



**THIRD REPORT:
POST-ELECTIONS INTERVENTIONS IN
GHANA SINCE 2009**

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INTRODUCTION:

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) government is 20 months old in office (January 2009-August 2010). The government has been publicly and verbally assessed by both political analyst and opposition political parties. In most of these assessments, positions of individuals or institutions are often centered on issues making the news within the period of assessment. However, the CDD/African Elections Project (AEP) tracks the progress in administering the country by the present government through a carefully selected set of indicators as reviewed in the party's manifesto and other allied development documents.

This is the third in the series of monthly reports planned to be issued by the CDD-Ghana and African Elections Project (www.africanelections.org) under the Post-Election Interventions project. The project is aimed at tracking and reporting on government's performance based on its manifesto and campaign promises.

The project assesses government's efforts to fulfill key policy commitments at national level as well as track the performance of two decentralized assemblies, the Tarkwa-Nsuaem Municipal Assembly, and the Accra Metropolitan Assembly on their 2010 plans of action.

The project team selected 10 thematic areas for the national tracking and 3 each for tracking developments in the selected assemblies. This third report is an update on development of the indicators in August 2010, and it covers the period between August 1 and August 30, 2010. 20 sub-indicators were developed under the 10 themes for the national tracking.

SUMMARY:

There were significant changes in the performance of indicators as measured for this third report. The findings from this report as compared to the first and second reports released in June and July indicate a progressive increase in the government's efforts to meet its campaign promises and policy commitments promised the people of Ghana. Out of the

20 sub-indicators being tracked under the project, the government has started actual implementation on 7 of them while preparation and planning works on 4 others is almost completed for actual project to start. In fact, the Ministry of Education has completed all arrangements to extend the School Feeding Programme to cover 1,005,000 pupils from September, 2010 from its current pupil coverage of 740,000. Again, data from the Hydrological Service Department of the Ministry of Works and Housing also revealed that Drainage construction works have taken off in selected cities across the country, including Race Course in Kumasi, Sakaman in Accra, Coastal Protection works in Anyani in the Volta region and Discove in the Western region, etc.

However, the government was yet to take action on the remaining 9 indicators (refer to table “A” below).

The three themes picked under each of the 2 assemblies (Tarkwa-Nsuaem and AMA) were assessed under the project based on their Plans of Action for 2010. The assemblies made strides (though minimal towards achieving their 2010 targeted plans of Action during this reporting period (August 2010). The education sectors in both assemblies, and the waste and sanitation indicators under the AMA chalked some successes during the reporting period. (See tables “B” and “C” below for more details).

TABLE A – NATIONAL INDICATORS: SNAPSHOT OF THE STATUS OF THE THEMES

Theme/indicators	MONTHS						
	January-June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<p>Agriculture: (1)train 1200 youth, provide 7000 with inputs & cultivate 5600 hectors of maize; (2)establish DAAS</p>	<p>(1)Has started with block farming; (2)yet to be implemented</p>	<p>(1)same as last month (2)same as last month</p>	<p>(1) registration is currently ongoing to register interested youth in Livestock and Fisheries (2) yet to be implemented</p>				
<p>Education: (1)extend SFP to all public primary schools; (2)replace all under tree schools with classroom blocks (there are a total of 3,427 under trees schools)</p>	<p>(1)yet to be implemented; (2)started through the Get Fund with 120 schools & want to complete 600 by Dec. 2010</p>	<p>(1)same as last month (2)same as last month</p>	<p>(1) Plans have been completed to increase the number of pupils who are beneficiaries from 740,000 to 1,005,000 by September (2) 640 schools</p>				

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			under trees have so far been replaced with class room blocks. contracts have been awarded which is expected to increase the number to 1,000 by Dec. 2010				
Health: (1)make NHIS one-stop payment; (2)establish ambulance stations in all districts	(1)NHIA has presented actuarial report to government; (2)yet to be implemented	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month	(1) Cabinet has approved the proposal and it is expected to take off by Jan. 2010 (2) same as last month				
Energy: (1)increase electricity generation by 5000 Megawatts;	(1) Yet to be implemented; (2) have secured funding for it and currently taken data on the total communities	(1)same as last month (2)same	(1)same as last month (2) the project has				

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(2)extend electricity to communities over 500 population	to be supplied.	as last month	started in certain communities through Self-Help-Project and government support programme				
Employment: (1)train trainees trainers in ICT; (2)open up avenues for assembling equipment	(1)22 trainees trainers have been trained & the project infrastructure is being prepared; (2) no action on the equipment assemblage yet, but private entrepreneurs have been asked to take it up	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month	(1) second training programme for 50 youth started in Accra on August 23, 2010 (2) same as last month				
Infrastructure: (1)complete 38 police buildings; (2)construct drainage in the cities	(1)government has signed a contract with Korea & that includes the police buildings; (2) no action on the new drainage construction yet	(1)the contract has been withdrawn from parliament	(1) the STX contract was brought back to parliament and has been approved for				

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		(2) a drainage work from Zamrama Line to Banana-Inn is underway	the project to start (2) more drainage work has started nationwide in the cites (see comments below)				
Security & Safety: (1)build 50 tent houses; (2)drastic reduction of crime	(1)No action from the government yet (the service has build some themselves); (2) crime rate has reduced from 20,245 in January 2010 to 19, 753 in May 2010.	(1)same as last month (2) same as last month	(1)same as last month (2) same as last month (see comments below)				
Gender: (1)40% of women in government & public service; (2)establish gender units in all the districts	(1)target yet to be achieved; (2)not yet implemented	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month	(1) the government through the Gender ministry has mapped up campaign strategy to increase				

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			women participation in the District Assemblies in the upcoming elections (2) same as last month				
Corruption: (1)enact into law freedom of information bill; (2)revise assets declaration law	(1)Law before parliament; (2) law at cabinet	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month	(1) same as last month (2)same as last month				
Decentralization: (1)re-demarcate districts and sub-districts structures; (2)pay remuneration to assembly members	(1)not yet implemented; (2)not yet implemented	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month	(1) law has been passed (LI 1967, 2010) for some re-demarcation works to start (2) same as last month				

COMMENTS: The Mills administration has stepped up its efforts in its agenda to attain certain campaign promises. The government claims it has replaced 640 schools under trees with classroom blocks and has awarded additional contracts which are expected to increase the number to 1000 by December 2010. (Source: Ministry of Information). 50 additional youth also started training on Monday August 23rd, 2010 in Accra, under the youth in ICT project with the aim of reducing youth unemployment in the country. (Source: Secretariat, National Youth in ICT programme). Community electrification project has started in so many communities, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs has also launched a campaign project targeting more women to get into district assemblies by taken part in the upcoming district assembly elections.

These efforts notwithstanding, the government is yet to take practical action on 9 remaining indicators as promised. Among them is payment of remuneration to district assembly members, establishing Gender Units in all the 170 districts, enacting into law the freedom of information bill, establishing well equipped Ambulance Stations in all the 170 districts, etc. (Refer to table 'A' above for more details)

TABLE B- AMA INDICATORS: SNAPSHOT OF THE STATUS OF THE THEMES

Theme/indicators	MONTHS						
	January-June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<p>Waste & Sanitation: (1)introduce fee-based solid waste collection system (2)acquire refuse dump site for energy generation (3)procure 3 trucks for waste collection (4)construct 147 public toilets</p>	<p>(1)project started in June 2010 (2) project site has been acquired (3) all the 3 trucks procured (4)not yet implemented</p>	<p>(1)project has started (2)same as last month (3)same as last month (4)same as last month</p>	<p>(1)project is going on well but with few challenges (2) project site acquired and still waiting acquire a waste to energy plant to start operation (1)2 of the 3 trucks have broken down (4)the AMA has set a committee to look for sites for the construction of the toilets</p>				
<p>Education: (1)construct more than 2000 classroom blocks (2)increase enrolment (3)construct fence wall around Ayalolo school(4)construct fence wall around Cable & Wireless school (5)provide security lights at Cable & Wireless school (6) provide security lights at Ayalolo school (7)provide free text</p>	<p>(1)only 1 classroom block constructed (2)no achievement (3)contract awarded (4)fence wall constructed but left with gate (5)not yet implemented (6) light poles</p>	<p>(1)same as last month (2)same as last month (3)same as last month (4)same as last month (5)not yet</p>	<p>(1) 2 additional blocks of 18 unit classrooms each have been added making it 3 18 unit classroom blocks under construction (2) same as last month (3)</p>				

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books (8)provide free exercise books (9)provide free school uniforms to needy students (10)provide free furniture to students	erected but yet to fix electricity (7)not yet implemented (8)962,069 free exercise books have been provided (9)not yet implemented (10)not yet implemented	implemented (6)same as last month (7)same as last month (8)same as last month (9)same as last month (same as last month)	the contractor has been asked to demolish the fence wall (4) same as last month (5) same as last month (6) same as last month (7) same as last month (8) shared second batch to all JSS and waiting for delivery to share to all primary Schools (9)the contract has been awarded (10)contract has been awarded				
Health: (1)expand & modernize existing health facilities (2)construct a polyclinic in each Sub-Metro (3)establish specialized hospitals (4) reduce the disease burden	(1) only 1 ward of La General Hospital out of the 23 public health facilities has been renovated (2)not yet implemented (3)not yet implemented	(1)Same as last month (2)same as last month(3)same as last month	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month (3) same as last month (4) same as last month				

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	(4) some reduction of diseases were experienced within the reporting period	(4) same as last month					

COMMENTS: The AMA saw a lot of actions both negative and positive in their bid to fulfill promises in their 2010 Plan of Action. In the negative, the municipal education directorate ordered a demolishing of a fence wall constructed around the Ayalolo School. According to the authorities, the contractor did not fence the entire school land but left portion of the school land behind the fence wall. They have therefore ordered that the wall be demolished and reconstructed to fence the entire school land. Another negative development was that 2 out of the 3 trucks purchased for waste collection have broken down. (Refer to table “B” above) These notwithstanding, the AMA made progress in the indicators measuring Waste and Sanitation as well as education. Under waste and sanitation, the assembly has set up a committee to look for sites for the construction of public toilets. The assembly promised to construct 147 public toilets within the municipality in 2010. Also the authorities at the assembly expressed satisfaction with the progress of the fee-based waste collection project which was rolled out in June 2010. They however said that they are facing challenges in respect to registration of consumers, especially those without residence or commuters to the business centers for commercial activities. The assembly is still waiting to acquire a waste to energy plant so as to be able to start its proposed waste energy generation project. The site has already been acquired. (Refer to table “B” above)

On education, the assembly said contracts have been awarded for the production of school uniforms and furniture to be supplied freely to the pupils when the new academic year starts. (Refer to table “B” above). There were no changes in the health indicators.

TABLE C – TARKWA-NSUAEM INDICATORS: SNAPSHOT OF THE STATUS OF THE THEMES

Theme/indicators	MONTHS						
	January-June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Economic and Gainful Employment: (1)establish BAC at Nkwanta (2)construct 1 market at Dompim (3)construct 3 markets at Esuaso	(1)not yet implemented (2)project at foundation level (3)no information from field officer	1. same as last month 2. same as last month 3. yet to be implemented	(1) no action yet (2) project still at foundation level (3) no action yet				
Heath: (1)construct new district hospital at Dompim (2)construct 2 quarters for health personnel at Dompim (3)construct 2 community based clinics	(1)not yet implemented (2) no information from field officer (3)no information from field officer	1.same as last month 2.yet to be implemented 3.yet to be implemented	(1) no action yet (2) no action yet (3) no action yet				

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	January-June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Education: (1) construct 3-unit classroom blocks (2) provide 4 number 4-unit teachers quarters (3) Sponsor 36 more teacher trainees.	(1) construction has started on 24 classroom blocks (2)not yet implemented (3)not yet implemented	1.same, made up of 12 new ones and 12 old ones under renovation 2. same as last month 3.same as last month	(1)one 3-unit classroom block has been completed at Einyinse (2)a new 4 unit teachers quarters has been constructed at Akyem (3) no teacher was sponsored within the period				

COMMENTS: The Tarkw-Nsuaem Municipal Assembly continues to make progress, though minimal, in attaining its 2010 Plan of Action. Three sectors (Education, Gainful Employment & Health) were selected for the project. In this August report, the education sector recorded improvement in two of the sub-indicators. One 3-unit classroom block was completed and handed over to the Einyinase school authorities. In addition, 4-unit teachers' quarters was also completed and handed over to the school authorities at Akyem. However, there were no changes recorded in the Health sector as well as in the field of Economic and Gainful Employment during the month under review. (Refer to table "C")