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I. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

A. Activity Summary

Implementing Partner: Pact, Inc.
Activity Name: Advocacy, Awareness, and Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE) Project
Activity Objectives: Strengthened civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms such as budget transparency, access to information, and judicial oversight Strengthened public-private partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives
USAID/Nigeria SO: SO11: Strengthened Foundations for Democratic Governance
Life of Activity (start and end dates): May 23, 2005 through February 28, 2011
Total Estimated Contract/Agreement Amount: \$9,673,848
Obligations to date: \$9,673,848
Current Pipeline Amount: \$1,077,600 of which \$289,922 is already obligated to sub grantees and therefore not available for any purpose; leaving an Effective Pipeline Amount of \$787,678
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$629,955
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date: \$8,596,248
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.
- Accomplished a number of reconciliations, tracked cost share and closed-out of some completed projects of partner CSOs
- Finalized CSACEFA's project proposal and issued their award

Program Outputs

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

- Chevron/PPCD partners trained on Basic Advocacy Skills
- Chevron/PPCD partners trained on Facilitation Skills
- Chevron/PPCD partners trained on Gender Training of Trainers (ToT)
- On-going capacity building provided to IMC
- On-going capacity building provided to Chevron/PPCD project office and partners.
- Capacity building on Budget Analysis, Budget Advocacy and Gender Budgeting provided for CIRDDOC and JDPC partners
- Staff of Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budgeting (MEPB) and JDPC trained on website design and content creation
- Three years of annual budgets and budget related documents from Lagos State placed on ministry's newly-created, dedicated website
- Advocacy briefs produced and disseminated by both CIRDDOC and JDPC partners
- CIRDDOC and JDPC partners produced and updated scorecards for monitoring education budgets in Rivers and Lagos states
- Budget monitors delineated education districts and commenced education budget tracking in Lagos State.
- CIRDDOC commenced budget tracking in select LGAs in Rivers State
- Coalition of Civil Society on Education for All (CSACEFA) partner carried out budget tracking visits to Federal Government-funded special education projects in Lagos, Rivers states and the FCT
- CSECAFA facilitated a training on Participatory Budgeting, Human Rights and Education as well as Inclusive Education Budgeting for CSOs, government officials, media personnel and members of the national legislature.
- CSACEFA inaugurated an education budget advocacy group and forged partnerships with the legislature.
- CSECAFA Advocacy brief on effective and efficient budgeting adopted by Nigeria's CSO/submitted at the 65TH International meeting on the MDGs in New York.
- Policy brief on improving education financing in Rivers State produced
- CSECAFA developed a monitoring tool for assessing Federal Government funded education projects.
- ToT Workshop organized for CSOs and Professional Bodies on PPA
- CSOs and ANCOR trained as Direct Monitors of PPA

C. Recent Programmatic Context

Budget Context

During this quarter, the new administration of President Goodluck Jonathan appeared set to restructure the funding of Federal Government projects. In order to carve a niche for himself, the President and his lieutenants reviewed existing contracts, including the Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport's second runway, following a public outcry that the contract was grossly inflated. Also in the same period, President Goodluck Jonathan, wrote to the Senate asking it to review the 2010 Budget to revise the benchmark price on which the budget was predicated, and to adjust downward the level of some areas of expenditure in the budget.

In addition, the President submitted a Supplementary Budget to provide for "uncertain unanticipated key expenditure items." The supplementary budget submitted by the President stood at over N639 Billion. He said the request became necessary following "certain challenges posed by the serious shortfall in projected revenue" and adverse implications this posed for financing the level of aggregate expenditure appropriated by the National Assembly. He added that there were certain critical items that were either inadvertently omitted or under-provisioned in the budget, including the controversial funding for the Nigeria@50 celebration activities.

In line with the new administration's policy of openness and transparency, the Federal Budget Office, under the national Finance Ministry, hosted a budget retreat to which they invited civil society groups (including ADVANCE partners) to participate in order to help ensure that funds were optimally allocated. This was followed by the Medium Term Strategy Session, which reviewed three subsequent national budgets in key social sectors.

Anti-Corruption Context

In this quarter, concerns were raised by many stakeholders on the performance of the National Assembly, particularly the House of Representatives. After a lengthy absence, members of the House of Representatives will reconvene in October 12. By the time they reconvene, they will have spent around 86 days out of work on what the lawmakers call annual vacation. But, they will return to meet a full slate awaiting their attention. Many of the issues on the table have been pending since 2007, when the current House was inaugurated, including the Freedom of Information Bill. Out of the 419 bills introduced since 2007, about 142 have not been read a second time. This means that they did not even reach the committee stage, a crucial point in the law-making process. There are fears that the lawmakers have little time left to clear the backlog of bills before the end of their term in June 2011. Soon, they may have to shut down the House again, either to go for party primaries or a Sallah/Christmas/ New Year break. Thereafter, they will go into the elections proper and will be distracted by running for office.

In addition to the pending bills (many of which have anti-corruption aspects), there are pending probes in the House whose reports have not yet seen the light of day. One of the reports has to do with the investigation into the sale of oil blocks between 1999 and 2007 and the fuel importation contracts of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation during the period. The investigation was concluded in 2009 but the report has not been tabled for debate. This also applies to the investigation into the poor performance of the Nigeria Customs Service and the failure of the agency to meet its statutory obligations over the years. Indications are that several companies owned by highly-placed individuals and some former

heads of the agency may have defrauded the country to the tune of billions of naira. The House Committee on Customs and Exercise, which conducted the probe, recommended the prosecution of many individuals and the recovery of public funds by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, but the report is still gathering dust.

In regards to the ICPC, the Hon. Justice Umaru Kalgo (Rtd), has been nominated to be the next Chairman of the Commission. Many anti-corruption CSOs are protesting this nomination given the history of ineffective leadership of previous retired Justices of the Supreme Court. They contend that while these Justices are held in high esteem, the fight against corruption is not for retired judicial officers or any retired officer, and certainly not for those without the passion and understanding of the complexity of the governance issues in Nigeria. In order for the Chairperson to truly be committed and effective, many CSOs have argued that the appointment of that position (and for all the other anti-corruption agencies as well) should be subjected to the public scrutiny through advertisement in the public dailies and through screening by a committee made by up of the National Assembly, the Executive and Civil Society.

NEITI Context

In the quarter under review, the NEITI process has faced several challenges. Nigeria is yet to be declared an EITI Compliant country after completing the validation process several months ago. The validation team in their final report to the international EITI Board had recommended that the country be declared an EITI complaint country, but had also made several recommendations to strengthen the process. Nigeria's validation was mistakenly taken as a given in the country by many, so much so that the NEITI Secretariat prematurely announced that it was now a EITI Compliant Country.

Following the exercise, Nigeria was adjudged by the Board as "Close to Compliant." In arriving at this decision, the EITI Board "congratulated the government, companies and civil society organisations in Nigeria for the progress so far made by the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) in implementing EITI principles and objectives." However the EITI Board recommended that for Nigeria to achieve "full complaint status" the country is required to take six remedial steps. These include; the conclusion and dissemination of its on-going 2006 - 2008 audit report in the oil and gas sector, and the development of a Board Charter to strengthen the work of the National Stakeholders Working Group. In addition, the Board indicated that the NEITI Secretariat should ensure all government disclosures are based on audited accounts of oil, gas and mining companies, as well as relevant government agencies. The EITI Board advised the NEITI Board to immediately set out work-plans to actualise these remedial actions by January 15, 2011, or latest within six months (April, 2011). Civil society in general, and ADVANCE partners in particular, will continue to hold the NEITI Board's feet to the fire in order to push them to become fully compliant and to highlight where gaps still exist.

In addition to these setbacks, the NEITI Secretariat has been dogged with corruption allegations. The media has been awash with reports of corruption charges against some top NEITI officials involving illegal allowances running into over N15 million. A former Director of Services, who withdrew from the agency last June under controversial circumstances, accused the Executive Secretary, Haruna Sa'eed, of abusing his office by receiving a "double salary for over 12 months" from the both DFID and the Federal Government. The crisis resulted in the setting up of a five-member committee to investigate the handling of the 2009 Civil Society training program, following reports of discrepancies in payment records, abuse of due process in the disbursement of funds and general

administrative lapses in the secretariat. The committee, which uncovered procedural breaches in the procurement processes allegedly supervised by Mr. Rerri, said in its final report that: "There was a very clear case of over-inflated hotel rates, for as much as 100 percent on line items." The Presidency has issued a query asking for answers concerning corruption charges against the implicated officials, as well as allegations of general laxity in the management of the agency.

CSOs concerned with revenue transparency have criticized the recent events, saying that it's clear that NEITI still faces the challenge of having to "walk the talk" of transparency and accountability. This is only possible by ensuring that NEITI maintains the necessary systems and processes to guarantee its integrity in the long term. While the 2007 NEITI Act creates an essential legal framework for the Secretariat and the NSWG, it does not adequately address some key governance issues that are critical to ensuring that NEITI runs on the basis of the principles of responsibility, accountability, transparency, fairness, and independence. CSOs are raising concerns that, as a watchdog agency, the NEITI cannot afford scandals like this. These allegations are in many quarters thought to be why Nigeria is being denied the status of an EITI Compliant country. CSOs, including ADVNACE partners, continue to watchdog the situation.

Finally this quarter with regards to the NEITI, the Federal Government ordered the removal of Mr. Sa'eed as Executive Secretary for what they said was "the public interest" and a new Executive Secretary was announced. Many CSOs protested the move as being contrary to the spirit and letter of the NEITI Act. They claimed it was done without following due process as stated in Section 12 of the NEITI Act. This section mandates the appointment of an Executive Secretary should be done by the President upon the recommendation of the NSWG. The act also provides a 5 year tenure for the Executive Secretary. In response, it seems that the government is backpedalling and may recall the appointment, waiting instead on a nomination by the NSWG as spelled out by law. But the move highlights the need for the NEITI to be free from executive interference if it must truly be independent.

II. QUARTER PROGRESS

A. Program Management

This quarter, Pact continued to provide the usual mentoring and oversight support in program implementation and reporting to its subgrantees that have on-going projects.

Regional/HQ Support

Pact Headquarters continued their usual support to Pact Nigeria through information sharing and advice on issues that have enhanced the management of the ADVANCE program. In addition, Pact Headquarters sponsored the Pact global Joint Governance and Health Community of Practice Meeting, as well as the Organization Development (OD) Community of Practice meeting, and the Mentoring and Coaching Training that were all held in July and August in Dar' Es Salaam, Tanzania. The Pact Nigeria Deputy Country Representative participated in the joint Governance and Health Community of Practice meeting while the two Pact Nigeria Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing Officers participated in the OD Community of Practice Meeting/Mentoring and Coaching Training, all at Pact HQ expense.

Office Relocation

During this quarter, Pact Nigeria completed the key outstanding relocation activities (including electricity, Internet service and transfer of telephone landlines) in its newly rented office.

General Portfolio Management

The ADVANCE subgrant portfolio as of this quarter increased to 60 subprojects for the life of the award, and the cumulative number of CSO partners increased to 31. There were nine ongoing subprojects (PWYP, IMC, MRA, MULAC, ZCC, PPDC, CIRDDOC, JDPC and CISLAC) as of the beginning of this quarter. The number increased to ten with the addition of CSACEFA but subsequently reduced to eight at the end of the quarter with completion of CSACEFA's and MULAC's subgrants. ZCC's subproject period ended during the quarter but was granted a no-cost extension to enable the organization to complete a number of outstanding activities. Also in this quarter, the accounting for six completed projects was finalized and these subgrants were officially closed-out.

Subgrant Finances

An additional sum of **\$234,586.50** was disbursed to existing partners with on-going projects (MRA, MULAC, ZCC, JDPC, CISLAC, IMC, PPDC, CIRDDOC and CSACEFA), bringing the cumulative amount of disbursements/advances so far made for all subgrants as of the end of this quarter to **\$2,806,152.05** (up from \$2,571,565.55 in the previous quarter and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Of that amount, the subgrantees have expended and retired/liquidated a total of **\$2,610,018.98** to date (up from \$2,305,930.07 reported in the previous quarter, and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Also this quarter, the sum of **\$27,576.77** was expended on in-kind subgrants, thus the cumulative expenditures incurred on consultancies/in-kind subgrants increased to **\$494,346.16** to date (up from \$466,769.39 reported in the previous quarter). Together, the cumulative grand total of subaward expenditures at the end of this quarter, based on retirements/liquidations of subgrants including expenses from in-kind support and consultancies stands at **\$3,104,365.14** (up from \$2,724,826.48 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, September 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	Focus	Advances/Disbursements, Actual Expenditures and Project Status					
						Obligated \$	Advances to Date (\$)	Balance on	Expenditures on Advances to	Balance	Project Status
1	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
2	MRA	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
3	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
4	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
5	CISLAC	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
6	Action Aid Int'l Nig	15-Aug-06	22-Feb-10	CSO Budget Monitoring & Tracking	National & Focal State	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	Voter Registration and Oversight of INEC	58,000.00	57,729.19	270.81	57,729.19	-	Closed
8	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
9	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
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	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
11	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
12	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

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 Prevention & Treatment of HIV/AIDS	Civic Participation and Oversight- HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Oversight	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	Civic Participation and Oversight- Primary Education Budget Tracking & Oversight	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	Civic Participation and Oversight- Education & Agriculture Budget Tracking & Oversight	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 Kano & Rivers States	Civic Participation and Oversight- HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Oversight	49,946.27	47,524.61	2,421.66	44,961.23	2,563.38	Completed
17	ERA	19-Sep-07	12-Aug-08	Local Empowerment and good governance in Edo/Delta states, South south Zone of Nigeria	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	90,095.49	(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	Legislative Advocacy and Capacity Building for Civil Society Organizations on Oil Revenue Transparency in Akwa Ibom, and Cross River States of Nigeria.	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	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-08	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	14-May-08	30-Jul-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	29,317.52	29,317.52	-	29,317.52	-	Closed
24	NBA	15-May-08	31-Oct-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Holding a roundtable with members on electoral reforms and drafting of mentioned policy documents.	29,952.91	29,388.89	564.02	27,498.29	1,890.60	Completed
25	CPPC	26-Jun-08	30-Dec-08	Empowerment of CSOs in Analysing the NEITI Audit and Processes	Assessment of the capacity of CSOs 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	39,354.00	36,142.28	3,211.72	31,960.89	4,181.39	Closed

		26-Jun-08	30-Nov-08	Civil Society Engagement of Government on Oil Revenue Transparency and Civic Oversight of the NEITI Process	Provision of regular technical support on NEITI Act Implementation to NASS Legislators and their support staff, through relevant Committees & Stakeholder review meeting on NEITI Act.	25,915.00	25,419.53	495.47	25,419.53	-	Closed
26	CISLAC										
		27-Jun-08	30-Sep-08		Stakeholder consultation on electoral reform to develop memoranda and submit to the ERC	9,478.29	9,478.29	-	9,478.29	-	Closed
27	FOMWAN										
				Engaging the legislature and NEITI Secretariate to deepen NEITI Act implementation	Enhance Effective implementation of the NEITI Act in Nigeria		30,549.92	(584.92)	12,627.79	17,922.13	Closed
28	CISLAC	19-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Strengthen the capacity of CSO in tracking revenue and budget to improve transparency in resource allocation for the effective service delivery in the prevention and treatment of HIV in Lagos state		\$ 29,965.00		-		-	Closed
29	AAN	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09		To increase participation of non stateactors in the budget process in Lagos state	\$ 21,072.11	\$ 21,072.11	\$ 21,072.11			
30	CIRDDOC	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	18,459.65	5,678.35	6,293.29	12,166.36	Closed
				Making Public Budget work for the Masses Through 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	16,651.50	6,411.95	16,651.50	-	Closed
31	JDPC	9-Jun-09	31-Dec-09				27,714.13	2,275.87	12,739.78	14,974.35	Closed
32	PPDC	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	\$ 29,990.00	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	29,668.76	(727.45)	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 extractive industry.	\$ 29,380.00					
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	16,633.30	16,633.30	-	16,633.30	-	Closed
							27,975.12	698.88	27,975.12	-	Completed
36	IMC	10-Jun-09	40147	Capacity Building of IMC, via systems development	To enhance the capacity of IMC to enable handling of fun	\$ 28,674.00					
37	IMC	1-Apr-10	40543	Enhancing The Capacity of Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC)	Further capacity enhancement of IMC plus advocacy to	\$ 64,962.00	\$ 27,045.20				Open
38	MRA	1-Apr-10	40512	Freedom of Information Advocacy 2010	Advocacy on passage of FOIB at National level and in La	\$ 65,508.00	\$ 17,724.21				Open
39	MULAC	12-Apr-10	40421	Creating Pressure from Religious Group For The Passage Of	Advocacy on passage of FOIB at National level and in Ke	\$ 25,267.00	\$ 21,780.18				Open
40	ZCC	15-Apr-10	40435	Promoting Popular Engagement of the NEITI Process.	Advocacy on NEITI Audit remediation	\$ 37,666.66	\$ 30,930.55				Open
41	PPDC	1-May-10	40543	Sustained CSO Participation in Public Procurement Act Imple	Implementation of PPA	\$ 149,365.00	\$ 47,979.59				Open
42	CIRDDOC	6-Jan-10	40527	Supporting CSOs to influence primary education budget in Rn	Budget advocacy and tracking in Rivers State	\$ 29,990.00	\$ -				Open
43	JDPC	1-Jun-10	40543	Monitoring And Influencing Lagos State Education Budget For	Budget advocacy and tracking in Lagos State	\$ 29,418.67	\$ -				Open
	Total					2,917,708.79	2,622,484.83	38,506.37	2,417,254.39	59,770.71	

In-Kind Sub-grants								
	Receptient	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	1,567.76	48,170.24	Open
	Total				362,468.51	362,468.51	-	

Consultancies								
SN	Receptient	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	-	Closed
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, some of which had on-going projects this quarter. The partners were assisted through interventions consisting of project proposal refinement and mentoring of existing partner CSOs on program implementation and management, monitoring and evaluation, monthly financial reporting, and quarterly program reporting.

In contributing to the achievement of the above objective, and in addition to the regular provision of technical assistance to all partners explained above, Pact also carried out a number of activities as elaborated upon in this section below, namely:

- Continuous technical/mentoring support to target organizations
- Advocacy training for Chevron/PPCD partners and CSACEFA
- Basic Facilitation Skills training for Chevron/PPCD partners
- Gender Training of Trainers' Workshop for Chevron/PPCD partners

Continuous Technical /Mentoring Support to Target Organizations

In this quarter, many of Pact's ongoing capacity building interventions were focused on targeted institutions designated in cooperation with USAID for special attention, as detailed below.

PPCD Project Office in Warri: The Senior Civil Society Specialist mentored the PPCD secretariat staff on report writing techniques using the reports of the Organizational Capacity Assessments (OCA) that they had just concluded as working documents. Jointly with the Pact Nigeria Deputy Representative, he met and discussed issues hindering effective project delivery with the PPCD Project Manager and staff at PPCD Secretariat. Some of the issues raised at the meeting include administrative practices that de-motivated rather than motivated staff. Issues brought to the fore included staff having to spend their own resources while in the field, low staff competence and poor staff morale. Ways to address these challenges were discussed and agreed, including a) that the Senior Civil Society Specialist should mentor the PPCD Program Officer Institutional Strengthening, b) an in-house seminar should be

facilitated for the PPCD secretariat staff with a view to improving their capacity, and c) on the issue of poor or under-budgeting for PPCD activities, the staff were advised to always cross check with the Finance and Administration Assistant to ensure that every need is captured, before signing off on their activity budgets.

New Nigeria Foundation, Lagos (NNF, the Lead NGO of the PPCD Consortium NGOs): The Pact Senior Civil Society Specialist for PPCD mentored the NNF staff on proposal writing through an in-house 2-day training, followed-up by practical mentoring through the process of developing actual proposals. Through this, the Senior Civil Society Specialist, along with NNF program staff, produced four funding proposals and three reports within this period.

In addition, the Senior Civil Society Specialist mentored NNF staff on improved quality of presentation for communications materials. He provided technical advice to the Managing Director (MD) of NNF on more effective ways of managing staff and improving their productivity/output. He also provided one-on-one mentoring to a number of the NNF staff on self capacity enhancement and professionalism, and he shared his experience on how to build a network of groups that would exchange staff to understudy each other, share best practices and improve performance. Finally, he discussed NNF's capacity assessment needs on an ongoing basis with a view to ensuring that identified capacity gaps from the Organizational Capacity Assessment were taken into account in process planning and implementation.

Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIDPRODEV): The Senior Civil Society Specialist worked on NIDPRODEV's constitution to ensure that it meets with legal requirements for registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), accords with best practices in NGO management, and delivers on the organization's vision, mission and objectives. He also supported NIDPRODEV in the preparation of documentation for the Inaugural Board Meeting and, upon request, facilitated the meeting itself, which was held in Abuja on the 28th of September, 2010. Furthermore, he supported the organization in the preparation of its Human Rights Training Manual for Security Agents. He advised them on the overall contents and provided editorial support. The manual will be used to provide training on the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights for security staff personnel of Chevron Nigeria Limited in locations where they have operations. Finally, he provided further mentoring and guidance on the preparation of NIDPRODEV's strategic plan document.

African Centre for Corporate Responsibility (ACCR): The Pact Nigeria Deputy Country Representative and the Senior Civil Society Specialist met and discussed with the Executive Director and staff of ACCR on the challenges they are encountering in meeting some of the outstanding capacity gaps identified in their OCA report prepared by Pact. The meeting also discussed a roadmap for ensuring that the process of capacity strengthening is mainstreamed into all their activities.

Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF): ADVANCE staff worked with MSDF on its strategic plan document preparation.

PWYP: The Pact Nigeria Program Coordinator for Anti-Corruption Advocacy supported PWYP on their MERL training for Media and CSOs, which built capacity on monitoring, evaluating and reporting on issues in the extractives sector, and translating the findings to action. She helped draft the agenda and suggested resource persons with the requisite skills and experience. On the training module, she worked with the consultant to ensure that areas

covered in the EITI process are reflected in the indicators. She also observed the meeting to ensure that it was implemented in a way that it enabled it achieved its purpose. In addition, the Pact Program Coordinator also provided support to PWYP on the preparation for their advocacy visit to NNDC, by helping to draft their advocacy memo. She ensured that the memo was brief and concise, but also contained all the relevant points they were pushing. She also coached the advocacy team on how to effectively present the memo.

Basic Facilitation Skills Training for Chevron's PPCD Project

A 5-day Facilitation training workshop was organized and facilitated for the PPCD project in Warri, Delta state from the 24-27 August 2010. Twenty-six participants made up of twelve females and fourteen males were drawn from the PPCD project office and its consortium NGOs [the New Nigeria Foundation (NNF), Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF), Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIDPRODEV)]. The training's specific objectives were to ensure that participants:

- Understood the concepts and principles of adult learning
- Acquired the fundamental skills to effectively facilitate participatory processes
- Could apply a range of techniques and methodologies that engender participation and facilitate learning
- Practiced designing and delivering a facilitated session

In order to effectively accomplish these objectives, the following topics were extensively discussed:

- Adult experiential learning and training styles
- Ice Breakers, energizers and climate setting
- Effective facilitation skills
- Daily evaluations/ learning and improving
- Co-facilitation
- Facilitation training techniques and methodologies
- Effective use of visual aids
- Dealing with difficult situations
- Design models
- Designing a facilitated session
- Practice and Feedback

For each of these topics, participants were taken through an intensive participatory group exercise aimed at ensuring proper internalization of the theories by the participants in order to bridge the gap between theory and practice. By the end of the training the combination of topics that were discussed offered the participants a new foundation on which they built confidence in facilitation and training skills. From the analysis of the end of training evaluation, participants were impressed and felt their skills had improved. This was evident as demonstrated in the quality of their practical facilitated sessions that marked the end of the workshop. The workshop was so successful, that the Managing Director of NNF, is considering requesting a second round of training in the topic.

Gender Training of Trainers' Workshop

Having identified gender issues as one of the main challenges of the Consortium NGOs under the PPCD project, Pact was actively involved in the preparation and facilitation of a gender Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop organized by the PPCD project for its Consortium NGOs on the 19th and 20th of July, 2010. The objectives of the training were to:

- Introduce participants to the concept, principles and practice of gender mainstreaming
- Provide participants with skills and knowledge on gender mainstreaming in development
- Develop tools for achieving gender equality

The training had trainees drawn from the PPCD project office, Consortium NGOs, Chevron Nigeria and RDCs (Idama, Egbema Gbaramatu, Jisike, Itsekiri, Ilaje and KEFEES). Twenty-nine participants made up of fourteen females and fifteen males participated in the training. The Senior Civil Society Specialist provided support in the recruitment of training consultants, designing the training module, and facilitation of some of the training sessions. The training used participatory methodologies, including discussions, presentations, group work and group presentations. There were also elaborate discussions and quizzes, use of data, and sharing of statistical evidence of gender discrimination in many aspects of personal and public life and strategies for overcoming them. The following topics were covered during the training:

- Introduction to Gender Equality
- Understanding Key Concepts
- The Role of Women in Sustainable Community Development
- Understanding the Concepts of Gender Mainstreaming-Getting to Know the Basics
- Mainstreaming Gender in Daily Tasks
- Developing Strategies for Mainstreaming Gender in the RDCs
- Gender Analysis-First Step to Gender Mainstreaming
- General and Gender Analysis Framework
- Bridging the Gap in Gender Disparity in the RDCs – Catalyst for Peace and Sustainable Development
- Statistics and Indicators
- Target Groups and Implementation Approach
- Gender Responsive Budgeting and Results Management (RBM)
- Gender Budgeting Analysis – Tools You Can Use
- Advocating for Gender Equality

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 partners' activities around legislative advocacy and budget advocacy.

Advocacy Skills Training for Chevron's PPCD project

As part of the identified capacity gaps of the Consortium NGO partners under the Chevron PPCD project, Pact Nigeria organized and facilitated a 3-day advocacy training workshop for the PPCD project office staff and staff members of Chevron and the Consortium NGOs on the 16th -18th of August 2010. The training had 26 participants (fifteen males and eleven females) in attendance and included two additional participants from CSACEFA –recent recipients of funding under Pact's ADVANCE program on Budget Monitoring. The specific objectives of the training were:

- To deepen participants' understanding of advocacy skills and techniques
- To equip participants with skills to carry out effective advocacy and advocacy campaigns
- To come up with draft advocacy plans that can effectively be incorporated into potential proposals

The training was exercise-intensive and participatory. Trainees were encouraged to bring up real advocacy experiences for discussion during the exercises so that all the examples used during the training were tied to ongoing or foreseen RDC experiences and needs. The specific topics addressed during the training are as follows:

- What is advocacy?
- The importance of advocacy
- Steps of advocacy process
- Advocacy experience sharing
- Advocacy and legitimacy
- The importance of groups, coalitions and networking
- Problem identification and analysis
- Policy analysis
- The importance of research in carrying out effective advocacy
- Means of Advocacy
- Setting advocacy goals and objectives
- People, power and politics
- Analysis of power and influence
- Lobbying
- Monitoring tips
- Developing advocacy messages
- The use of the media
- Advocacy planning

IMC

In this quarter, the IMC team paid an advocacy visit to the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) headquarters in Abuja. The purpose of the visit was to advocate for and get the approval of the NYSC to include the culture of peace and acceptance/peaceful coexistence between faiths in the curriculum of the NYSC. IMC proposed to train corps members on the importance of peaceful coexistence; the trainees would then serve as peace ambassadors in the larger society both during and after their service years. The first two visits were challenging, as it was not possible to meet and discuss with the Director General of the NYSC. However, IMC re-strategized and through the office of the Protocol Officer made arrangements and finally met the NYSC Director General (DG). The purpose of the advocacy visit was shared with the DG by the two Co-Executive Directors of IMC and he was excited about the idea. The outcome of the visit was that the DG suggested that the IMC team should articulate and submit to him a detailed proposal to start an initial training of trainers in Abuja, where the NYSC could pull together some of those concerned with education in the scheme by zones. This has been done and submitted on the 23rd of September, 2010 and IMC is awaiting a positive response.

Budget Website Development in Lagos

This quarter, the culmination of great deal of groundwork took place in the form of a 2-day training and practical exercise facilitated by Pact for staff of the Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budgeting (MEPB) and ADVANCE partner CSO JDPC. The training focused on website design and on placing the public finance and budget-related documents of Lagos State on the web for easy access, transparency and accountability. It took place from July 21 to 22, 2010, with a total of nine participants (seven males and two

females). At the end of the participatory training, the Lagos State budgets from 2008 to 2010, as well as multiple other relevant documents were uploaded on their newly developed website. The training also provided an avenue for Lagos State budget officers to meet and interact with JDPC staff in order to encourage partnership and networking between the two groups from the demand and supply sides. Having achieved this feat, the Lagos State example has become a best practice, being used to canvas for other states to follow suit.

CIRDDOC

In this quarter, CIRDDOC carried out a number of programming activities, which contributed in no small measure to increased awareness on the role of CSOs on budgeting; increased capacity of participants to carry out budget analysis and advocacy; and greater government commitment to partner with CSOs towards increasing participation, transparency and accountability in the budgeting process. The specific activities are detailed below.

Budget Summit/ Training: In continuation of its public finance analysis and budget advocacy work, CIRDDOC organized a two-day Budget Summit/ Training between July 14th and 17th. The capacity building event, which took place in Port Harcourt, further strengthened the capacity of CSOs, media, coalition members, career officers, and elected officials in the areas of budget analysis and tracking, as well as budget advocacy and gender budgeting skills. The event also sought to promote CSO-Government (executive & legislative) partnership towards increasing budgetary allocation and expenditure in the Rivers State education sector. Thirty people participated (23 males and 7 females) including persons living with disabilities and youth-focused groups, as well as staff of the Rivers State Ministries of Education, Budget and Finance, the Post Primary Schools Board, State Universal Basic Education Board, (SUBEB). The Nigerian Union of Journalists, (NUJ), Nigerian Union of Teachers, (NUT), International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), All Nigeria Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools, (ANCOPSS), National Parent Teachers' Association (NAPTAN), Nigeria Union of Local Government Employee (NULGE). The summit was very participatory using interactive sessions, paper presentations, group work/exercises and role play. Specific topics examined at the summit included Challenges of Budgeting and Implementation of Education Budget in Rivers State; Rights Based Approach to Budgeting; Gender Responsive Budgeting; Budget Advocacy Skills; the Legislative Processes; Situational Analysis; Economic Literacy and Budget Accountability for Governance (ELBAG); Budget System and Process; and Introduction to Budget and Power Analysis.

At the end of the summit, participants produced a communiqué, which was published in the media, representatives of which had been in attendance. The communiqué called for increased transparency, accountability and probity in the budgetary process as a way of enhancing good governance and democracy. The participants, through the communiqué, also asked the Rivers State Government to increase budget allocation and utilization to the state's education sector. Other recommendations included calls that budget and other policy documents should be made available to the general public; that CSOs' action plan for budget tracking and monitoring should be integrated into the Budget Development Process in Rivers State; and that the Rivers State Ministries of Education, Budget and Finance should establish an institutional interface with CSOs in the State. The participants also asked the government to observe strict adherence to budgetary allocations by ensuring that funds were spent as allocated on projects while also ensuring effective monitoring and implementation. Representatives of CIRDDOC partners in Rivers State also produced an advocacy brief based on the communiqué and workshop proceedings with which they engaged the Rivers House of Assembly and select local government chairs.

Advocacy for Improved and Efficient Education Funding: CIRDDOC partner groups carried out a number of advocacy visits this quarter, including:

- On August 25th to the Ikwerre Local Government Area in an effort to engage with leaders at the grassroots. They were received by Honorable John Ogundu, who said he aligned himself to issues raised in their advocacy brief and the communiqué. He promised to support the education budget coalition's program in monitoring and tracking the education budget in Ikwerre Local Government Area.
- On August 30th to the Rivers state House of Assembly. The Chair of State House Committee on Education, Honorable Maureen Tamuno, received them. The group shared the outcome of the CSO/Government Budget Summit and also asked for increased access to education budget information. They called for increased allocation and utilization of funds in the education sector.
- To the Chair of the House Committee on Finance and Appropriation, Honorable Chidi Lloyd, who pledged to attend future events held by the group. He advised the group on ways of making their interventions more formal and acceptable to duty bearers.
- To the State House of Assembly to forge partnership between the legislature and civil society groups. The coalition also used the opportunity of the visit to discuss challenges in the education sector, as well as preferred solutions to identified problems, all in an effort to improve education financing in the state.

CSECAFA

The Civil Society Coalition on Education for All (CSECAFA) came on board this quarter as one of Pact ADVANCE partner CSOs and hit the ground running with a number impactful efforts detailed below.

Participation in the Medium Term Strategy Sessions and Annual Public Budget

Presentation Even prior to signing a subgrant agreement, Pact Nigeria supported CSECAFA and the Centre for Leadership and Strategy in Africa to participate in the Medium Term Strategy Session organized at the national level. One representative from each of the two partners attended the event, which was used to review the three years annual financial plan for the country.

Tools Development Workshop: Immediately after signing the subgrant agreement, CSECAFA commenced its programming with a tools' development workshop on the 25th of August 2010 at CSECAFA office in Abuja. Ten representatives of various CSOs attended. The purpose of the workshop was to develop tools to be introduced to members of the Education Budget Advocacy Group (EBAG), who would be trained to monitor and track education budgets in three focal states of Rivers, Lagos and the Federal Capital Territory. The need to develop the tools was informed by the fact that to obtain the desired result in monitoring invariably depends on the design of the tool used, as well as the skills and experience of the monitors. Deliberate effort was made to include women's and youth groups, as well as representatives of the relevant ministries including the CSO liaison officer at the National Assembly, who made very useful suggestions on the most effective ways of engaging with elected officials.

Capacity Building for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on Budget tracking and

Advocacy Skills: After the tools development workshop, a 2-day training was organized for civil society groups and the media from August 31 to September 1, 2010. The training was attended by 37 participants (18 females and 19 male) drawn from civil society organizations

from Rivers, Lagos, Nassarawa states and the FCT, as well as some relevant government agencies [the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), the Education for All (EFA) unit of the Federal Ministry of Education, the National Assembly] and the media. Persons with disabilities through the National Joint Association of People with Disabilities and groups from the Niger Delta were also represented at the event. The goal of the workshop was to increase participants' understanding of the budgetary process, as well as improve their advocacy skills to enable them engage better with MDAs and the legislature. Topics examined included:

- The budget process and opportunities for effective CSO engagement
- The performance of UBE funding
- Education as a human right
- Gender budgeting
- Education budgeting
- International standards and agreements

Though the workshop was implemented on very short notice, the workshop was well attended and the objectives of the workshop were realized. This included the inauguration the Education Budget Advocacy Group (EBAG), and the production of a communiqué, which captured the demands of the CSOs participants and their position with regards to issues of education financing at the national level.

Legislative/CSOs Partnership Workshop for Improved Education Financing: A total of 36 participants (18 males and 18 females) attended this training, which meant it was oversubscribed by half. This over subscription was due to the support of the Clerk of the Senate Committee on Education, Mr. Felix Orumwense, who assisted in mobilizing many participants to attend the event. Mr. Orumwense, was able to convince them to abandon their vacation to attend the training because he appreciated the fact that the executive members of the legislative committee on education needed to build their capacity on public finance expenditure so as to adequately guide the elected legislators to perform their oversight functions in budgeting.

The event presented the opportunity for high level CSO-government dialogue on improving education financing at the national level. As part of the workshop, a policy dialogue was held to forge partnership between the two groups. The interactive session reviewed how best to strengthen CSOs /Legislative partnership for transparent and accountable education budgeting. The high point of the dialogue was the intervention made by the Senate Education Committee Clerk, Mr. Orumwense on ``Promoting legislative/CSOs Partnership in Ensuring Quality Education Delivery'' in which he suggested concrete modalities and timing for effective CSO/National Assembly engagement/partnership. Participants produced and adopted a communiqué, which was circulated to the media.

Advocacy Visits to Media Houses: Two advocacy visits were undertaken to media houses by CSECEFA on September 25th. The first was to African International Television (AIT) in Abuja to decry the lack of progress in the education sector and to stress the importance of CSOs involvement in the budgetary process. The visits solicited media support in ensuring accountability and transparency in that process. The CSECEFA team was received by the General Manager of News, Mrs. Uju, who pledged to air the visit and to involve CSACEFA in subsequent education programming. The group later moved over to ThisDay Newspapers. There, they asked the newspaper house to support the coalition in its efforts to achieve increased education funding, increased CSO participation in the budgetary process and

efficient utilization of the funds in the sector. ThisDay Newspaper Education Correspondent, Mrs. Bukola Olatunji, welcomed the group and pledged that the media house would partner with CSEACEFA to improve education financing at the national level.

Monitoring of Education Budgets in 2 States and FCT: After the capacity building for CSOs on budget tracking and advocacy skills, members of the education advocacy group reviewed the Federal Government Education budget for 2010 and identified special projects and their locations. They choose to monitor projects being funded by the Federal Government in Rivers, Lagos and the Federal Capital Territory. In Lagos State, the team discovered that there were no provisions for special education projects. In Rivers State, there was one Federal Government-funded educational institution for the disabled but it was in a state of disrepair and there was no demarcation as to the pupils with various disabilities and how to address their very distinct needs. The Lagos monitoring visit took place between September 22 and 23rd while that of Rivers State was between September 24 and 25, 2010. The monitoring visits followed due process and permission was solicited and received to ensure cooperation from government officials. After each visit, a harmonization meeting was held to share findings and to solicit the cooperation and support of interested parties to provide solutions to identified gaps.

Some of the issues discovered and discussed with the management of the various education boards at the state level include absence or poor funding of special schools. Only the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) appeared to be providing any form of funding to special schools. There was also a huge difference in the state of the schools. For instance while there was no Federal Government support for special schools in Lagos, and little support for special schools in Rivers State, there was massive support for special schools in the Federal Capital Territory.

JDPC

In this quarter, JDPC focused on consolidating past gains in effecting improved education financing in Lagos State. Their activities focused on expanding space for participation of civil society in the budgetary process towards meeting the needs and aspirations of the populace. The specific activities carried out in this quarter are detailed below.

Stakeholders' Meeting: This first program activity held between 19th -20th July in Lagos brought together a total of 37 participants (17 females and 19 males) to set the stage for all program activities. Participants discussed prevailing challenges with the state's capital education budget and strategized on how best to advocate for increased education capital allocation and expenditure. During the meeting, a communiqué was drafted, which was presented to the Ministries of Education, Finance, Economic Planning and Budgeting. During the meeting, participants, who represented various civil society groups, the media, women and youth-focused groups as well as persons living with disabilities, were encouraged to buy into JDPC's program activities and planning for future activities was completed.

Mentoring and Coaching of Budget Monitors: The first mentoring and coaching meeting was held on the 11th of August, 2010 with 15 participants (6 males 9 females) in attendance. The participants reviewed and finalized a draft advocacy brief, which was later used to pay advocacy visits to targeted entities. The second mentoring meeting took place on the 21st of September 2010 with 27 participants (17 females and 10 males). During this meeting, the draft of the budget monitoring tool was finalized and adapted for use at the district level to assess the performance of education budget projects in the state.

Follow up Capacity Building for Civil Society groups and the Media: To further empower the budget monitors to effectively monitor and track education capital projects in Lagos State, a two -day workshop was organized to build the capacity of partner CSOs and the media on issues of public expenditure. This event took place from 1st to 3rd September and enhanced the knowledge of participants about public finance and budget advocacy. Facilitators focused on assisting participants to improve their ability to interpret data, understand better what to look out for in monitoring capital budgets, as well as how best to carry out advocacy on chosen topics. Media participants also learned how to partner with other CSO members to do budget work, as part of coalition building for transparency and accountability in governance. A total of 49 participants (23males and females 26) attended the training.

Advocacy Visits to State House of Assembly and various Ministries: After producing a communiqué and advocacy brief, members of the education budget coalition embarked on several advocacy visits. The CSOs and representatives of selected media houses visited the Ministries of Education and Economic Planning and Budgeting as well as the House Committee on Education. The advocacy visits took place in August 2010 and sought to promote interaction and engagement with the legislators and government officials, who anchor the budgetary process. The visits were also to enhance ‘budget literacy’ among civil society groups while also exploring the link between budget performance and political constituency nurturing.

As a result of these activities, the following was achieved this quarter:

- About 50 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) were mobilized to join the budget monitoring and advocacy network and have since actually commenced doing budget monitoring work;
- The capacity of over 50 of CSOs was built on how and where to seek, analyze and interpret budget information, how to identify people’s needs and priorities, as well as how link such needs to international benchmarks and signed human rights provisions.
- A closer alliance was forged with duty bearers as exemplified by the pledge by a director in the Education Ministry to invite members of the coalition to public finance and expenditure-related programs in the state.

MULAC

MULAC continued their efforts this quarter on getting the national and state FOI bills passed into law, as detailed below.

Advocacy Meeting for the Kaduna State Legislative Aids on FOIB: MULAC organized an advocacy meeting on the 28th of August for Legislative Aids of the Kaduna State House of Assembly Members on the State’s FOI Bill. The advocacy was targeted at them because of the difficulty MULAC had in meeting with the State House of Assembly Members. The meeting sensitized them on the importance of the FOI bill and sought to get their buy-in so they would convince their bosses to pass the bill into law. The meeting was attended by 27 legislative aides from the 3 senatorial zones in Kaduna state. At the meeting, MULAC gave an overview of the Bill and its importance in aiding good governance in Kaduna State. MULAC then went on to share with the participants all activities it has held to get the bill passed like stakeholder consultative meetings, round tables and sermons conducted by Imams to educate people on the bill and raise awareness. These mentioned activities are in addition to advocacy visits to some Honorable Members. After the presentations, the legislatives aides

confessed to being thoroughly educated on the bill and agreed to convey the message to the honorable members. They requested that another meeting be organized in September for the Aides to report back on efforts; take stock of its progress and re-strategize if necessary.

Monitoring of Imams' Sermons on FOI: This quarter, MULAC continued its monitoring of Imams Sermons on FOI. As was done in the previous quarter, the monitoring was carried out in the five project states of Kano, Jigawa, Katsina, Sokoto and Kaduna. Ten sermons specifically and forcefully advocating for passage of the law, as well as for citizens to become engaged in the process, were witnessed by the monitors.

MRA

In the quarter under review MRA continued its advocacy efforts on getting the Lagos state and national FOI bill passed into law. Their specific activities are detailed below.

Advocacy to the Lagos State House of Assembly: MRA paid several advocacy visits to the Lagos State House of Assembly and met with different officers in the House including Mr. Sesan Ogundekan, Acting Head of the Legal Department of the House and Hon. Ahmed Ipoola Omisore, the Chair of the House Committee on Information. Hon. Omisore expressed his and the House's readiness to work with MRA and other civil society groups to generate bills that will benefit Lagos State such as the FOIB. He also scheduled a meeting between the legal department of the House and MRA. In addition, MRA distributed printed copies of a document "Memorandum on the Freedom of Information Bill" to individual members of the Lagos State House of Assembly. The memo contained compelling information and arguments on how a Freedom of Information Law would benefit the State Government.

Advocacy to the Presidency: MRA's Executive Director met with Mr. Ima Niboro, the Special Adviser to the President on Media and outlined various ways in which presidential support for the Freedom of Information Bill could benefit the President's public and international image. MRA therefore expressed its desire to see the President demonstrate more active and public support for the Bill by making public statements in support of the Bill and encouraging the National Assembly to pass it into law. MRA requested Mr. Niboro to help arrange a meeting between representatives of the Freedom of Information Coalition and the President to provide an opportunity for the Coalition to also discuss the issues with him and respond to any concerns he might have. Mr. Niboro was given a copy of the Memorandum to the President on the Freedom of Information Bill for onward transmission to the President. MRA has since followed up this meeting with phone calls but was yet to secure an appointment to meet with the President at the end of the period covered by this report.

Advocacy Visits to the National Assembly: During the period covered by the report, representatives of MRA paid several advocacy visits to the National Assembly to meet with members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. It also distributed copies of its "Memorandum to Members of the National Assembly" to all members of the House of Representatives and Senate. The Memorandum seeks to persuade the legislators that in addition to other reasons, it is in their self-interest to pass the Freedom of Information Bill as it will enhance their duties and functions and legislators. Although the National Assembly was on its annual recess during the period covered by the report, MRA representatives were able to hold one-on-one meetings with over 40 of them. Each advocacy visit was carried out by a team of two or three persons, and many of them were quite successful, with the vast majority of those visited indicating they would support the bill, and with many offering advice on strategies to continue to push for its passage.

Roundtable Meetings with the Media: MRA engaged with two media bodies, the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE), the Newspapers Proprietors Association of Nigeria (NPAN). On July 29, MRA held a roundtable meeting with members of the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE) on the Freedom of Information Bill. The Meeting brought together 18 participants (12-males and 6 females) comprising editors and senior media professionals from the print and broadcast media sectors under the aegis of the Nigerian Guild of Editors (NGE) as well as leaders of civil society organizations campaigning for the passage of the Freedom of Information Bill, representing the Freedom of Information Coalition (FOI Coalition). The meeting was organized to update the editors on the status of the Freedom of Information Bill and explore the possibility of a joint strategy between civil society actors and the Guild as well as individual editors for more effective engagement with the leadership and members of the National Assembly and the Executive to ensure the passage of the Bill into Law before the end of the current tenure of President Jonathan's Administration. The Guild expressed their support and promised to continue engagement. The meeting with the Newspapers Proprietors Association of Nigeria (NPAN) took place at the Secretariat of the NPAN in August. And though initially dubious, Chief Ogunshola in the end promised that the NPAN would constantly put the Bill in its focus. He said the NPAN could also get some newspapers to publish news reports on the Bill.

Media Advocacy Visits: Additional advocacy visits to various media houses were carried out for the purpose of seeking the continued cooperation of the media in the advocacy for the enactment of the FOI bill into law both at the National Assembly and at the Lagos State House of Assembly. The team updated the editors and reporters on the state of the Freedom of Information Bill at the National and State Levels and told them what they can do to keep the reportage of the bill on the front burners. Some of the highlights from these visits included the following:

- The team visited Galaxy Television and spoke with the Head of News, Mr. Frank Jumbo. He expressed interest in the matter and promised that he will put his Galaxy TV reporter who covers the Lagos State House of Assembly on the matter to follow up and find out whatever what the status of the Bill is in Lagos State and to also get members of the team to participate in one of its magazine program "Democracy and Rule of Law."
- At Eko FM, the team met with Mr. Yinka Adagun, Manager, Editorial and Mr. Muyiwa Kalejaiye, the News Editor. They arranged for the team to participate in a radio talk show "Lagos this Morning" on October 5, 2010 to address the issue.
- At Daily Independent, the team met with Mr. Obike Nwachukwu, Mr. Sunny Igboanugo, the Political Editor; Mr. Emma Maduabuchi, the Media Editor; and Mr. Ekene Okoro, the reporter who covers the Lagos State House of Assembly. They promised a features article which will cover an interview with the Speaker of the House, Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji and the Chair of the Information Committee of the House, Hon. Ipoola Omisore, on the matter.
- At Murhi Television, the team met with Mr. Abiola Ismail, the News Manager who also promised to put the station's reporter covering the State House of Assembly to stir up a debate on the matter.

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

PPDC

During the quarter under review, PPDC continued its focus of increasing the core of CSO monitors across the country that will engage federal procurement processes of MDAs effectively. This included the activities detailed below.

ToT Workshop for CSOs and Professional Bodies: PPDC held a 3-day ToT workshop for CSOs and Professional Bodies on Observing and Monitoring Public Procurement in Nigeria from the 1st to 3rd of July, 2010. PPDC had made an open call to development agencies including OSIWA, FES, EU-SRIP, ActionAid to nominate representatives from their partner organizations to participate in the procurement training on the condition that they would support these nominated organizations to step down the training. PPDC also nominated JDPC in ten states to participate because of their effective presence and participation in procurement and budget related activities across the country. There were 45 participants that attended the training representing youth and women groups, HIV groups, budget tracking groups, and the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria. The objective of the workshop was to build CSO and professional bodies' capacity on procurement monitoring. Training topics included:

- Evaluation of procurement processes
- Evaluation of bids and proposals
- Understanding access to information under the Public Procurement Act 2007
- Accessing the complaints mechanism under the PPA
- The code of conduct for CSO observers under the PPA
- The use of the standardized checklist for procurement observers and monitors
- The use of the ICT portal for creating reports on Procurement observation.

Also, prepared for the training were pre and post evaluation assessment forms that were designed to test the basic knowledge of participants on the PPA 2007 and their general mindset before and after the training. An evaluation of the assessment forms showed that 95% of the participants had been effectively empowered to monitor a procurement process and could also conduct step down training on the issue. By the end of the quarter, a step-down training with outside funding had already occurred, as detailed below in the Success Stories section.

Direct Monitors Training for CSOs: PPDC also held a 2 - day Direct Monitors Training in Abuja for CSOs that increased the capacity of 35 CSOs across Nigeria on Procurement Monitoring. The training covered the same topics as the ToT above, except that it was not designed explicitly to enable further step-down trainings. All the topics had practical sessions where participants were given exercises that tested and demonstrated their knowledge of the issues. At the end of the training, an analysis of the evaluation revealed that there was dramatic increase in knowledge on information rights under the Act; provisions of the PPA; the tools for monitoring; and how to use the standard checklist during monitoring assignments to gather information which could then be uploaded onto the Procurement portal.

Direct Monitors Training for ANCOR: PPDC also organized a 2-day Direct Procurement Training workshop in September for members of the Anti Corruption Revolution (ANCOR)

which is an umbrella body of CSOs under the EFCC in a bid to spread the procurement training to all parts of the country. The Strategic and Reorientation Unit (SARU) of the EFCC, under which ANCOR was established, selected participants from the 36 states of the Federation of Nigeria to be trained as procurement observers and monitors. According to SARU, the participants selected were those that would most effectively step down the training. Also, among the participants were three executive members each of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Nigerian Medical Association (NMA) and the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN). In all, 40 participants (6 females and 34 males) were in attendance - including 28 members of ANCOR, 3 members of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, 2 members of the Nigerian Medical Association, 3 members of the Nigerian Bar Association and 2 members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria. The training covered the same topics as those already described above.

Sensitization of Professional Bodies: Professional bodies have technical skills that can easily adapt to the needs of procurement monitoring. Though they are often poorer in advocacy skills than the average CSO, these professional bodies have a rich institutional background, a large network of members, and in some cases, staff and branch structures across the country. Attracting them into Procurement Monitoring will help create the critical mass that can bring required pressure for improved transparency. However awareness of procurement monitoring and observation provisions of the act is very low amongst professional groups. So, efforts were made to galvanize their participation in public procurement issues. The first success in this regard this quarter was that after the training described in the paragraph above, representatives of professional bodies had a meeting with the PPDC to further strategize on how the PPA 2007 can be made more effective given the synergy between professional bodies and other CSOs. It was agreed that a Memorandum of Understanding be drafted between the various professional bodies and PPDC for further engagement in procurement observation and monitoring. Furthermore, the professional body representatives promised to get back to PPDC with definite dates to pay advocacy visits to their various councils.

In addition, PPDC carried out an awareness visit to a council meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN). They utilized their 30 minute slot to do a presentation on procurement observation and monitoring. From the attendance list sent to PPDC, there were 72 members of the PSN present at the meeting, with at least one representative from every state in Nigeria. It was resolved after the meeting that a joint proposal would be written between PPDC and the PSN to the Ministry of Health for drug specific training in procurement monitoring. PPDC also continued correspondence with the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and was invited to make a presentation to the president in order to advance further discussions. The presentation to the NSE was held on the 1st of September, 2010 at the National Engineering Council in Abuja. In attendance was the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, the Director of Professional Development of the NSE and 3 other council members of the society of Engineers.

PWYP

In the quarter under review, PWYP continued providing tools for CSOs to increase the effectiveness of their advocacy efforts and galvanize citizen's voices around the need for transparency in the sector. They also focused on strengthening the capacity of the PWYP to be a vibrant organization positioned to affect change. Their specific activities in this quarter are detailed below.

Inauguration of PWYP's Board of Trustees: To ensure that PWYP is a well governed organization, able to achieve its mission, a Board of Trustee was inaugurated this quarter. The inaugurated board is made up of 9 members (4 females and 5 males) whose background are largely academia and civil society, representing the 6 geopolitical zones of the country, with the requisite experience and skill set. The board members at the event were tasked with ensuring effective oversight of the organizations and keeping it on track. They will ensure that PWYP has adequate resources; monitor and evaluate programs; ensure effective organizational planning; and conserve and protect the organization's assets through the setting and promotion of financial management standards. The newly inaugurated board promised to ensure that PWYP becomes a credible and vibrant organization.

MERL Training: PWYP held a MERL training in July for civil society actors and the media that built their capacity on the monitoring, evaluating and reporting on issues in the extractives sector, and translating the findings to action. The training was attended by 20 participants (11 males and 9 females) drawn from PWYP Nigeria members representing the six geopolitical zones of the country.

Advocacy Visits: PWYP embarked on advocacy visits to 2 government agencies (NDDC and DPR) to raise issues on the 2005 audit report and encourage them to implement the recommendations targeted at their agencies in the report. On September 16th in Lagos, PWYP met with the acting Director Upstream Sector, Wala Biya and Steve Ayuba, Pipeline and Oil Transportation Technical Assistant of DPR. The team presented its advocacy memo that highlighted the findings of the 2005 Oil and Gas Audit Report as it concerns the organization. The DPR representatives responded that they would try to address highlighted lapses so that the next audit report would not reflect the following issues:

- The DPR should develop the capacity for assessing, filing and monitoring royalty payments;
- DPR should develop the capacity to meter the exact quantity of oil produced;
- DPR should improve information technology and accounting systems to levels commensurate with those used by producing companies;
- NNPC and DPR should communicate more on attainment of milestones

PWYP also visited the NNDC on September 16th at their Port Harcourt office. The advocacy team was made up of 7 member organizations of PWYP and they met with a representative of the Managing Director, Dr. Felix Tuolodo. At the meeting PWYP urged NNDC to comply with the NEITI Act that mandated all accounts of government revenue management bodies to be audited and made public. The previous audited reports did not include NNDC and this was in breach of the law. The NNDC representative replied that they are a law abiding organization and adhered to principles of transparency and accountability. NNDC pledged to work towards getting involved in the next audit report.

CISLAC

This quarter CISLAC continued making efforts toward achieving its goal of increasing extractive industries transparency in Nigeria by further enhancing stakeholder participation in the NEITI. Their specific activities are described in this section.

Public Presentation on Performance Assessment of Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI): CISLAC held a public presentation detailing its Performance Assessment of Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) on the 30th of September. CISLAC had support from OXFAM Novib to visit extractive

communities, companies and other stakeholders to develop and write a comprehensive update report on EITI implementation in Nigeria. In order to popularize and ensure effective dissemination of this important report to the public, ADVANCE supported the printing of 5000 copies of this report and a public dissemination workshop. The report was titled, “*Domestication of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in Nigeria: Gaps between Commitment and Implementation. A Civil Society Assessment of the Performance of NEITI.*” It examined the full range of issues bordering on full compliance with the EITI criteria and fundamental sections of the NEITI Act 2007, and also had a chapter on the NEITI and the Environment. The public presentation was attended by the media, NEITI Secretariat; international development partners; CSOs and government revenue management bodies. ADVANCE partner PWYP also made a presentation of its Shadow Report of the NEITI Validation process at the event.

Press Briefings on the Petroleum Industry Bill: (PIB) Two press briefings were held this quarter to sustain the momentum on the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) and to inform and educate the public on it. The PIB is an all encompassing bill to regulate the major aspects of the Nigerian petroleum industry such as the participation of the people in the decision making processes and the rights of the citizen to know about the processes of the industry. However, there is the great need to create additional public awareness for the bill in so as to mobilize the general public to get it passed. A press briefing was held in July at the NUJ Press centre, Abuja on July 26th. The event was attended 57 press persons and CSOs. Another held on the 31st of August at the same venue that was attended by 44 press persons (electronic and print) and CSOs representatives. At the both events CISLAC presented a press statement calling for the passing of the bill and inclusions of several provisions to strengthen it. As a result of these press briefings, there were 13 news items on and feature articles on the PIB in news papers like *Newsday; ThisDay; People’s Daily; Punch; Daily Independent; Business day; Sun; Pioneer; and Summit.* TV News stations like NTA, Channels, DBN, AIT, ITV and MITV also carried the event, further raising awareness on the bill. Likely as a result of this media pressure, the House and Senate Committee on Oil and Gas quickly issued a statement that it was still working on the bill and will pass it soon.

Advocacy Visits: To ensure the passage of the Petroleum Industry Bill, CISLAC’s team paid an advocacy visit to Hon. Igochukwu Aguma, chairman House Committee on Gas Resources. The honorable chairman updated the CSOs on the progress of the bill upon enquiry. CISLAC also paid an advocacy visit to the NEITI Secretariat to demand that the process of the NEITI 2006 – 2008 Audit report be fast tracked. They emphasized that the late release of the audit reports defeats its purpose of bringing transparency and driving reforms in the oil and Gas Sector. The two NEITI Directors they met with responded that the 2006 and 2008 Audit would be ready in the next six months, probably by the end of the year, and that 2009 Audit report would soon commence.

ZCC

In the quarter under review ZCC furthered its project goal of promoting transparency and accountability in governance through popular engagement of the NEITI process. ZCC organized a one-day CSO Forum on the 2005 NEITI Audit Report. Participants were drawn from CSOs, The Nigerian Bar Association, the NEITI Secretariat, women’s groups, civil servants and the media. The aim of the meeting was to increase CSOs’ understanding of the audit report, as well as to promote discourse on the 2005 Audit. After papers discussions included the need to conduct a 2006-2010 comprehensive audit; the need for the NEITI Secretariat to effectively discharge its duties; the need to include a procurement audit in the

next NEITI Audit process; and the need for a NEITI committee in both houses of the National Assembly to oversee the Secretariat. At its conclusion, participants in the meeting recommended the following:

- The NEITI Secretariat should inform the public on the progress made so far with the remediation plan;
- That the NEITI should impose sanctions as stipulated in S. 16(3) of the NEITI Act 2007 on extractive industries that are defaulting in complying with the act;
- That the CSOs should increase their efforts to advocate for more accountability of government and extractive industries.

C. Problems and Opportunities

Partner and Programmatic Challenges

- The long vacation of the National Assembly and their preoccupation with electoral reform and constitutional review affected legislative advocacy, especially with regards to the FOI bill.
- The long delay in the recruitment of a new Executive Secretary for the NEITI Secretariat affected advocacy by ADVANCE partner CSOs to the Secretariat.
- The capacity building events for CSOs and legislatures organized by CSACEFA were over-subscribed. The invitees brought their colleagues and CSACEFA was reluctant to send any participant away. They were able to absorb the additional participants, but it was a challenge.
- The bureaucratic nature of the government made it impossible for CSACEFA to extend their advocacy visits to the Federal Budget Office and the Ministry of Planning as intended. Both offices requested longer notice.
- Initially in Rivers State, CIRDDOC continues to have some of their efforts thwarted by a secretive government disinclined to work with NGOs. In addition, heightened insecurity resulted in a delay in confirming appointments for advocacy and monitoring visits. However, with diligence and persistence, CIRDDOC was able to keep the carry-out the planned activities.

Administration and Management Challenges

- Delay by some partners to submit their quarterly/final financial reports, and to also adequately provide response to queries on their reports delayed some disbursement to those with on-going projects and the closeout of some completed projects.

Partner and Programmatic Opportunities

- The challenge CSACEFA in having its events oversubscribed turned into an opportunity to further expand its network and influence.
- The upcoming 2011 general elections have begun to manifest as a possible opportunity for ADVANCE partners to raise issues of transparency and accountability with candidates.

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 of the activities planned for this quarter took place except some few mentioned below:

- ZCC's Remediation Review Meeting on the NEITI 2005 Audit Report could not take place this quarter because of the delay in appointing a new Executive Secretary for the NEITI Secretariat to replace the dismissed one. NEITI and ZCC were to hold this event together.
- CISLAC's Executive – Legislative Dialogue on Extractive Revenue Policy could not take place this quarter because the NASS has been on holiday.
- CISLAC's National Assembly Revenue Management Committees and NEITI Workshop could not take place this quarter because the NASS has been on holiday.

E. Success Stories

Activities under the ADVANCE project have continued to yield impressive results, which in many cases have had transformative impact. Details for two examples are included below.

Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC) Impresses Donors: Though the mentoring of IMC this quarter focused more on the routine program and financial reporting, past efforts bore impressive fruit this quarter in regards to an appreciable impact on the organization's resource mobilization drive. As a result of the enhanced skills of the IMC team after the Resource Mobilization Training and follow-on mentoring by Pact Nigeria, IMC has made impressive inroads with three different donors – concretely securing funding from two of them, with the other still under consideration:

- The ChristianAid UK team that visited IMC on the 9th of July, 2010 to evaluate their relationship. The Centre was greatly impressed with IMC's improved processes, systems, governance and staffing. Despite their initial doubts, and based on these improvements, ChristianAid UK has renewed their program with IMC for another three years.
- IMC also prepared a funding proposal for the training of youth and women on non-violent elections in 2011, which was sent to the Threshold Foundation in Germany. The proposal was successful and the Foundation gave IMC a grant of 8,500 Euros to implement the proposed project.
- Furthermore, as part of the process of evaluating IMC's proposal to UNDP, a team from that organization visited the Centre on the August 18 for assessment and evaluation, and the Centre was able to satisfy their pre-requisite requirements. IMC is in contact and following up with UNDP on this and hopes are high that a large grant will be forthcoming.

ToT Workshop Generates a Multiplier Effect for USAID Funds: As noted above, this quarter PPDC held a 3-day ToT workshop for CSOs and Professional Bodies on Observing and Monitoring Public Procurement in Nigeria. In order to maximize the impact and reach of the training, PPDC had made an open call to development agencies including OSIWA, FES, EU-SRIP, ActionAid to nominate representatives from their partner organizations to participate in the procurement training *on the condition that these donors would support the nominated organizations to step down the training*. This was an innovative and successful requirement that has already produced results.

Before the quarter came to an end, one of the participants at the ToT on Procurement Monitoring conducted a step down training on Procurement Monitoring and Observation for

CSOs. This training was organized by the Dawn of Life Foundation in July at Umuahia, Abia State and was based on the modules and sessions from the ToT. The training was attended by 45 participants (6 females and 39 males) representing CSOs like Abia State Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (ASANGO) and the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ); traditional rulers; and representative of the Head of Service and the Ministry of Education.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

A. Partner Activities

- Participatory budget tracking/community score carding in Rivers State
- Publication of budget policy brief in Rivers State
- Periodic coaching and mentoring meeting for civil society budget monitoring group in Lagos State
- Advocacy visits to various ministries and the Lagos State Assembly
- Attendance at budget hearing in Lagos State
- Publishing a newsletter analyzing the final outcomes and findings from the monitoring of education capital budgets in Lagos State
- Public accountability forum with public office holders in Lagos State
- Meeting with Lagos State commissioners and key aides to Governor Fashola
- Meeting with leaders of the Action Congress in Lagos State
- Sensitization visits to Lagos-based media on the Lagos State FOI bill
- Meeting with speaker and principal officers of the Lagos State House of Assembly
- Meeting with relevant committees and members of Lagos State House of Assembly
- Meetings with FOI champions, principle officers, leaders of relevant committees, and “hostile” members in the House of Representatives and the Senate
- Sending text messages to members of the National Assembly on FOI Bill
- Advocacy meetings with other members of the house of representatives and the Senate on the FOI bill
- Text messaging campaign targeted at the members of the Lagos State House of Assembly on the FOI Bill
- Mobilization for and attending the FOI public hearing at the House of Representatives
- Mobilization for and attending the FOI public hearing in Lagos State
- National Assembly revenue management committee and NEITI workshop
- Executive- legislative dialogue on extractive revenue policy
- Advocacy meeting with agencies/stakeholders in the oil and gas sector
- Civil society/ media forum on the NEITI shadow report
- Assessment of the implementation of the PPA 2007

B. Pact Activities

- Ongoing mentoring of all partner CSOs with on-going projects
- Continuation of the implementation of capacity building intervention activities for IMC and Chevron/Partners
- Support existing partner CSOs and any other possible new ones through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Closeout of completed 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 = 7 Y = 3 I = 6 D = 3 Total = 18	W = 15 Y = 11 I = 1 D = 4 Total = 31	W = 30 Y = 26 I = 9 D = 5 Total = 70	
2	S11.1	Women-focused CSOs supported by USG assistance to engage in advocacy and/or promote democratic participation	Quarterly	25	7	15	30	
5	GJD 4.1.3	Number of CSO advocacy campaigns supported by USG	Quarterly	30	10	67	88	
7	GJD 4.1.8	Number of USG Assisted Civil Society Organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions	Quarterly	25	7	80	104	
9		Number of people trained (disaggregated by gender)	Quarterly	Total= 800 M=480 F=320	T = 200 M=120 F= 80	T= 682 M=427, F=255	T = 1,446 M= 965 F= 481	
12		Increased Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes	Quarterly	Nat : 10 State: 12	Nat: 3 State: 3	Nat: 7 State: 6	Nat: 10 State: 13	
13	S11.2.1	Increased Civil Society Participation in NEITI implementation	Quarterly	8	3	5	9	
14	GJD 4.1.2	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to improve internal organizational capacity	Annually	50	2	40	82	