

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA) - Africa

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Financial Arrangements for FY09 (Amount in US \$ Million)	
Total Budget:	6.37
DGF Funding Request:	1.50
DGF Percentage:	23%
Objectives and Expected Outcomes	
<p>This initiative directly supports the Bank's corporate priority on Africa, including the recommendations of the Africa Capacity Building Task Force Report and the Africa Action Plan. Both reports emphasize the imperative of restoring public confidence in Africa governments, and the necessity of doing this by developing an active, informed and engaged civil society capable of articulating citizens' needs, and of pushing for better governance. As such, the initiative also supports the Bank's overall Governance and Anti-Corruption Strategy.</p> <p>The <u>objectives</u> of the African Alliance for Social Accountability (AASA) are to: develop cross-country collaboration on social accountability and demand-side governance initiatives; provide technical assistance to different countries so the quality of social accountability initiatives is greatly enhanced; deliver training programs on specific tools and techniques; and share country experiences and lessons from social accountability and demand-side governance initiatives regionally and globally.</p> <p>The <u>expected outcomes</u> from the operationalization of the Alliance will be a) the creation and maintenance of a vibrant regional network on social accountability/demand-side governance, and b) significant improvements in the technical quality of social accountability initiatives across the region. Both these outcomes will lead to greater acceptance and use of social accountability tools and methods by non-state actors for the improvement of African governance.</p>	
Main Components	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Operationalization of the Affiliated Network on Social Accountability through establishment of Secretariat, and creation of a regionally representative governance mechanism with communications and networking functions. (ii) Country and multi-country social accountability initiatives and programs through providing expert advice, technical assistance and quality control over the design and implementation of initiatives. (iii) Training and skills building via regional and country-based training programs on specific social accountability tools and methodologies. (iv) Research and knowledge management activities at country and regional level. 	

Performance Indicators

- (i) Operationalization of the network, run by a dedicated Secretariat and advised by a formal Technical Advisory Board.
- (ii) Financial support leveraged against at least 2 larger scale social accountability initiatives and capacity building support provided to at least 8 countries in the region, including Francophone, Lusophone and Anglophone countries.
- (iii) Formal training programs on social accountability and demand-side governance approaches, tools, and programs designed and delivered to country and regional participants.
- (iv) Strong regional network on social accountability/demand-side governance approaches, tools and programs established.

Progress and Achievements

All outcomes anticipated for the FY07 period have been met. These include:

- Operationalization of ANSA-Africa with Secretariat and Governance Structure in place; 3 meetings of Executive Committee held; Project Manager, Network Specialist, Communications Specialist hired. Second annual stakeholders conference held.
- Financial support leveraged against larger scale social accountability initiatives: These include: Africa Social Accountability Profile (ASAP) completed in six countries and development of African Social Accountability Sourcebook.
- Training programs on social accountability and demand-side governance. These include: Regional Forum on Decentralization and Service Delivery for Francophone Africa, Ethiopia Social Accountability Workshop, Madagascar National Forum on Social Accountability and Africa Regional Conference on Participatory Budgeting. More than 19 Africa countries represented in these events.
- Strong network of 1,600 practitioners established. Communication, outreach and network strategy established. Website, monthly newsletter and communications toolkit produced.
- Resource mobilization strategy developed, including extensive liaison with potential donor partners.
- Full disbursement (\$500,000) of FY07 resources.

Partners

C.S. Mott Foundation, DFID, Development Bank of Southern Africa, European Union, Irish Aid, Germany, Google.org, IDRC, Netherlands, SDC.

Governance and Management

Staffing of Secretariat complete. Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Group in place with procedures outlined. Second annual stakeholders conference held (May 2008). Executive Committee fully functional in endorsing strategic action plan and operations manual, and in approving initial actions to be undertaken during FY08.

Exit Strategy

FU09 will be the last year of DGF Window Two funding.

Resource mobilization strategy in place, with commitment of funds from DFID (via Communications Manager). The Secretariat is actively pursuing increased funding from Irish Aid, DFID, Google.org, IDRC, the EU and the Netherlands. A global seed fund has been established as part of a sister facility, the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability – Southeast Asia, which will mobilize funding for a regional ANSAs and ensure cross-fertilization of work among all ANSAs.