

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS (QUIPS)

COMMUNITY SCHOOL ALLIANCES (CSA) PROJECT

QUARTERLY REPORT

1 April 2002 to 30 June 2002

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INTRODUCTION

This quarterly report covers the period from 1 April 2002 to 30 June 2002 under USAID Cooperative Agreement No. 641-CA-00-97-00160-00. The report summarizes major accomplishments by the CSA project in Ghana during this period, plans for next period, and a summary of expenditures for the period. Briefly, the sub-activities of the CSA project are: 1) increased community awareness, responsibility, and advocacy for education; 2) strengthened school support organizations in each community; 3) communities participating in the design, implementation and monitoring of schools; and 4) district education officers using monitoring and evaluation to improve education management.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following major accomplishments were completed during this quarter.

SMC/PTA Handbook. Production of the SMC/PTA Handbook for the GES was completed during the quarter. All 80,000 copies of the handbook have now been produced and delivered to the CSA office. Of these, 2,000 have been delivered to GES headquarters, 9,500 have been given to CRS, and 7,250 have been delivered to the 16 Cohort 4 districts that have participated in the SMC/PTA training expansion program. The remaining manuals are currently being stored at the CSA Accra and Kumasi offices.

SMC/PTA Community-Based Refresher Training – Cohort 4. As a supplement to the regular district-based SMC/PTA training cycle, Cohort 4 facilitators have been conducting community-based SMC/PTA training to both refresh those participants of the district-based workshops and to include additional community representatives who were not able to attend the district-based training. These workshops are generally one day and usually cover three or four topics from the SMC/PTA Resource Handbook.

Microgrant – Cohorts 4 and 5. Tranche 2 projects were completed in 120 of the 126 Cohort 4 communities during the quarter; the remaining 6 Cohort 4 tranche 2 projects are expected to be completed in July. Forty-one Cohort 5 tranche 1 grants were disbursed, which completed disbursement for that cohort. Twenty-seven Cohort 5 tranche 1 projects have been completed. Proposals for some Cohort 4 tranche 3 and Cohort 5 tranche 2 have been received and reviewed by the office; it is anticipated that grants will begin to be disbursed early next quarter.

Community Drama/Public Forum – Cohorts 4 and 5. The first community drama and public forum activities for Cohort 5 were conducted in 2 Cohort 5 communities, while second community drama activities were conducted in 77 Cohort 4 communities. This completes this activity for both cohorts. In each case, drama performances were scripted, rehearsed, and performed by community members and were intended to highlight and generate discussion around issues that had been identified on their SPIPs. These activities were well attended by community members and also drew district level officers into some communities.

SMC/PTA Training Expansion. The SMC/PTA training expansion program was completed in the initial 8 Cohort 4 districts during the quarter: Jaman, Twifo Heman, Mpohor Wassa East, Kwabere, Asuogyaman, Ga, Kadjebi, and Krachi. A total of 774 schools in these 8 districts participated in the program and 5,941 SMC/PTA executives attended 4-day cluster workshops. An additional 8 Cohort 4 districts were introduced

to the program during the quarter: Afigya Sekyere, Nzema East, Dormaa, Wassa Amenfi, Manya Krobo, Jasikan, Nkwanta, and Yilo Krobo. Five-day TOT workshops for up to 20 officers from each district were conducted and cluster-based training activities got underway toward the end of the quarter.

National Service Secretariat Pilot. This program is still underway for the seven pilot districts in the south: Jaman, Twifo Heman, Mpohor Wassa East, Kwabere, Asuogyaman, Ga, and Krachi. CSA staff provide occasional technical support through visits to the community participation coordinators (CPCs) in the districts. With the pilot scheduled to be completed next quarter, CSA has been working with GES to help them to introduce the funding of National Service Personnel to provide community mobilization activities through the service portion of the Whole School Development grant. CSA is also planning a study of the impact of the National Service Secretariat Pilot on community participation.

District Management Training/District Grants. During the quarter, CSA collaborated with ILP in the delivery of 9 4-day Cohort 5 district management training workshops, in support of the district grant. This completed the district grant training for Cohort 5. CSA's main responsibility during the workshops is to help the districts to understand the importance of community participation in education and assist them to incorporate supportive activities into their district grant applications. Two-day district grant review workshops were also conducted with ILP for all 18 Cohort 5 districts. Once all review workshops had been completed, CSA provided 7-day PLA TOT workshops to the 18 Cohort 5 districts to support the implementation of their district grant workplans. Twelve representatives, including district education office staff, DEPT members, and some SMC/PTA executives, participated from each district.

M&E Capacity Building Program. The M&E program has now been initiated in all 26 Cohort 4 districts (north and south). During the quarter, 2-day district visits were conducted in 11 Cohort 4 districts in the south and all 8 Cohort 4 districts in the north, completing the activity for the cohort. Five-day cluster-based M&E training and 5-day technical training were also conducted for all Cohort 4 districts. Two-day on-site training visits were carried out in all 18 Cohort 4 districts in the south and 1 Cohort 4 district in the north. The remaining 7 Cohort 4 districts in the north will receive their first on-site training in early July. All activities of the M&E program have focused on assisting the districts to implement the M&E portion of their district grants. In addition to the training activities, computer systems were distributed to 14 Cohort 4 districts in the south. One remaining eligible district in the south and 8 eligible districts in the north are expected to receive their computers during the next quarter. To support the 25 member training team, a second 5-day TOT workshop was held during the quarter. The workshop included sessions to elicit feedback on program implementation, improve trainers' technical and facilitation skills, and revise program strategies where necessary.

IEC – Radio and Newsletter. Twenty live radio programs were conducted during the quarter, with repeats on the alternate weeks: Sunyani/Brong Ahafo (7), Cape Coast/Central (7), and Kumasi/Ashanti (6). Negotiations are underway to add 3 new radio stations to increase coverage for Cohort 5 and Cohort 6 communities. Volume 4, Issue 2 of the newsletter, 'Voice from the Community' was produced and will be distributed in July.

Selection – Cohort 6. CSA collaborated with ILP, USAID, and GES in the selection of PSCs in all 17 Cohort 6 districts. Three school-communities were selected in 9 districts and 4 school-communities were selected in the remaining 8 districts, giving a total of 60 PSCs for Cohort 6.

Community Match. The cumulative 'community match' collected for CSA partnership school communities through 30 June 2002 was \$1,508,426; an average of \$4,979 per each of 18 Cohort 1 PSCs, \$8,349 per each of 27 Cohort 2 PSCs, \$9,183 per each of 54 Cohort 3 PSCs, \$4,064 per each of 126 Cohort 4 PSCs, \$951 per each of 62 Cohort 5 PSCs, and \$126,520 for the SMC/PTA Expansion. Detailed tracking sheets are included under separate cover. With the \$252,714 that has been collected in institutional match, CSA now has a match total of \$1,761,140, or 69% of the total obligation of \$2,536,654.

Field Time and Project Staff. Average field time for senior staff for the quarter was 62 percent, which included the project director, deputy director for finance and operations, and two associate directors for field activities. Field vehicle usage time was 93 percent.

CUMULATIVE TRACKING SUMMARY OF KEY ACTIVITIES COMPLETED - FY 98/99/00/01/02

Sub Activity 1: Community Awareness, Responsibility and Advocacy Increased

Activity	Cumulative 30 September 2001 (FY 98/99/00/01)				1 Oct. 01 – 30 June 2002 (FY 2002)		
	Cohort 1 (18 PSCs)	Cohort 2 (27 PSCs)	Cohort 3 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 4 (126 PSCs)	Cohort 3 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 4 (126 PSCs)	Cohort 5 (62 PSCs)
Baseline	18	27	54	78			21
PLA	18	27	54	126			62
IEC Comm. Drama (public forum)	18	27	54/54	126		126	62
IEC Re-mobilization (video drama/forum or story picture- card/forum)	18/6/18	27	54			126	
IEC Calendars (pocket/wall)	10,000/ 400	25,000/ 600	20,000/ 1,000	25,000			
IEC Radio Programs (6 sites)	239 programs & 6 launches				99 programs		

Sub Activity 2: School Support Organizations Strengthened

Activity	Cumulative 30 September 2001 (FY 98/99/00/01)				1 Oct. 01 – 30 June 2002 (FY 2002)		
	Cohort 1 (18 PSCs)	Cohort 2 (27 PSCs)	Cohort 3 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 4 (126 PSCs)	Cohort 3 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 4 (126 PSCs)	Cohort 5 (62 PSCs)
SPIP Development	18	27	54	126			62
SMC/PTA Training	5, 3, 2 & 2 days	5, 3 2 & 2 days	5, 3 & 2 days	5 days		3 days	5 days
Microgrant	Tr. 1 (18) Tr. 2 (18) Tr. 3 (16)	Tr. 1 (27) Tr. 2 (27) Tr. 3 (25)	Tr. 1 (54) Tr. 2 (54) Tr. 3 (54)	Tr. 1 (126)		Tr. 2 (120)	Tr. 1 (27)
IEC Newsletter	Vol.1 #1-3 Vol.2 #1 -3	Vol.1 #1-3 Vol.2 #1 -4	Vol.2 #1 – 4 Vol.3 #1-3	Vol.2 #4 Vol.3 #1-3		Vol. 3 #4 Vol. 4 #1-2	Vol. 3 #4 Vol. 4 #1-2

(Note: SPIPs, SMC/PTA training & microgrants support both Sub Activity 2 & 3.)

SMC/PTA Expansion Program

Activity	1 Oct. 01 – 30 June 2002 (FY 2002)					
	Cohort 1 (6 districts)	Cohort 2 (9 districts)	Cohort 3 (18 districts)	Cohort 4 (18 districts)	Cohort 5 (18 districts)	Cohort 6 (17 districts)
5-day TOT				16		
4-day Cluster Training				774 sch.		
Manuals Distributed				3,248		

Sub Activity 3: Communities Participating in Design, Implementation & Monitoring

Activity	Cumulative 30 September 2001 (FY 98/99/00/01)				1 Oct. 01 – 30 June 2002 (FY 2002)		
	Cohort 1 (18 PSCs)	Cohort 2 (27 PSCs)	Cohort 3 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 4 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 3 (54 PSCs)	Cohort 4 (126 PSCs)	Cohort 5 (62 PSCs)
SMC/PTA Self- Appraisal (3 times in 2 years)	18 (first) 18(second) 18 (third)	27 (first) 27 (second) 27 (third)	54 (first) 54 (second) 54 (third)	126 (first)		126 (second)	62 (first)
SPIPs Review & Update	18/9/18	27/18/5/27	54		54	126	
Re-mobilization/ Refresher & Phase- out	18 18 (phase- out)	27 27 (phase- out)	54		54		
Assessment/Impact	18	27			54		

Sub Activity 4 – District Education Officers Utilizing Monitoring and Evaluation to Improve Education Management

Activity 1 Oct. 01 – 30 June 2002 (FY 2002)

Activity	Cohort 1 (6 districts)	Cohort 2 (9 districts)	Cohort 3 (24 districts)	Cohort 4 (26 districts)	Cohort 5 (23 districts)	Cohort 6 (22 districts)
District Assessment				26		
Cluster Training (5 days)				26 (first)		
Technical Training (5 days)				26 (first)		
On-Site Training (2 days)				19 (first)		
Computer Disbursement				14		

PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

The work plan includes tracking of the final Cohort 4 tranche 2 and Cohort 5 tranche 1 microgrants, disbursement of Cohort 4 tranche 3 and Cohort 5 tranche 2 microgrants, conduct of 2-day SMC/PTA training for Cohort 4, continuation of second round of SMC/PTA expansion cluster workshops for Cohort 4, conduct of community participation workshops for district directors and CPCs, conduct of Cohort 1&2 district management training and review workshops, conduct of launch workshops for Cohort 6, conduct of facilitator orientation and PLA training, commencement of PLA for Cohort 6, collection of SAPR data in Cohorts 1 through 5, continuation of M&E program in Cohort 4, introduction of Cohorts 1&2, 3(north), and 5 to the M&E program, and continuation of the IEC radio programme.

PROJECT OFFICE TRAVEL SCHEDULE – JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2002

** Community Based Activities **

Cohort 4 2-day SMC/PTA Training Workshop

2-3 July	Jaman, Ejisu Juaben, Twifo Heman, and Yilo Krobo
8-9 July	Manya Krobo and Jasikan
8-9 July	Dormaa, Kwabere, and Mpohor Wassa
15-16 July	Tano, Afigya Sekyere, Nzema East, Wassa Amenfi. Nkwanta, and Asuogyaman
22-23 July	Krachi and Ga

Cohort 6 Launch Workshop

2 July	Sene, Ketu
3 July	Atebubu
5 July	Kintampo, Afram Plains
8 July	Ashanti Akim North, Kwahu South
9 July	Ashanti Akim South, Fantekwa
10 July	Ahafoano South
11 July	Ajumako Enyan Esiam, Amansie West
12 July	Amansie East
15 July	Upper Denkyira, Aowin Suaman
17 July	Jomoro
23 July	Keta

Cohort 6 Facilitator Orientation

5-7 September Koforidua

Cohort 6 PLA and Baseline Training

9-16 September Koforidua

Cohort 6 PLA

23-27 September Kedzi-Hauedzi, Asanyansu R/C, Etsii Sawomomye Methodist, Kyeamekrom SDA, Zabrama LA, Agyina LA, Dwease LA, Ahiresu LA, Adukrom LA

29 Sep. -3 Oct. Hatorgodo, Odumasua Presby, Armorodo D/A, Kwame Danso Islamic, Amaten SDA, Jema LA, Patriensa Presby, Subinso Presby, Kunsu Camp LA

** SAPR Data Collection **

Cohort 1

11-12 July Atobiase
15-16 July Akropong, Humjibre
18-19 July Wenchi
22-23 July Norbekaw
25-26 July Goaso

Cohort 2

1-2 July Korado, Kongo
4-5 July Dawhenya
4-7 July Moree
8-11 July Abandze
12-15 July Edumaze
17-20 July Mabang
22-25 July Richard Akwei
29-30 July Kibi

Cohort 3

1-2 July Danyame, Tefle
4-5 July Fomena, Tsavanya, Bogoso
8-9 July Odumasi, Avenorpeme, Kedadwen, Korley Kope
11-12 July Adaklu Kodzobi
18-19 July Trom Nyerede
22-23 July New Asuoyaa, Senasi, Esereso
24-25 July Adisadel
25-26 July Nkyenoa, Sacred Heart, Hwidiem

Cohort 4

1 July Kokoa, Ejuratia
2 July Wassa Dunkwa
3 July Buni, Adwumakasekese
5 July Tainano, Baamang, Gyakiti
8 July Asare, Bonfa Achiase, Toson Nanyor, Denase
10 July Koraso, Boamadumase, Bukunor Junction, Domeabra
12 July Ehamankyene, Amasu, Essienimpong, Ebukrom, Sawyer, Bedomase
15 July Banka, Wamanafo, Amoam Achiase, Ashire Zion
17 July Nkonya Tayi, Pampawie, Koforidua, Darmang, Kwaku Pamfo
19 July Atonkor, Dapaa Amanta, Dwenasi, Domama
22 July Ofosu, Asato, Ankaako
24 July Abrewankor, Bowiri Abohire
26 July Kechiebi
29 July Obanda

Cohort 5

1 July Nkoranza Methodist
3 July Lashibi Kragon, Bonsu Methodist
5 July Anyankaso
9 July Kwamebikrom
12 July Nkwadum
15 July Aflukakpoe, Aburi PWTC Demo, Asaam Methodist
17 July Nyakrom, St. Monica's Practice
19 July Swedru Presby, Sekyedumase
22 July Don Bosco, Bodomase
24 July Odoben Ahmadiyya
29 July Okumaning, Obanda, Badu
31 July Nkwanteng, Traa

** District Based Activities **

District Directors and CPCs Workshops

5-6 August Eastern Region
8-9 August Volta and Greater Accra Region
12-13 August Central Region
15-16 August Western Region
19-20 August Ashanti Region
26-27 August Brong Ahafo Region

Cohort 1 & 2 District Grant Management Training

3-6 July	Assin, Mfantisman, Abora-Asebu-Kwamankese
9-12 July	Adansi East, Atwima, Ahafoano
16-19 July	Birim South, West Akim, East Akim
23-26 July	Asunafo, Asutifi, Dangme West
30 July-2 August	Ahanta West, Bibiani, Accra Metro
5-8 August	Assin Foso, Mfantisman, Abura Asebu

Cohort 1 & 2 District Grant Review Workshops

14-16 August	Adansi East, Atwima, Ahafo Ano North
21-23 August	West Akim, East Akim, Birim South
26-28 August	Asunafo, Asutifi, Dangme West, Accra Metro
2-4 September	Ahanta West, Bibiani
9-11 September	Assin, Mfantisman, Abura Asebu

Cohort 4 Tranche 2 Review Workshops

30 Sept.-1 Oct.	Dormaa, Jaman, Tano
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**** M&E Capacity Building Program ****

Cohort 1 & 2 District Visits

30-31 July	Adansi East, Abura Asebu, Asutifi
1-2 August	Assin Foso, Asunafo, Atwima
5-6 August	East Akim, Accra Metro, Ahafo Ano North
8-9 August	Dangme West, West Akim, Birim South
12-13 August	Mfantisman, Bibiani
15-16 August	Ahanta West

Cohort 1 & 2 Cluster Training 1

5-9 August	Adansi East, Atwima, Ahafo Ano North, Asunafo, Asutifi
12-16 August	Birim South, East Akim, West Akim, Accra Metro, Dangme West
19-23 August	Assin Foso, Mfantisman, Abura Asebu, Ahanta West, Bibiani

Cohort 3 North District Visit

15-16 July	Gushiegu/Karaga, Bolga, Nadowli
17-18 July	West Gonja, Bawku, Jirapa Lambussie

Cohort 3 North Cluster Training 1

22-24 July	Gushiegu Karaga, West Gonja, Bawku East, Bolgatanga, Jirapa Lambussie, Nadowli
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Cohort 4 South On-Site Training 2

23-24 July	Kadjebi, Tano, Krachi
25-26 July	Nkwanta, Kwabere, Jasikan
30-31 July	Afigya Sekyere
1-2 August	Jaman
19-20 August	Wassa Amenfi, Ga, Twifo Heman
22-23 August	Asuogyaman, Nzema East, Mpohor Wassa
27-28 August	Dormaa, Yilo Krobo
29-30 August	Ejisu Juaben, Manya Krobo

Cohort 4 North On-Site Training 1

2-3 July	Nanumba, Zabzugu/Tatale, Bongo, and Sissala districts
4-5 July	East Gonja, Saboba/Chereponi, Kassena-Nankana

Cohort 4 North On-Site Training 2

24-25 September Nanumba, Zabsugu/Tatale, Bongo, Sissala
26-27 September East Gonja, Saboba/Chereponi, Kassena-Nankana, East Mamprusi

Cohort 5 South District Visit

27-28 August Sekyere East, Techiman
29-30 August Sekyere West, Wenchi
2-3 September Agona, Sefwi Wiaso, North Tongu, Ejura Sekyedumase
5-6 September Asikuma Obohen, Juaboso Bia, Tema, Offinso
9-10 September Gomoa, Awutu Efutu Senya, Nkoranza
12-13 September Akwapim South, Kwaebibirim, Birim North

Cohort 5 South Cluster Training 1

9-13 September Ejura Sekyedumase, Sekyere West, Sekyere East, Offinso, Wenchi, Techiman, Nkoranza
16-20 September Agona, Asikuma, Awutu Efutu Senya, Gomoa, Sefwi Wiaso, Juaboso Bia
Akwapim South, Birim North, Kwaebibirem, Tema, North Tongu

Cohort 5 North District Visit

8-9 July Builsa, Lawra, West Mamprusi
10-11 July Bole, Savelugu/Nanton

Cohort 5 North Cluster Training 1

15-19 July Builsa, Lawra, West Mamprusi, Bole, Savelugu/Nanton

**** IEC Activities ****

Radio

2, 16 & 30 July Brong Ahafo, Sunyani
13 & 27 July Central, Cape Coast
8 & 22 July Ashanti, Kumasi

13 & 27 August Brong Ahafo, Sunyani
10 & 24 August Central, Cape Coast
5 & 19 August Ashanti, Kumasi

10 & 24 Sept. Brong Ahafo, Sunyani
7 & 21 Sept. Central, Cape Coast
2, 16, & 30 Sept. Ashanti, Kumasi

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE QUARTER

Contract:	Total Estimated Amount	\$ 11,111,886
Expenditures:	Actual Cumulative Expenditures through 31 March 2002	5,296,904
	Estimated Expenditures for 1 April – 30 June 2002	587,713
	Estimated Cumulative Expenditures through 30 June 2002	5,884,617
Remaining Unexpended Balance:		\$5,227,269