



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

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INTRODUCTION:

The National Democratic Congress (NDC) government is 21 months old in office (January 2009-September 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/Penplusbytes project 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 fourth in the series of monthly reports planned to be issued by the CDD-Ghana and Penplusbytes 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 no significant changes in the performance of indicators as measured for this forth report. The findings from this report as compared to the one released in August shows a virtual stagnation in the performance of the indicators under review. Apart from the minimal addition to the beneficiaries of the SFP (increased from 658,223 pupils to

673,089, an increase of 14,866 pupils) there were no significant changes in the remaining 19 sub-indicators being studied. The minister of Local Government and Rural Development promised that the SFP would be increased to 1,040,000 beginning this new academic year. However, the SFP secretariat could increase the number by only 14,866. The ministry of Women and Children's Affairs has also taken the initiative to create the awareness and sensitize more women to contest the 2010 District Assembly elections. The ministry has selected 500 women from all the 10 regions for capacity building and sensitization training. Other actions have also been started under Youth in Agricultural Programme, Youth in ICT, National Ambulance Programme, etc.

In all no indicator out of the total 20 sub-indicators being studied has successfully been completed. The government has started action on 13 of them and they are in the various stages of preparation and implementation. However, the government is yet to take action on the remaining 7 sub-indicators as planned in the various development blueprints. (See table 'A' below for details)

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 Tarkwa-Nsuaem assembly did not make any progress in any of the 3 indicators (Education, Health and Gainful employment) selected for the study during this September monthly review.

However, the Accra Metropolitan assembly chalked some successes in the education sector during the 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 hectares 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>(1) the ministry has completed registration of youth & waiting for funds to be released for their training and rope them into the YIAP: fisheries, Agro-Business, & Livestock (2)same as last month</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</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</p>	<p>(1) The logistics officer at the SFP secretariat said the actual figure is 658, 223 (and not 740,000) and</p>			

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under trees schools)			from 740,000 to 1,005,000 by September (2) 640 schools 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	has been increased to 673, 089. He is still sure they can increase it to 1,040,000 as planned. (same as last month)			
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	(1) The NHIA has developed implementation plan and ready to implement the one-time			

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			as last month	health insurance policy as soon as the law is passed. (2) The National Ambulance Authority (NAA) is currently training about 210 people selected from 21 districts.			
Energy: (1)increase electricity generation by 5000 Megawatts; (2)extend electricity to communities over 500 population	(1) Yet to be implemented; (2) have secured funding for it and currently taken data on the total communities to be supplied.	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month	(1)same as last month (2) the project has started in certain communities through Self-Help-Project and government support	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month			

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			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 56 youth started in Accra on August 23, 2010 (2) same as last month	(1) The training for the 56 youth in ICT selected from the Ashanti & Volta regions which started last month is expected to be completed this month and the beneficiaries will be attached to their various DAs as data entry clerks. (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	(1) the STX contract was brought back to parliament and has been	(1) the two parties; Ghana government and the STX company could			

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		parliament (2) a drainage work from Zamrama Line to Banana-Inn is underway	approved for the project to start (2) more drainage work has started nationwide in the cites (see comments below)	not sign the agreement (2) *****			
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)	(1) the service has built more “Tent Houses” but Supt. Kwasi Ofori could not give us figures (2) third quarter data is not ready			
Gender: (1)40% of women in government & public service; (2)establish gender units in all the	(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	(1) 50 women from each region were selected for capacity			

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districts			mapped up campaign strategy to increase women participation in the District Assemblies in the upcoming elections (2) same as last month	building and will be deployed to their various districts to train more women and sensitize them and encourage them to contest for upcoming DA elections. (2) not yet implemented			
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	(1)same as last month (2) same as last month			

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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	(1) same as last month (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
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	(1)project started in June 2010 (2) project site has been acquired (3) all the 3 trucks procured (4)not yet implemented	(1)project has started (2)same as last month (3)same as last month (4)same as last month	(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 (3)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	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month (3)the 2 broken down trucks have still not been repaired (4)the committee is still working on the sites			
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	(1)only 1 classroom block constructed (2)no achievement (3)contract awarded (4)fence wall constructed but left with	(1)same as last month (2)same as last month (3)same as last month (4)same	(1) 2 additional blocks of 18 unit classrooms each have been added making it 3 18 unit classroom blocks	(1) more blocks are under construction but the			

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Cable & Wireless school (6) provide security lights at Ayalolo school (7)provide free text books (8)provide free exercise books (9)provide free school uniforms to needy students (10)provide free furniture to students	gate (5)not yet implemented (6) light poles 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	as last month (5)not yet 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)	under construction (2) same as last month (3) 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	director could not give figures (2)school had just reopened (3)same as last month (4)same as last month (5)same as last month (6)same as last month (7)no text book provided (8)a total of 1,735,179 exercise books provided and yet to			

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				be distributed (9) no school uniforms provided (10)no furniture provided			
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 (4) some reduction of diseases were experienced within the reporting period	(1)Same as last month (2)same as last month(3)same as last month (4)same as last month	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month (3) same as last month (4) same as last month	1) same as last month (2) same as last month (3) same as last month (4) same as last month			

COMMENTS: The two negative developments which affected the development plan on the AMA are yet to be solved (demolishing of the school fence wall and the broken down trucks). (Refer to table “B” above). The AMA is also yet to meet most of the promises made in its 2010 plan of action. The assembly is yet to provide students with free school uniforms, free text books, and furniture. The promise to build fence walls around the Ayalolo and Cable and Wireless schools is also outstanding. The plan to provide security lights in these same schools is also grounded after erection of light poles.

Under waste and sanitation, there was no progress in this reporting period from what was reported in the August report. (Refer to table “B” above)

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	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month (3) same as last month			
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	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month (2) same as last month			

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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	(1) same as last month (2) same as last month (3) same as last month			

COMMENTS: There were no changes in the status of development in the various indicators being studied in this September review. The Tarkw-Nsuaem Municipal Assembly made progress in the education sector during the August review by completing one 3-unit classroom block for the Einyinase School and 4-unit teachers' quarters for Akyem School. However, the assembly's development activities under the three themes understudy (Education, Health & gainful employment) came to a standstill during this September review.