



GHANA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (GHEITI)

2020 GHEITI WORKPLAN

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The 2020 work plan clearly spells out the GHEITI Secretariat's priority areas as established by the Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG). In accordance with Requirement 1.5 of the EITI Standard, the MSG, in consultation with key stakeholders, is mandated to develop and publish a current and fully costed work plan based on national priorities of the extractive sector in Ghana and aligned with the reporting and Validation deadlines established by the EITI board. The work plan sets out measurable targets and timelines for the implementation of the agreed activities to attain the intended objectives.

The GHEITI Secretariat and the MSG in consultation with key stakeholders in January 2020, jointly developed a comprehensive work plan to guide the implementation of GHEITI's activities for the period January – December, 2020. The work plan seeks to:

- facilitate Ghana's EITI mainstreaming, actual implementation/capture of Beneficial Ownership (BO) information in the system deployed;
- tackle key fundamental challenges that still confront Ghana's extractive sector;
- contribute to the nation's policy discourse and direction of enhancing accountability to achieving Government's economic transformation agenda; and
- help in domestic revenue mobilization by contributing to building a 'Ghana Beyond Aid' using the country's natural resource wealth as a catalyst.

This document lays down the framework that links planned strategic activities, objectives and deliverables with clearly stated responsibilities, budget, timelines and expected outputs for the year. The MSG in order to achieve the work plan's objectives will among others, execute key activities towards ensuring continuous collaboration and engagement with key stakeholders to consolidate gains made from policy/legislative reforms to actual implementation of beneficial ownership (BO) regime, Ghana commodity trading project, mainstreaming issues and engagement of Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM) Sector players just to mention a few. There will be a mid-year review of the work plan by the MSG to track progress of implementation with a view to ensuring that the planned activities, budget and timelines are realistic, and still in line with the broader national priorities/objectives of the country given the exigencies of the time.

In view of this, the work plan has been categorised into the following broad objectives to aid smooth implementation and monitoring.

The objectives include the following:

1. Enhance citizens participation in decisions around resource extraction along the value chain;
2. To strengthen the reporting or disclosure process of natural persons behind the ownership of corporate bodies with a view to reducing corruption and improving natural resource governance;
3. Strengthen revenue management and natural resource governance;
4. To improve routine disclosure of Government, SOE and Company Information (Production, export, sub-national transfers, quasi fiscal expenditures and state participation information through mainstreaming);
5. Capacity building of the Secretariat, MSG and other Stakeholders;
6. Show the impact of EITI (direct and indirect contribution) of extractives to the economy; and
7. Enhance transparency in license allocations through mainstreaming.

Justification and Scope of the Work Plan

The current GHEITI work plan further entrenches transparency and accountability along the entire extractives value chain including license allocations, material payments and receipts, revenue collection, management and utilisation with a view to enhancing development outcomes as espoused by the EITI Standard. The implementation of the activities in the work plan is well aligned with national priorities and can contribute effectively towards the achievement of Government Economic Transformation Agenda and ‘Building a Ghana beyond Aid’ using our natural resource wealth as a vehicle.

Legislating the transparency and accountability provisions of the extractive industry governance alongside mainstreaming the data disclosures, continuous capacity building and stakeholders’ engagements on the GHEITI reports will empower the citizenry both at the local and national levels with the right information to participate effectively in decisions around our natural resources.

TABLE 1: DRAFT 2020 GHEITI WORKPLAN

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUT	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	TIMELINE	COST (GHS)	FUNDING SOURCE	OUTCOMES
Objective 1: Enhance Citizens Participation in Decisions around Resource Extraction along the Value Chain	Launch the 2017/2018 GHEITI Reports	Report on the launch	GHEITI Sec/MSG	Feb. 2020	60,000.00	GoG	Increased awareness and access to the GHEITI Reports
	Publication of the summary version of the findings and recommendations of the 2017/18 EITI Reports in the major newspapers	Newspaper	GHEITI Sec/MSG	Apr.-May 2020	30,000.00	GoG	Increase awareness on the findings and recommendations
	Develop Framework/roadmap for Mainstreaming EITI data for Mining, Oil and Gas sectors.	Mainstreaming Framework	GHEITI Sec/MSG/OGP	July 2020	247,000.00	GoG NRGI GIZ/SECO	Increased access to GHEITI Information
	Collaborate with the International Secretariat to conduct a pilot study on empowering	Report	International Secretariat, MSG and GHEITI Secretariat	Jan. – July 2020		International Secretariat	Empower communities to participate in the oversight of the extractive sector

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	Organise Media engagement with IFEJ/ Editors on the 2017/18 GHEITI Mining, Oil and Gas Sectors reports	Media Publication	GHEITI Sec/MSG	May 2020	75,000.00	SECO	Deeper understanding on the GHEITI Reports
OBJECTIVE 2: To strengthen the reporting or disclosure process of natural persons behind the	Collaborate with RGD to officially launch the Beneficial Ownership Register	BO Register in place	MSG/RGD and GHEITI Secretariat	October, 2020			Increase awareness on the Beneficial Ownership Register

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ownership of corporate bodies with a view to reducing corruption and improving natural resource governance	Collaborate with the Registrar General's Department (RGD) to Develop BO regulations	Meeting Report	RGD/ GHEITI Sec/MSG	June – Sept. 2020			Draft Regulations
	Collaborate with RGD to Engage stakeholders on the completion of BO templates	Meeting Report	RGD/ GHEITI Sec/MSG	June – December, 2020			Stakeholders sensitized on the completion of the templates
	Engage GHEITI Key Stakeholders on EITI Implementation in Ghana	Minutes of Meeting	GHEITI Sec/MSG	July – December, 2020	50,000	GoG	Enhance GHEITI visibility and collaboration among Stakeholders
OBJECTIVE 3: Strengthen Revenue Management	Organise Quarterly GHEITI MSG meetings to	Minutes of Meeting	GHEITI Sec/MSG	Jan – Dec 2020	20,000.00	GoG	Enhanced efficiency of implementation

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and Natural Resource Governance	discuss EITI Implementation						
	Implement the recommendations from Validation	Report	GHEITI Sec/MSG	August, 2020	5,000.00	GoG	Enhanced participatory and all-inclusive views on validation results
	Organise a mid-year review to discuss work plan implementation progress	Mid- year report on implementation status and way forward	GHEITI Sec./MSG	July, 2020	25,000.00	GoG	Tracked implementation progress and way forward
	Undertake a research study on the impact of EITI-induced reforms on revenue generation from the extractive sector	Report	GHEITI Sec./MSG/ GIZ	June-December, 2020	66,000.00	GoG/GIZ	Increase awareness on the findings and recommendations

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Objective 4: To improve routine disclosure of government, SOE and company Information (Production, export, sub-national transfers, quasi fiscal expenditures and state participation information through mainstreaming)	<u>Production and export data:</u> The upgraded Minerals Commission website to include production/export volumes and values per mineral commodity.	Production & export information by volumes and values published on the upgraded website	Minerals Commission/GH EITI Sec/MSG	April, 2020	-	-	The Minerals Commission website provides production volumes and values for each mineral commodity produced and/or exported in the year under review.
	*Procure a Consultant to produce 2018/2019 Commodity Trading Report	CT Report	GHEITI Sec/MSG	June-Dec., 2020	250,000.00	Int. EITI Sec	Increased access to GHEITI Information on CT by NOCs/IOCs

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	Licensing: Update MCAS with information on the first-come-first-served process for mining license awards, including technical and financial criteria, and license transfers.	MCAs updated	GHEITI Sec/ MSG/Minerals Commission	June, 2020	-	MinCom	The MCAS system (or new Minerals Commission website) to provide all information on the statutory process for mining license allocations and transfers listed under Requirement 2.2.a.
	<u>Subnational transfers</u> : The OASL to publish information on disbursements of subnational royalty transfers per LGU on either its website or the MLNR website, in consultation	Subnational transfers published on website	GHEITI Sec/ MSG/ OASL/MDF Sec	Dec. 2020	-	OASL	The OASL or MLNR website to provide all information listed under Requirement 5.2.a (disaggregated by local government).

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	with MDF Secretariat.						
OBJECTIVE 5: Capacity Building of the Secretariat, MSG and Other Stakeholders	Sensitize and train Stakeholders (mining and oil/gas industry and relevant Government institutions) on the BO template	Training Report	GHEITI Sec/MSG	August, 2020	60,000.00	GoG	Capacity of key stakeholders on BO template/information capture built
OBJECTIVE 6: Show the impact of EITI (Direct and Indirect Contribution) of Extractives to the Economy	Write to follow-up on the implementation of the findings and recommendations of the 2017/2018 EITI reports.	Letters to the affected institutions	GHEITI Sec/MSG	Oct. 2020	-	-	Inform policy
	Production of the 2019 Annual Progress Report	Annual Progress Report (APR)	GHEITI Sec/MSG	July-August 2020	15,000.00	GOG	Report produced and published on the GHEITI website in line with EITI Standard.

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OBJECTIVE 7: Enhance Transparency In License Allocations Through Mainstreaming	Licensing: Update Petroleum Commission (PC) website with information on the process for awarding oil and gas licenses through direct negotiations, including technical and financial criteria, and for transferring participating interests.	Website updated	GHEITI Sec/MSG/Petroleum Commission	May, 2020	-	PC	The Petroleum Register (or Petroleum Commission website) to provide all information on the statutory process for oil and gas license allocations and transfers listed under Requirement 2.2.a.
TOTAL					903,000		