



NETWORK FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN GHANA (NETRIGHT)

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



PROJECT TITLE

Strengthening Women's Agency to Demand Accountability, Equity & Transparency from Industry Actors for Improved Livelihoods

BRIEF PROJECT BACKGROUND

The oil and gas value chain focuses on the scientific, technical and economic aspects utilising the knowledge and experiences of other countries.

There are however critical social and gender related inequalities such as the interrelationships between power, access to resources and increased voice and representation of women which has to be taken into consideration, if the oil and gas industry must deliver on development outcomes in Ghana particularly on issues that relate to the livelihoods of the different groups of women and men that depend directly and indirectly on the industry.

CSOs have contributed community and national level information on the impact of the 'oil find' on the livelihoods of women and men in some selected oil and gas communities in the Western Region. There has also been some level of policy engagement to mainstream gender in the oil and gas policy frameworks, however, there are as yet no clear gender frameworks set to address gender gaps and achieve concrete benefits for women and men of different social groups.

The project aims at increasing participation of women and socially excluded groups in the oil and gas industry to promote gender-responsive policy formulation and budgeting, monitoring and evaluation in Ghana.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

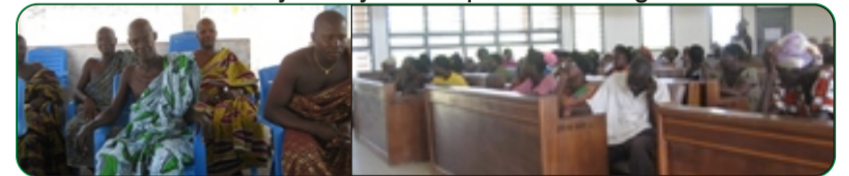
- ❑ Establishment of 2 Advocacy Platforms (GAP & WACOM)
- ❑ Submission presented to the Ministry of Finance on gender considerations for the review of the Petroleum Revenue Management Act 2011 (Act 815)
- ❑ Knowledge Products
 - Assessment of Gender Gaps in Oil and Gas Laws, Regulations and Policies that impede Women's Participation in the Oil and Gas Industry in Ghana (published)
 - An Assessment of the Oil and Gas Sector Operation in Ghana from a Gender Perspective (with printers)
 - Gender Analysis Report on Jomoro District Assembly MTDP (unpublished)
 - Community Baseline Survey Report for the Jomoro District (unpublished)
- ❑ Project Acceptance by Districts Assemblies, Traditional Councils and communities in project districts – through continued collaboration
- ❑ Increased media reportage

KEY LESSONS LEARNT

- ❑ **Media:** The media remains a good tool in increasing awareness on project activities. It reaches a wider audience and ensures participation and free expression of the general public from diverse backgrounds in discussions. Providing detailed information on key aspects of the project to media persons has led to deeper analysis of the importance of women's participation in oil and gas exploration and production in media reportage on the overarching theme of the project.
- ❑ **Stakeholders Engagement:** Engaging different stakeholders in project activities enhance constituency building, networking and ownership of project. It is also a good practice in ensuring that institutions within the oil and gas sector are well informed of gender gaps within the sector and proposed recommendations by the project.
- ❑ **Project Coverage:** The need to ensure that project coverage is a fair representation of communities in the district. The project team must make a conscious effort to organize activities in different communities in the project districts. It is therefore very important that many more communities benefit from other activities, which will also help in creating awareness on the project.
- ❑ **Collaboration:** Collaborating with other oil and gas GPs in the Western Region enhanced our engagement in the district.

Milestone 1

Jomoro Community Entry – Inception Meetings



Training Program – Jomoro District



Milestone 2

Presentation of Petition to Ellembelle District Assembly



Consultative Meetings/Community Engagement – Jomoro District



Milestone 3

Media Encounter - Accra



Media Seminar



Takoradi

Accra



Meeting with Western Nzema Traditional Council - Beyin

Meeting with Allowule Women's Groups

Meeting with Jomoro District Assembly



GAP Meeting

Radio Call-In Program at Ankobra FM

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