members of the Newspapers Proprietors Association of Nigeria on the Federal FOI bill
- Sensitization visits to Lagos-based media on the Lagos State FOI Bill
- Monitoring of Imams sermons on FOI bill
- Inauguration of PWYP Board of Trustees
- NEITI MER Training for PWYP members and Media
- Advocacy Meeting with Agencies/ Stakeholders in the Oil and Gas Sector
- Newspaper insertions of the 2005 NEITI Audit Report
- Anti Corruption Revolution (ANCOR) Procurement Monitoring Training
- Training for CSOs and Professional Bodies on Procurement Monitoring
- Ongoing mentoring of all partners, especially IMC and PWYP
- Continuation of the implementation of capacity building intervention activities for PPCD project

B. 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 FY10	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 = 7 Y = 5 I = 6 D = 2 Total = 20	W = 3 Y = 2 I = 6 D = 0 Total = 11	W = 15 Y = 15 I = 8 D = 1 Total = 39	Though we are slightly behind on this indicator (60% complete as of the end of the quarter) strategies to ensure that we meet the target have been put in place.
2	S11.1	Women-focused CSOs supported by USG assistance to engage in advocacy and/or promote democratic participation	Quarterly	25	7	3	15	Though we are slightly behind on this indicator (60% complete as of the end of the quarter) strategies to ensure that we meet the target have been put in place.
5	GJD 4.1.3	Number of CSO advocacy campaigns supported by USG	Quarterly	30	10	14	21	Indicator on track for completion. As set at the start of the year, next quarter's target is 10, ensuring that the indicator is fully accomplished by end of FY10
7	GJD 4.1.8	Number of USG Assisted Civil Society Organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions	Quarterly	25	7	3	24	Indicator 96% complete.

9		Number of people trained (disaggregated by gender)	Quarterly	Total= 800 M=480 F=320	Total= 200 M= 120 F= 80	Total= 173 M= 111 F= 62	Total=764 M=538 F=226	Indicator 96% complete.
12		Increased Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes	Quarterly	Nat : 10 State: 12	Nat: 2 State: 4	Nat: 0 State: 3	Nat: 3 State: 7 By July: Nat: 4 State:9	Milestones achieved this quarter: 4 &12 (please, note, 12 was achieved in two states). Also, by July, an additional national milestone & 2 state milestones were achieved. Both state and national partners were activated, and plans are in place to fully achieve all milestones by end of FY 10.
13	S11.2.1	Increased Civil Society Participation in NEITI implementation	Quarterly	8	2	2	4	Milestones achieved this quarter were 1 and 6. In addition, sufficient groundwork was laid so that by the time of this writing in July, four additional milestones were complete, already meeting the target for the FY.
14	GJD 4.1.2	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to improve internal organizational capacity	Annually	50	3	1	42	Target 84% complete.