

# Open Contracting Implementation in West African Regional Context

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# Objectives

- ❑ Improve transparency and accountability of public procurement and extractive industries contracting;
- ❑ Build capacity of country coalitions to monitor contracting processes and outcomes;
- ❑ Strengthen and support multi-stakeholder coalitions that will monitor the award and implementation of contracts in priority sectors;
- ❑ Create an informal regional network among the four country coalitions.

# KEY TOOLS

## STRATEGY TO ENGAGE

- ☞ Constructive Engagement
- ☞ Collaborative Engagement – Multi-Stakeholder Approach
- ☞ Inclusiveness – involve the beneficiary for sustainability

# KEY TOOLS

- ☞ Access to Information
- ☞ Quality information that allows understanding
- ☞ Simplified information that can be used for monitoring

# Country Level Project Implementation

- ⌘ **Electricity supply - Nigeria**
- ⌘ **Primary and Secondary waste management - Liberia**
- ⌘ **Road construction and school building – Sierra Leone & Ghana**

# NIGERIA - ABUJA



# Ghana Monitoring

- ∞ Assessed the Construction of George Walker Bush High Way funded by **MDA**
- ∞ Monitor the construction of roads in:
  - Greater Accra – GOG Funded
  - Central and Ashanti Regions – Japanese Govt Funded
- ∞ Assess the processes leading to the awards of road contracts and their implementation
- ∞ Developing Tools to monitor School Building





# Liberia Coalition

Seeks to address the problem of opaque procurement and contracting processes that have allowed corruption to flourish while undermining effective provision of services to citizens.

- To increase community access to information about municipal procurement and contracting processes
- To ensure that services delivered is commensurate with the value of the contract
- To establish an inclusive and sustainable monitoring framework that improves infrastructure, service and program delivery



# Sierra Leone Coalition

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# Advocacy and Policy input

- ☞ It seeks to provide a broader citizen participation and interest in the contracting and implementation.
- ☞ Multi-stakeholder approach provides increased visibility, collective protection and effectiveness for desired impact
- ☞ Shared Effort and harmonised resources for effective impact and policy engagement
- ☞ Opportunity to share local experiences and insights regionally
- ☞ Collective Regional Policy Influence and Advocacy - WAAPAC

# SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- ∞ “The contract is a point of leverage, giving the opportunity for civil society, to position itself as a legitimate actor to monitor the work being done by a company, and for this reason it needs to be accessible”  
Lorenzo
- ∞ “Open contracting reinforces mechanisms to improve accountability through inclusion and disclosure and to build trust among stakeholders through participation”  
Hamish
- ∞ Change can only happen through collaborative work and acting against all odds change through open contracting<sup>14</sup>

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