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Section 1: Summary of Project Objectives and Results

A. Project Objectives

Development Alternatives, Inc (DAI) is the implementing partner of the Burundi Post-Conflict Transition Assistance Program (PCTAP). PCTAP was established to be a significant USAID partner in the international effort providing assistance to the new Burundi post-transition national government and civil society organizations. International support to Burundi is underpinned by the thus far steady implementation of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement of August 2000 and focuses on consolidating gains since the 2005 mid-year elections were concluded. DAI is assisted in implementing PCTAP by ACCORD and CARE.

The four main objectives of PCTAP are:

- Objective 1: Increase the ability of local government officials and community-based organizations to manage conflict and govern effectively, transparently and inclusively.
- Objective 2: Building the capacity of selected PTG entities and civil society groups to formulate, promote and manage legislative and administrative reforms in an inclusive and conflict sensitive manner.

B. Overview at end of the Fifth Quarter

In the fifth quarter, the PCTAP program completed the nationwide good governance training program training 6,112 people in 111 communes. Participants included 4,884 administrators, 1,036 member of civil society, 39 members of the media, and 153 traditional leaders. These figures are in addition to the 926 people trained in the last week of the 4th quarter. A total of 7,038 people were trained in the nationwide training program in the 4th and 5th quarters. In this quarter, DAI also signed memos of understanding with five national government partners for specific activities to build their capacity and make them more operational. These partners include the Ministry of Good governance, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Justice, Land Commission, and the National Commission for the Coordination of Aid. DAI's partner ACCORD also commenced activities with consultations with stakeholders in the national level government to determine the legislation process that ACCORD intends to help facilitate.

Section II: Progress to date based on results indicators

- Progress on objectives 1:
 - Nine weeks of training of locally elected officials and members of civil society, media organizations, and traditional leaders (October 1 to December 2): DAI completed nine weeks of training, concluding the principal phase of good governance training for locally elected officials. The training occurred in 111 communes, and 6,112 people attended the training. Participants included 4,884 administrators, 1,036 member of civil society, 39 members of the media, and 143 traditional leaders. See Annex 1 for participant data, disaggregated by training location, gender, and role in the community.

Participants were trained on a curriculum consisting of nine modules on the following topics:

- Civic education on democratic values,
- Separation of powers,
- Conflict management,
- Community participation in local government,

- Transparency and anti-corruption,
 - Analysis of gender and minority group exclusion,
 - Individual rights and human rights,
 - Leadership and management,
 - Micro-project management.
- Progress on Objective 2:
 - ACCORD staff members Vasu Gounden, Jerome Sachane, and Kwezi Mdgqibisa met with three representatives of the Government of Burundi from Nov. 22 to 25, 2006. These representatives hailed from the President's office and Parliament. Consultations focused on the identification of legislation that ACCORD will support, and this legislation was to have been decided in December meetings upon final meetings with the Minister of Justice. Other topics of discussion were the capacity-building training workshops planned for 2007. In addition, the participants began planning for a process that would assess the current challenges and priorities of the Government of Burundi in the short-, mid-, and long-term and deal with these alongside ongoing crisis management needs. ACCORD's Burundi staff continued to conduct research on various potential legislations processes in Burundi. Adelin Hatungimana met with officials in the national legislation service as well as various ministries for updates on ongoing legislation processes.
 - DAI and International Alert finalized preparations for an anti-corruption study (grant G-PCTAP-008). This study will explore the phenomenon of corruption of Burundi, its deep-rooted causes and its manifestations in order to be able to propose appropriate strategies to reduce it in the medium term. This activity will begin January 22, 2007 for a period of 2 months.
 - DAI and New Image Association, a local theater and film organization, began a grant to create a 12-episode television series exploring themes of peace and reconciliation, specifically targeting youth. In December 2006, New Image Association filmed the first six episodes in partnership with RTNB, the government-run television broadcaster. This grant activity will conclude in the sixth quarter with airing on RTNB.
 - DAI signed memos of understanding (MoU) with five government ministries and institutions. These partners include the Ministry of Good governance, Ministry of Communication, Ministry of Justice, Land Commission, and the National Commission for the Coordination of Aid. DAI drafted each MoU with the collaboration of the partner and represents financial, material support, and/or capacity building. The MoUs describe specific areas of collaboration. DAI Project Officers (pending budget realignment) will work closely with the partners to draft grant proposals with measurable objectives, design realistic budgets, and assist in the implantation of activities. Through this collaboration, DAI will build the capacity of policy makers and civil servants to seek funding in a cost-effective and efficient manner. It important to note that DAI Project Officers will serve as mentors to the relevant partner in the development of indicators and measurable impact. This will be an indirect capacity building activity in itself. MoUs and specific activities include but are not limited to:
 - **Ministry of Communication** – In an effort to normalize the relationship between the GoB and the media and improve access to information for all Burundians, DAI seeks to strengthen the capacity of the National Council for Communication (CNC) and the Ministry through the following activities;

- 1) DAI will finance the organization of a workshop with the aim of improving access to information in Burundi. The President of the CNC requested this activity.
- 2) DAI will finance workshops with the CNC aimed at reinforcing the capacity of media representatives. It is important that these meetings be the initiative of the CNC and not the media, because the GoB needs to take lead in rebuilding the relationship between the government and the media.
- 3) DAI will finance the modernizing of the Burundian written press by purchasing and installing a computer network in the national press building. DAI will also finance the training of the 20 journalists and the administrative staff.
- 4) DAI will finance a 75% increase in copies of the Burundian paper *Ubumwe*, the only paper written in the national language. DAI and the Ministry of the Interior will assist the paper with the distribution of the additional copies to the local elected officials in the interior of the country. The paper will devote additional coverage to policies supporting good governance, as well as expanded coverage of news and information relevant to local government administrators.

- **Ministry of Justice – In order to make the Ministry of Justice more operational and improve access to services for Burundian citizens, the following activities were selected;**

- 1) DAI will hire a firm to design a computer program to facilitate data management for files and cases, as well as providing a proper system for archiving of important legal information. This system will reduce the workload and make case handling more efficient. It will also improve access to public information and decrease corruption.
- 2) DAI will provide (30) computers to the Superior and Provincial courts and finance the training of (90) court staff on the computer program.
- 3) DAI will finance the publishing (printing) of the Official Burundi Bulletin, improve access to information and make the system more transparent.
- 4) DAI will provide material support to the three main Law Libraries (Tribunes de Grandes Instance de Bujumbura, Gitega and Ngozi).
- 5) DAI will finance the printing of selected legal texts and laws for use within the courts and tribunals.
- 6) DAI will finance the purchase of robes for judges, giving credibility to the profession by improving the image of the court.
- 7) DAI will finance three meetings organized by the Minister of Justice to discuss judicial reforms.

- **Ministry of Good Governance – In support of the Ministry’s anti-corruption policy as well as to make the Ministry more operational, the following activities were selected.**

- 1) DAI will finance the purchasing of computer equipment and office equipment for the Ministry office. They will also purchase and install a generator.
- 2) DAI will pay for training of Ministry staff on the use of the aforementioned equipment.
- 3) DAI will finance the training of Ministry staff regarding the new Ministerial Strategy on “anti corruption.”
- 4) DAI will assist the Ministry in the preparation and execution of capacity building workshops for 10 staff members of the Ministries involved in the prevention and eradication of corruption (Ministries of Justice, GG, Communication, Interior and Finance). A total of 50 people will be trained.
- 5) DAI will assist and finance the capacity building of media and civil society in regards to their respective roles in the prevention of corruption.

- 6) DAI will assist the Ministry in designing a media campaign geared at informing the population of good governance practices and recognizing and stopping corruption. DAI will finance the media campaign.
 - 7) At the request of the Ministry, DAI will select an international NGO to work in close collaboration with a national NGO in conducting a survey on corruption at the grassroots level, where the poorest members of society are usually the victims.
- **National Land Commission (CNTB) - Provide better access to citizens currently seeking judgments on land issues. In order to make this new commission operational DAI has agreed to finance the following activities;**
 - 1) DAI will assist in the development of and subsequently fund a capacity-building forum for the 21 national members and the 108 provincial members of the CNTB. The training will focus on conflict resolution and the laws that govern land reform.
 - 2) DAI will pay for the acquisition and installation of computers for the national office and the training commission members and commission staff.
 - 3) DAI will also pay for the acquisition and installation of a generator for the national office.
 - **The National Committee for the Coordination of Aid (CNCA) – At the request of the USAID country representative, DAI agrees to support the CNCA in order to make this new committee operational. Once operational, this committee will ensure the proper coordination of all national and international NGOs, contractors and donors.**
 - 1) DAI has agreed to supply office equipment (not computers) to the national committee.
 - 2) DAI has agreed to sponsor training for the staff of the committee on subjects selected by the committee.
 - 3) DAI has agreed to pay for printing of documents required by the committee in order to provide the committee and their partners with relevant information.
 - 4) DAI has agreed to pay for four donor coordination meetings that will be hosted by the CNCA.
 - **Minister of the Interior– This MoU covers the national training sessions in Good Governance in which about 7,000 elected officials, members of civil society, media representatives and traditional leaders attended a 6 day training session held in all 129 communes of the 17 provinces of Burundi. This same MoU covers the inter-provincial micro project competition and the financing of 17 micro projects that are currently being selected.**
 - **Ministry of the Interior - This second MoU with this Ministry consists of several activities that are essential for decentralization, which will ensure better access to services across the country. The activities selected by the Ministry are as follows:**
 - 1) DAI will finance a two-day workshop/capacity-building session for 600 persons working in local administrations at the communes and provincial level (secretaries, technical councilors and accountants) using training modules developed by the Ministry.
 - 2) DAI will assist in the preparation and sponsor a 2-day workshop on Community Development for the 129 commune administrators.
 - 3) At the request of the Minister, members of communal councils living in Bujumbura who were unable to attend training in the respective communes will attend the good governance training in a workshop organized and paid for by DAI.
 - 4) DAI will pay for the printing of the Ministry paper called *La Realite*. This paper informs readers of the actions being taken by the Ministry and helps keep citizens informed.

Chapter III: Other accomplishments

- Emre Ersenkal, the project's associate backstop at DAI's headquarters, traveled to Burundi for 3 weeks to assist project staff in developing a performance management plan, program management tools for upcoming microproject activities, an environmental review process, and a realigned budget.

Chapter IV: Use of funds during the quarter

- Fifth quarter - \$872,744.09
 - October 2006 - \$400,870.53
 - November 2006 - \$371,815.85
 - December 2006 - \$100,057.71
- Total contract (September 30, 2005 – December 31, 2006): \$2,076,035.81
- Planned expenditures (January 2007 - March 2007): \$500,000

Chapter IV: Level of effort in person – days

This section provide detailed information on how much time was originally allotted under for key personnel, how much of it has been used to date and how much of it was used during the reporting period of July to September 2006.

Category	Employee Name	LOE budgeted	LOE Current Period	LOE Total Contract
LTTA: COP	Michelle Momy	438	50	211
LTTA: Grants and Operations Manager	Katherine Overcamp/Merid Kebede	438	54	266.5

ANNEX ONE: PARTICIPANT DATA FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE TRAINING, WEEK 2 – 10

Week 2 - 10
2 octobre - 2 decembre 2006
5th Quarter

Province	Administration			Societe Civile			Media			Leader Traditional			TOTAL
	M	F	Sous-total	M	F	Sous-total	M	F	Sous-total	M	F	Sous-total	
Ngozi	409	53	462	57	42	99	4	0	4	13	1	14	579
Kirundo	251	37	288	43	23	66	0	0	0	6	4	10	364
Kayanza	358	57	415	61	30	91	1	0	1	7	7	14	521
Muyinga	277	48	325	37	30	67	3	0	3	2	1	3	398
Bururi	307	40	347	49	23	72	3	0	3	9	5	14	436
Makamba	209	22	231	31	20	51	2	0	2	8	2	10	294
Mwaro	165	30	195	30	15	45	1	0	1	5	1	6	247
Rutana	203	26	229	28	16	44	0	1	1	5	5	10	284
Karusi	249	39	288	42	15	57	0	0	0	1	1	2	347
Ruyigi	248	47	295	44	11	55	1	0	1	5	3	8	359
Gitega	377	64	441	66	24	90	5	0	5	4	2	6	542
Cankuso	136	30	166	20	9	29	0	0	0	6	3	9	204
Bubanza	144	14	158	22	11	33	1	1	2	7	0	7	200
Cibitoke	183	29	212	36	12	48	3	0	3	2	2	4	267
Muramvya	121	17	138	17	18	35	0	0	0	3	1	4	177
Buja Mairie	206	71	277	38	28	66	10	1	11	15	4	19	373
Buja Rural	366	51	417	56	32	88	2	0	2	13	0	13	520
Total	4209	675	4884	677	359	1036	36	3	39	111	42	153	6112