

Africa Education Watch – Implementation Report

Period Covered: 07/2008 to 31/12/2008

National Chapter/Country: Ti Uganda

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I. Overview

Please provide a general description of progress made. Where possible, please describe what indicators you used to measure progress.

Progress made towards programme outcomes and objectives:

Please reflect in one or two sentences per outcome listed what progress you think your national chapter has made towards meeting the following Africa Education Watch programme objectives; where no progress has been made, please note “nothing to report”:

- *Ultimate Outcome: to enhance accountability and transparency in the use of financial resources in the seven programme countries, so that primary education resources are more effectively used.*

Progress made:

- A research-based survey to identify levels of resource leakage, wastage, corruption in the use of primary education resources in Uganda was finalized during the reporting period.
- The survey findings will now be shared and debated by stakeholders at various levels through local restitution meetings and other forum to give space for the recommendations to be considered and the necessary steps to be put in place to see that they are implemented

- *Intermediate Outcome 1.2: National civil society, including education NGOs and media, is more knowledgeable and concerned about waste, leakage, corruption and accountability mechanisms in primary education.*

Progress made:

Nothing to report

- *Intermediate Outcome 1.2: National civil society makes concrete policy recommendations for more effective use of primary education resources*

Progress made:

Nothing to report

- *Intermediate Outcome 1.3: National civil society, including education NGOs and media increases and prioritizes demand for action on transparency and accountability in primary education*

Progress made:

Nothing to report

- *Intermediate Outcome 2: Education and finance officials are more aware of and deal more proactively with transparency and accountability in primary education*

Progress made:

Nothing to report

- *Intermediate Outcome 3: Donors and EFA international stakeholders address issues that have been identified as key to using resources more effectively by the Education Watch Programme, and aid effectiveness increases*

Progress made:

Nothing to report

II. Summary of Activities

Please create one entry in this category for each activity or event that took place during the period covered. Each activity/event shall be shortly described as per the following format.

a. **Activity/Event 1: National Assessment**

Date: July 2007- September 2008

Location: Uganda

Implemented by: TI Uganda

Type and number of participants: The participants were mainly providers and users of primary education services such as; community members, school administrators, members of school management committees, teachers, local civil servants etc. A total of 1483 respondents were drawn from 17 districts in Uganda

Short summary:

The assessment was conducted in the four regions of Uganda (Northern, Western, Eastern and Central), in a total of 17 districts. It generated empirical data on leakage and wastage in the use of primary education. The survey employed largely qualitative methodology using structured questionnaires and focused discussions. It presents findings of household interviews, community members, school administrators and management committees, teachers and local civil servants

The survey deduced evidence of corruption, waste and leakages in the use of primary education. The most prevalent is petty corruption that permeates the day-to-day transactions at the classroom, school, and district levels, such as teacher absenteeism, illegal charges, delayed teacher salaries, bribery and fraud, non-compliance with UPE Guidelines and poor record keeping in schools which hampers accountability among others. The findings point various recommendations to target government, civil society, education NGOs, funding agencies and other education stakeholders.

b. **Activity/Event 2: EWA Advocacy Workshop**

Date 06-08 October, 2008

Location: Germany

Implemented by:

Type and number of participants:

Short summary:

TI Uganda participated in the Africa Education Watch Advocacy Training Workshop, which was held in Berlin, Germany from 6-8 October 2008. The purpose of the workshop

was to train the Africa Education Watch national coordinators in advocacy planning and techniques, and to coordinate the last phase of the assessment work. During the workshop, participants shared common findings of the national assessments and were guided on how to develop effective advocacy strategies.

c. Activity/Event 3 Recruitment of EWA Project Coordinator

Short summary:

TI Uganda ran job adverts for EWA Project Coordinator with a local Media (Monitor Publications LTD). The Project Coordinator was recruited and has already started coordinating project activities.

III. Financial overview

Using your monthly *Register of Expenditures* please provide the following data:

▪ Expenses incurred to date (in USD):	49,969
▪ Expenses incurred to date (in local currency)	75,443,450
▪ Exchange rate local currency/USD at date of report:	1950/1
▪ Balance on advances received from TI-S to date (in USD):	5,250
▪ Estimate of the costs for the planned activities (in USD):	35,900

The financial overview should also flag any problems you foresee in terms of implementing the project successfully on the basis of the budget agreed at the start of the programme. Any requests for changing the planned allocation of resources, i.e. moving money between budget lines, have to be discussed as early with possible with TI-S.

IV. Planned activities

Please list all activities that you have planned for the next three months, providing a short description for each activity (one sentence).

1. District level discussions – Three regional meetings each of 50 participants will be conducted
2. National NGO workshops for sharing the survey findings and participation in shaping recommendations
3. Facilitation of NGO working groups for specialised dialogue and policy recommendations
4. Printing of 1000 copies of the report
5. Launch of the report – The survey report will officially be launched at a public function officiated by a key government figure to give clout to the occasion. This will be a national occasion drawing participants from different sectors; including the media for publicity and upcountry participants
6. Report dissemination to key national and lower level primary education stakeholders such

as; Members of Parliament, the Inspectorate of Government on behalf of the anticorruption institutions in Uganda, to the key ministries of Education; Finance and Economic Planning; and Local Government through the respective Ministers and to the Office of the President through the Directorate of Ethics and Integrity etc.

V. Other comments

Please use this section to provide any other feedback you have concerning the implementation of the Africa Education Watch programme both in your country as well as at a regional level, including any changes you foresee to the original conception of the programme in your country. Please also share any suggestions you might have that could help us improve our impact and thus contribute to the success of the programme.

1. The national assessment process took longer than it was anticipated, which delayed other planned activities. However, this activity is now completed and project implementation will continue as scheduled.
2. The exchange rate of dollar/shilling has increased to over 1950/1 and the rate of inflation in Uganda is generally high, which may require adjusting some activities in the budget such as the printing costs
3. There is a need for a Project Laptop for the Coordinator to maximize time on the project within and outside office