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**ADVANCE PROJECT
QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
October – December 2010
Submitted by Pact Nigeria
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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: \$786,858 of which \$252,018 is already obligated to sub grantees and therefore not available for any purpose; leaving an Effective Pipeline Amount of \$ 534,840
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$290,742
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date: \$8,886,990
Estimated Expenditures Next Quarter: \$430,000
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.
- Reconciled and closed out a number of completed projects of partner CSOs
- On-going Capacity Building through technical/mentoring support provided to PPCD project and its Consortium member NGOs.

Program outputs

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

- Ongoing focused mentoring for IMC and the PPCD partners
- Introduction to Advocacy training for IMC
- Lobbying and text message advocacy for passage of the FOI Bills at National and State level in Lagos
- Educational expenditure monitoring, leading to the development of scorecards and policy briefs
- Budget advocacy based on the scorecards and policy briefs
- A Civil Society Town Hall meeting with elected LGA leaders to discuss budgetary accountability
- Workshops with legislative and executive stakeholders on meeting requirements for EITI validation
- Press briefing on the PIB
- Finalization and publication of the Shadow Report on NEITI validation
- Completion of a study assessing the level compliance of Federal MDA's with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act

II. QUARTER PROGRESS

A. Program Management

This quarter, Pact continued to provide the usual regular mentoring and oversight support in program implementation and reporting to its subgrantees that still have on-going projects. It also provided no-cost extensions to a number of partners to enable them complete the outstanding activities. Pact also worked with some of the subgrantees with completed projects on reconciliations and closeout of their 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 Board Meeting that was held in Arusha, Tanzania. The Pact Nigeria Deputy Country Representative participated in some of the sessions of the meeting at Pact HQ expense, to share some of the key accomplishments,

success stories and lessons learned from the ADVANCE program in Nigeria with the board members.

ADVANCE Program Extension

In this quarter, Pact Nigeria worked to design a proposed cost extension for approval by the Mission, as well as the Chevron's Foundation for Partnership in the Development of Niger Delta (PIND). The final version of the proposal and budget were submitted to the Mission in December, and it is hoped that the approval will be given in the early part of the next quarter since the award's current end date is the end of February 2011.

General Portfolio Management

The ADVANCE subgrant portfolio as of this quarter remained at 60 subprojects for the life of the award, and the cumulative number of CSO partners is still 31 as reported in the previous quarter. There were eight ongoing subprojects (PWYP, IMC, MRA, ZCC, PPDC, CIRDDOC, JDPC and CISLAC) as of the beginning of this quarter but by the end of the quarter, all the subprojects were completed except two (MRA and PPDC), which have some outstanding activities. They have thus requested no-cost extensions, which may be processed next quarter if the activities are still relevant and also depending on the approved program description for the ADVANCE extension.

Subgrant Finances

During this reporting period, Pact Nigeria continued to service the existing partners with ongoing projects and an additional sum of **\$130,142.19** was disbursed to some of these partners (IMC, MRA, ZCC, PPDC, PWYP, CIRDDOC, JDPC, and CISLAC), all of whom had on-going projects that were being implemented, bringing the cumulative amount of disbursements/advances so far made for all subgrants as of the end of this quarter to **\$2,936,294.24** (up from \$2,806,152.05 in the previous quarter and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Of that amount, the subgrantees have expended and retired/liquidated a total of **\$2,688,404.84** to date (up from \$2,610,018.98 reported in the previous quarter, and excluding consultancies/in-kind subgrants). Also this quarter, the sum of **\$15,963.39** was expended on in-kind subgrants for PWYP and JDPC), thus the cumulative expenditures incurred on consultancies/in-kind subgrants increased to **\$510,309.55** to date (up from \$494,346.16 reported in the previous quarter). Together, the cumulative grand total of sub-expenditures at the end of this quarter, based on retirements/liquidations of subgrants including expenses from in-kind support and consultancies stands at **\$3,198,714.39** (up from \$3,104,365.14 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, December 31, 2010.

Subgrant Summary Table

TABLE 1: Summary of Status of ADVANCE Sub-grants and Consultancy (Advances and Actual Expenditures including Balance) as at End of Quarter 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 (\$)		Expenditures on Advances to		Project Status
						\$	Advances	Balance on	Expenditures	Balance	
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	-	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	57,729.19	57,729.19	-	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	18,848.95	4,788.84	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	29,317.52	635.39	27,498.29	1,819.23	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/NGOs currently engaged in, or are interested in audit process and NEITI/Oil Revenue budget performance monitoring and evaluation for WANGONET to use and train CSOs; and development and production of a reference manual on NEITI auditing	31,473.04	31,473.04	-	31,473.04	-	Closed
26	CISLAC	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.	25,419.53	25,419.53	-	25,419.53	-	Closed
27	FOMWAN	27-Jun-08	30-Sep-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Stakeholder consultation on electoral reform to develop memoranda and submit to the ERC	9,478.29	9,478.29	-	9,478.29	-	Closed
28	CISLAC	19-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Engaging the legislature and NEITI Secretariate to deepen NEITI Act implementation	Enhance Effective implementation of the NEITI Act in Nigeria	\$ 27,967.42	27,967.42	-	27,967.42	-	Closed
29	AAN	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09	Strengthen the capacity of CSO in tracking health and HIV budget to improve transparency in resource allocation for the effective service delivery in the prevention and treatment of HIV in Lagos state	To increase participation of non stateactors in the budget process in Lagos state	\$ 21,072.11	\$ 21,072.11	\$ 21,072.11	-	-	Closed
30	CIRRDOD	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	\$ 22,018.77	22,018.77	-	22,018.77	-	Closed
31	JDPC	9-Jun-09	31-Dec-09	Making Public Budget work for the Masses Through CSO engagement of the Agricultural and Education Budgetary provisions in Lagos state	Strengthen capacity of CSO for effective involvement in the budget process as a way of promoting good governance and public service delivery	\$ 14,749.72	14,749.72	-	14,749.72	-	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	\$ 27,073.74	27,073.74	-	27,073.74	-	Closed

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	27,122.97	2,501.03	26,768.86	354.11	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.	\$ 29,018.62	29,018.62	-	29,018.62	-	Closed
35	MULAC	30-Sep-09	31-Jan-10	Creating Pressure from Religious groups for passage of the FOI bill	To effectively and maximally sensitize Muslim groups to engage with their representatives at the National Assembly with the view to pass the FOI Bill into law	16,633.30	16,633.30	-	16,633.30	-	Closed
36	IMC	10-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Capacity Building of IMC, via systems development	To enhance the capacity of IMC to enable handling of funds	\$ 27,975.12	27,975.12	-	27,975.12	-	Closed
37	IMC	1-Apr-10	31-Dec-10			\$ 64,962.00	\$ 64,241.63	720.37	\$ 41,600.82	22,640.81	Open
38	MRA	1-Apr-10	30-Nov-10			\$ 65,508.00	\$ 44,041.07	21,466.93	\$ 37,167.83	6,873.24	Open
39	MULAC	12-Apr-10	31-Aug-10			\$ 25,267.00	\$ 27,316.25	(2,049.25)	\$ 26,635.64	680.61	Completed
40	ZCC	15-Apr-10	14-Sep-10			\$ 37,666.66	\$ 38,462.97	(796.31)	\$ 34,329.47	4,133.50	Completed
41	PPDC	1-May-10	31-Dec-10			\$ 149,365.00	\$ 127,019.34	22,345.66	\$ 99,884.04	27,135.30	Completed
42	CIRDDOC	6-Jan-10	15-Dec-10			\$ 29,990.00	\$ 30,200.68	(210.68)	\$ 40,475.83	(10,275.15)	Open
43	JDPC	1-Jun-10	31-Dec-10			\$ 11,746.67	\$ 11,746.67	-	\$ 4,133.92	7,612.75	Open
44	CISLAC	21-Jun-10	30-Nov-10			\$ 97,629.33	\$ 94,418.42	3,210.91	\$ 77,958.74	16,459.68	Open
44	CSACEFA	10-Aug-10	30-Sep-10			\$ 29,870.60	\$ 29,316.87	553.73	\$ 30,374.76	(1,057.89)	Completed
Total						3,002,482.42	2,951,753.35	50,729.07	2,869,599.64	82,153.71	

In-Kind Sub-grants								
	Recipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Amount estimated for In-Kind	Final Grant Value	Amount Due for De-obligation	Status
1	CISLAC, ZCC and AAIN (in-kind)	Various prior to awards	March 1, 2007	Legislative advocacy on the Fiscal Responsibility Bill;	370,838.63	370,838.63	-	Closed
2	JONAPWD	Wednesday, January 23, 2008	Friday, February 29, 2008	Mainstreaming Disability Concern in Electoral Reforms	9,796.63	9,796.63	-	Closed
3	JONAPWD	Saturday, March 01, 2008	Monday, March 31, 2008	Disabled Engaging the Politicians & INEC for 2007 Elections	19,519.99	19,519.99	-	Closed
4	PPDC	Thursday, April 10, 2008	Monday, June 30, 2008	PPDC Procurement Watch program	20,292.84	20,292.84	-	Closed
5	PWYP	Wednesday, December 10, 2008	Wednesday, December 31, 2008	Annual General Meeting: PWYP	13,090.77	13,090.77	-	Closed
6	PWYP	Monday, March 15, 2010	Tuesday, November 30, 2010		49,738.00	40,524.72	9,213.28	Open
7	JDPC	Tuesday, June 01, 2010	Friday, December 31, 2010		17,672.00	11,983.00	5,689.00	Open
Total					500,948.86	486,046.58	14,902.28	

Consultancies								
SN	Recepient	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	18,364.84	18,364.84	-	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				149,708.47	149,708.47	-	

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, Pact/ADVANCE also carried out a number of capacity-building activities this quarter that focused largely on mentoring and provision of guidance to targeted organizations as they implemented their various activities. These specifically included the following.

- IMC – Mentoring and activity report
- PPCD Mentoring

IMC Mentoring

On October 19 -21, 2010, the Interfaith Mediation Centre (IMC) Kaduna, in pursuance of the accomplishment of its program objectives, held its retreat at the Trappco Ranch and Resort Kaduna. Supported and facilitated in part by Pact, the retreat provided an avenue where the Secretariat staff, BOD members, volunteers and its Zonal Offices comprising North Central, North West, South East, South West and South South could do the following:

- Critically appraise and evaluate the center's activities in the past one year and review successes, failures, and challenges while proffering ways forward for improved service delivery;
- Explore workable means of improving networking among the secretariat and the zonal offices in order to enhance knowledge sharing for better results;
- Deliberate on a more conducive working environment and ways of making the secretariat staff, volunteers, board of directors and zonal coordinators partnerships work more effectively.

The retreat energized the participants and enhanced their capacity to carry out their work, and they discussed and agreed on modalities of moving the centre forward. Most importantly IMC used the retreat as an opportunity to share, review and update their existing strategic plan. At the end of the retreat, the secretariat, BOD, volunteers and the zonal offices had a better understanding of how to handle the center's activities and had provided input to the strategic plan.

PPCD Consortium Mentoring

In this quarter, PACT Nigeria's Senior Civil Society Specialist continued to mentor and coach the PPCD project and consortium members with the specific objective of ensuring that the PPCD project office and consortium members offer quality service delivery through the application of skills acquired through Pact support.

PPCD Office: The SCS Specialist had discussions and advised Prof. Ajibola and the PPCD project office on the need for sustainability of the project; website content development and maintenance; and in-house proposal writing and development. He also provided input into the preparation of the orientation program for PPCD Trainees and co-facilitated the step down training on Gender and Advocacy for RDC members in the West (Ilaje, Itsekiri, Egbema Gbaramatu, and Dodo River). This involved preparation of case studies and providing off site and on site mentoring and coaching on training content and style for consortium members involved in the facilitation process. On the Advocacy training, the SCS specialist mentored the team through the preparation of the training module and facilitated a pre-meeting for trainers before the delivery. He also facilitated aspects of the Advocacy training at Warri and Port Harcourt, which served to model the ideas discussed. Furthermore, the SCS Specialist participated in the processes leading to PPCD self assessment. The process included facilitation of the workshop which had in attendance all the major PPCD stakeholder structures like consortium members, Chevron Nigeria Limited, board members, planning committee members, and project office staff. The primary objective of the self assessment was to improve on the effectiveness and efficiency of the PPCD project and team.

New Nigeria Foundation: The SCS Specialist mentored the program staff of NNF on a number of projects that they started or concluded during the period under review, as well as on the processes of building coalitions and networks for programming impact. The SCS Specialist also mentored the NNF committee on strategic planning as they prepared for the Strategic Plan Retreat which will take place in the first quarter of next year. He focused on ensuring a better understanding of the issues and challenges facing the organization and what approaches had been adopted to deal with them. This process gave the SCS Specialist insight as to what will be the best approach to employ while facilitating the Retreat. There were also frequent one-on-one mentoring sessions for management and staff of NNF on other programming and administrative issues

Morgan Smart Foundation for Development: MSDF requested an in-house capacity improvement workshop on proposal writing and development and report writing, which was carried out for them. The workshop contextualized the training within the MSDF proposal environment as their needs are somewhat special. In addition, Pact Nigeria's SCS Specialist held a mentoring meeting with the Managing Trustee, Dr. Omawumi Urhobo and management staff of MSDF on efforts towards meeting the institutional capacity needs of the organization, as identified during their OCA process. In the course of the mentoring it was observed that MSDF had begun implementation on a number of the issues identified during the assessment as follows:

- MSDF has documented its core values;
- They are working on improving its governance processes;
- They have opened a staff file with job descriptions for all employees;
- They also have a staff appraisal form and process in place;
- They have improved their collaboration and relationship building with both donors and beneficiaries

Niger Delta Professionals for Development: In this quarter the SCS Specialist mentored NIDPRODEV on their Voluntary Principles Training for Security personnel of Chevron Nigeria Limited, giving them specific support with respect to the preparation of the agenda. He also facilitated a session at the Warri training held during the quarter.

African Centre for Corporate Responsibility: During the period under review, most of the brief interactions with ACCR were related to their relationship to the project and organizational management.

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

Introduction to Advocacy Training

As a contribution to the accomplishment of IMC's capacity development goal, as outlined in the 2010 Work Plan, Pact Nigeria facilitated a 2-day Introduction to Advocacy training for the IMC team. The training included the zonal coordinators and one member of the board of directors, and was organized in Kaduna by the IMC secretariat from the 22nd -23rd of October 2010, with a total of 26 persons (4 females and 19males). It was a training workshop targeted primarily to enhance the capacity of IMC staff, volunteers and zonal coordinators on the what and how of advocacy. The training implored the participatory methodology of presentations; discussions both at plenary and in groups; and group exercises to achieve the training objectives:

1. deepen participants understanding of advocacy skills and techniques
2. equip participants with skills to carry out effective advocacy and advocacy campaigns
3. Initiate the process of the development of a draft advocacy plan that an effectively be incorporated into potential proposals.

The participants were able to gain enhanced skills in the following areas:

- The importance of advocacy in promoting issues of interest
- Advocacy through groups and/or in coalitions
- Problem tree analysis
- Carrying out research for effective advocacy
- Advocacy tools and methodologies
- How to develop effective advocacy goals and objectives
- Effects of people, power and politics in advocacy
- Use of the media in achieving advocacy goals and objectives

Budget Advocacy

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

This last quarter, Pact Nigeria assisted the two budget advocacy partners to review existing policy documents and on the ground observations in their areas of focus so as to draw up advocacy and policy briefs with which to engage with duty bearers.

In this regard, CIRDDOC and JDPC facilitated monitoring visits to various communities in both Lagos and Rivers states. Budget monitors visited existing educational projects and tracked expenditure by questioning officials, obtaining information about the budget while also assessing either goods supplied or constructions undertaken. The monitoring exercise included physical visits to select primary schools for the purpose of collecting, collating and assessing the level of education financing in relation to identified needs. Such visits revealed most educational polices did not have the input of beneficiaries such as parents, teachers and educationists.

The budget advocacy partners therefore identified the gaps in the policies and produced both advocacy and policy briefs to share with decision-makers and stakeholders in order to press for change. The budget advocacy partners collaborated with their CBOs, FBOs local partners in the two states to make representation to local authorities, such as local government officials and state governments. One common suggestion adopted in the two states was the need to expand the space and invite as well as include local representation in policy making for such events as the annual economic forum in Lagos State and the annual public presentation of the budget in Rivers State.

As part of these efforts, JDPC hosted a one-day Civil Society Town Hall meeting with elected LGA leaders. The public accountability forum was tagged ‘‘the People’s Parley.’’ Executive Chairperson of the Isole Local Government Council, Mrs. Oseghale, and her executive used the forum to account for funds received and generated by the council since 2007, when she took the reins of office there. Thus, the event was a structured and institutionalized dialogue between the elected and the electorate and it created a new space outside the traditional government occupied spaces for policy making. In addition, JDPC hosted a series of coaching and mentoring sessions, which featured presentations on Budget Analysis and Advocacy, Gender Budgeting, Advocacy, Networking and Coalition Building.

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

CISLAC

This quarter, CISLAC organized a one-day Legislative – Executive Dialogue on Extractive Revenue Policy in Kaduna on 29th November 2010. The meeting had 40 participants comprising Honorable Members of the House of Representatives Committee on Petroleum (Upstream); NEITI staff including its Executive Secretary; a broad range of Civil Society Organizations; Legislative Staffs and Aides and the media. The was convened to discuss the recent failure of Nigeria to obtain validation from EITI arising primarily from the identified flaws in the implementation of the NEITI Act; the need to sustain concerted efforts among stakeholders towards remediation; and to fully discuss relevant issues and chart a course to strengthen the implementation of the NEITI Act.

The dialogue was of very participatory nature and at the end of it; the following were the key recommendations:

- The National Assembly is cardinal to institutionalizing the NEITI process. It should step up its support by strengthening NEITI through legislation that guarantees the

autonomy and independence of the NEITI Secretariat, provide proactive oversight on NEITI and other organs that contribute to achieving the NEITI objectives;

- The NEITI Secretariat should institute a process of consultation that ensures the input of all stakeholders including the Legislature, Civil Society and the Private Sector for experience sharing, information generation and synergy in the NEITI process;
- There is a need for CSOs to advocate for establishment of proper structures in the National Assembly to institute a mechanism for effective CSO legislative interface. One that is built on partnership, constructive criticism and mutual respect;
- NEITI should put in place a structure that enables citizens' input into the NEITI process and promote a process that is driven by public opinion and community participation;
- The NEITI process should move beyond Oil and Gas to other areas of the Extractive Industry such as solid minerals;
- The Legislature should aid NEITI by ensuring compliance with the Act, ensuring that companies fill and submit the Audit Template, that other ancillary government organs fulfill their obligations, and that other levels of the legislature domesticate the EITI principles and help institutionalize transparency and accountability across all tiers of government.

Also, in order to promote accountability and ensure effective oversight by NASS Committees which are tasked with oversight functions on NEITI, CISLAC, in collaboration with NASS Committee on Petroleum Upstream Resources held a workshop in Abuja for Legislature in December 20th. The workshop had about 55 participants in attendance, comprising of Honorable Members, legislative aides, CSOs and media organizations. After presentations and very passionate discussions, the NASS members and staff present committed to providing better oversight of the NEITI process and demanding better accountability by the NEITI secretariat. To kick-start this, they pledged to demand a presentation of the 2006-2008 Oil and Gas Audit Report and follow up on recommendations. Finally, they committed to ensuring effective collaboration between themselves and CSOs.

Finally, in order to further educate the public and sustain momentum for its passage, a press briefing was held on December 20th on the PIB by CISLAC. The briefing was attended by 30 CSOs and national media organizations like Thisday; Businessday; HotFM; News Agency of Nigeria (NAN); Punch; Raypower ; Daily Trust; AIT and the Sun, many of whom subsequently publicized the briefing. This is the 3rd briefing the organization has held to influence the passage of the bill. The text of the briefing presented, called on NASS to pass the PIB that has been lingering since 2007 because of its importance in ensuring better management of the country's oil and gas. Democracy without a stable economy is a mirage.

MRA

In the quarter under review, MRA continued advocacy for the passage of the Lagos state FOI bill. In October 2010, Media Rights Agenda (MRA) paid three advocacy visits to the Lagos State House of Assembly, which helped to lead to the Second Reading of the Freedom of Information Bill on October 26, after which it was committed to the Information Committee and given six weeks within which to organize a Public Hearing and report back to the House. Although that Hearing was delayed due to budget legislation and the holidays, MRA is still working with the Chair of the Information Committee to see that the Public Hearing is a

reality and that the House is also able to take the Third and final Reading and pass it to Governor Babatunde Raji Fashola for assent.

MRA has made suggestions to the relevant legislators on stakeholders that should be invited to the Public Hearing and those that should be encouraged to make presentations. The House Committee members also requested the MRA team to help in organizing the public hearing and also mobilize members of the FOI Coalition to ensure that the Public Hearing will be well attended. They also reiterated their willingness to work with the team and other civil society members to facilitate other bills whenever the need arises.

In regards to the federal FOI bill, in the months of October, November, and December 2010, the MRA team paid several advocacy visits to both chambers of the National Assembly. The team continued to engage the leadership and vocal members of the two chambers of the National Assembly to ensure that the FOI Bill is brought to the legislative agenda and debated. The National Assembly members championing it were able to get it on the legislative agenda but some die-hard opponents of the Bill are very much bent on seeing that the Bill is not debated. Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, one of the strongest supporters of the Bill whom the MRA team met constantly has also lived to her promises by not only getting the Bill on the business of the day at the House, she also uses every opportunity to publicize the benefits of the Bill and express her surprise at the attitude of some of her colleagues towards the Bill.

In addition to the advocacy visits, MRA and other members of the Freedom of Information Coalition (FOIC) carried out a massive text messaging campaign targeted at National Assembly members. MRA has compiled a comprehensive database of the mobile telephone numbers of the 360 members of the House and the 109 members of the Senate. FOIC members around Nigeria were then mobilized to send text messages to the members on their mobile phones to lobby them to support the Bill. The messages were short, politely worded and straight to the point. In order to make the campaign effective, members of the House of Representatives and the Senate were divided into clusters and a number of individuals assigned to send text messages to the members in a particular cluster. This ensured that the legislators were not sent messages in a haphazard manner which might result in some members being inundated with messages while others may receive only a few or nothing. Responses from those who replied were varied. While some promised to support, other urged the Coalition to intensify its lobbying of members and some vowed never to support the Bill. A similar process will be carried out in the Lagos State House of Assembly to pressure the State legislators to speedily pass the Bill before them.

PWYP

This quarter under review, PWYP finalized their CSO Assessment of the NEITI validation process. The study sought to assess CSOs' engagement with the process and their views on it, review relevant literature, and to make recommendations on how to improve the process and comply with the requirements. PWYP engaged the services of a partner member of their consortium, ZCC, to carry out the study. Research for the study was carried out via desk reviews, focus groups and interviews.

Before the shadow report was finalized, a review workshop was held on November 25th for a broad section of CSOs to make inputs into the draft report before it was finalized. The meeting was attended by 44 participants spanning diverse CSOs, NEITI, the media and

development partners. At the workshop, the draft shadow report was presented and participants were given the opportunity to critique the documents chapter by chapter.

Inputs made by participants were included in the draft report and it finalized. 1000 copies of the report have been published and will be distributed widely to stakeholders like NASS, FIRS, NDDC, NNPC, IOCs, State governments, community leaders, CSOs and media. Perhaps most importantly, the NEITI secretariat has issued a thorough response to the report that catalogues how some recommendations are being implemented.

PPDC

The study assessing the level compliance of Federal MDA's with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act was completed this quarter, and a draft report is now under review. The purpose of this study is to generate information that will help to identify the main issues surrounding implementation of the Act and to find ways in which interested parties can render assistance to improve effectiveness. ADVANCE provided support to expand the scope of this evaluation to include selected MDAs outside of Abuja and to cover MDA respondents from at least three geo political zones.

To gather data for the report, questionnaires were administered to various stakeholders seeking details with respect to their role as spelled out by the PPA 2007. The stakeholders to whom questionnaires were administered include procuring entities, the regulatory body (Bureau of Public procurement), Federal House of representatives Committee on Public Procurement, bidders, contractors, suppliers and civil society organizations. The assessment also used secondary information in the form of publications from the regulatory body, country assessment reports, and comparative analysis of international best practices in Public procurement.

The draft report details the actual compliance of stakeholders with the Public Procurement Act, and also deals with issues that have hampered compliance, such as the non-establishment of the National Council on Public procurement and the issue of political interference by the Federal executive council of the Federation. The report describes a low level of overall compliance as the situation now stands, but also identifies signs of hope that compliance is rising over time since the enactment of the Act in 2007. The report also makes suggests on ways to deepen compliance by insulating the procurement process from political interference. The draft is currently in circulation amongst key PPDC partners and will be finalized and distributed next quarter after feedback has been received and incorporated.

Finally this quarter, PPDC continued to deliver daily procurement news through its listerv. The news items contain local and international procurement news, as well as notices of procurement related activities taking place in Nigeria. During the period, the mailing list increased from 720 to 905 recipients. Members of the mailing list include civil society organizations, donor agencies, government agencies regulating the procurement process and members of the Federal House Committee on Public Procurement.

C. Problems and Opportunities

Partner and Programmatic Challenges

- ADVANCE partners like MULAC have completed programming in certain areas, but still need support to engage specific issues to ensure favorable results.
- On the part of CIRDDOC, having an office in Enugu and programming in Port Harcourt has always been challenging for that organization. Also, in spite of the fact that the number of kidnapping cases had greatly reduced, it was clear that it would be easier for partners on ground to work around security issues in programming.
- Bureaucratic bottle necks in securing audiences with government officials, as well as a dearth of information and secrecy in government circles continued to be challenges for our partners.

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 caused delay to some disbursement for those with on-going projects and the closeout of some of the completed projects.
- Despite being a partner since 2006, and despite ongoing and intense mentoring and training, JDPC has resisted implementing financial documentation and actions that are up to the standard Pact expects. It was only with significant handholding on the part of the Deputy Country Rep that we were able to successfully conclude the project. Given JDPC's record of past performance and continued intransigence, Pact will likely not be supporting them in the future.

Partner and Programmatic Opportunities

- An opportunity emerged to partner and collaborates with some of our previous election partners, as well as some of our current existing partner CSOs on proposed 2011 elections programming under the proposed ADVANCE program's extension. Pact began to explore this possibility with its partners during this quarter.
- There is strong possibility for collaboration between Pact Nigeria and the CEPPS partners regarding upcoming election observation activity.
- The delayed validation of Nigeria was a good platform for CSOs to engage the NEITI secretariat on areas that needed strengthening in the implementation of NEITI. The conditions and deadline given by the EITI proved a powerful incentive to implement advocacy recommendations.
- Pact was able to facilitate the sharing of best practices between its partners implementing budget advocacy work. With Pact's assistance, JDPC was able to adapt CIRDDOC's scorecard for monitoring educational expenditure results.
- In Rivers State, one of our local partners was nominated to join the state's official education monitoring team.

Administration and Management Opportunities

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

D. Activity Changes and Explanations

Nearly all activities were carried out as planned this quarter. However, because the Rivers State Government did not hold its annual public presentation of the budget, CIRDDOC could not support its partners in Rivers State to attend as anticipated.

E. Success Stories

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

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

A. Partner Activities

- Advocacy meeting with Lagos State decision-makers over the FOI bill
- Text messaging campaign targeted at the members of the Lagos State House of Assembly and NASS
- Mobilization for public participation in the Public Hearing on the FOI Bill in Lagos State
- Meetings with leaders of relevant committees of the House of Representatives & the Senate on the national FOI bill
- Election observers training from 8 partners
- Preparation for election observation

B. Pact Activities

- Modification for No Cost Extension for partners, particularly MRA and PPDC with outstanding activities.
- Ongoing mentoring of all partners, especially MRA and PPDC on the implementation of their outstanding activities.
- Continuation of the implementation of capacity building intervention activities for the PPCD project
- Commencement of elections-related activities pending approval of submitted extension.

C. Subgrant Management

- Support existing partner CSOs through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Closeout of completed projects.
- Securing of Mission's approval for the Cost Extension of the ADVANCE program that is being negotiated
- Preparation and issuance of new RFA on 2011 elections programming, pending approval of submitted extension
- Review and selection of applicants (mostly from the existing partners) for the 2011 elections' programming
- Work with the selected partners to finalize their proposals.
- Process and issue new subgrant awards for the proposed projects.

IV. Quantitative Indicator Data

#	Ind. Reference #	Indicator	Collection	Target for FY 11*	Quarter Target	Quarter Result	Cumulative Result FY 11	Comments
1		Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) representing marginalized group(s) engaging with government	Quarterly	N/A	10	W = 9 Y = 5 I = 0 D = 0 Total = 14	W = 9 Y = 5 I = 0 D = 0 Total = 14	
2	S11.1	Women-focused CSOs supported by USG assistance to engage in advocacy and/or promote democratic participation	Quarterly	N/A	7	9	9	
5	GJD 4.1.3	Number of CSO advocacy campaigns supported by USG	Quarterly	N/A	20	23	23	
7	GJD 4.1.8	Number of USG Assisted Civil Society Organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions	Quarterly	N/A	40	50	50	
9		Number of people trained (disaggregated by gender)	Quarterly	N/A	M= 40 F= 30 T= 70	M=46 F=37 T= 83	M=46 F=37 T= 83	
12		Increased Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes	Quarterly	N/A	10	10	10	Milestones achieved, Rivers: 3, 4, 9, 12 ; Lagos: 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13
13	S11.2.1	Increased Civil Society Participation in NEITI implementation	Quarterly	N/A	5	8	8	Milestones achieved: 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13
14	GJD 4.1.2	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to improve internal organizational capacity	Annually	N/A	10	9	9	

* Please note that no indicators for FY 2011 can be set until/unless the proposed extension is approved.