



**NATIONAL COALITION
Progress Report Guidelines
Narrative and Financial Report**



Date of Report (day/month/year):	1/1/2017	
Grant Number:	16-008	
Period Covered by this Report (from month/year to month/year):	6/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	
Names of the Organization Members of the National Coalition:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ghana Federation of Disability Organisations (GFD) - MindFreedom Ghana (MFGh) - Media Caucus on Disability (MCD) 	
Fiscal Sponsor Name (if applicable):	N/A	
Country:	Ghana	
Name of the Organization Submitting this Report:	Ghana Federation of Disability Organisations	
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Total Grant in USD:	USD65,000	
Have there been any changes to board, key staff, or high-level volunteers since the start of your grant?	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, provide updated list as an attachment.</i></p> <p><i>The coalition appointed Joshua Makubu as the new Project Officer who was assigned a short term contract after the demise of the substantive Project Officer, Isaac Tuggun</i></p>	

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When responding to these questions, please refer to the project funded by DRF and/or DRAF.

GRANT ACTIVITIES

1a. If your Coalition is working on changes to national legislation or policies, provide details below.

<p>What national legislation or policy are you working on? <i>Please specify:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What national legislation or policy is the Coalition working on? Provide specific and official title. - Which CRPD article(s) is the Coalition trying to address in working on this legislation/policy? 	<p>What is your organization's role?</p>	<p>Who are you working with and what is their role?</p>
<p>The Coalition is advocating for review of Persons with Disabilities Act 2006, (Act 715) to be fully compliant with the CRPD</p> <p>This effort is in relation to article 4(1)(B) of the UNCRPD</p>	<p>1. Passage of Specific National Legislation to Accord with the CRPD</p>	<p>The DRF Coalition is development proposals for review of the Act 715 as well as follow up to engage government to take action to review the Act to accord with the CRPD.</p> <p>GFD as a national umbrella organisation is coordinating the activities of the project and the advocacy</p>
<p>1b. What activities has the Coalition completed to facilitate changes to the above-described legislation or policy?</p>		
<p>The activities completed by the coalition included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 300 persons with disabilities marched to submit a petition to the President of the Republic of Ghana through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection to suspend an intended action to develop Legislative Instrument for Act 715 and consider its review to be congruent with the CRPD. • Follow up meeting with government through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection on the petition referred to above • Meetings with National Council on Persons with Disabilities to mobilize support for the review of Act 715 • Media activities • Meetings of the Coalition members. 		
<p>1c. What have been the results of your activities so far? Provide specifics: What is the current status/stage of the policy or legislation; i.e. has the law proposal been drafted (by whom?), is it being discussed by lawmakers or within civil society, has it been amended (by whom?), has it been passed or rejected?</p>		

There was no response from government on its actions to review the Act. However, the petition was successful as it stopped government’s efforts to develop a Legislative Instrument (LI) for Act 715. Follow up meetings with the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection as well as the National Council on Persons with Disability (NCPD) were aimed to lobbying government to suspend activities directed at development of an LI for the Act 715 which is not consistent with the CRPD.

In December, 2016, the Coalition members met with the NCPD to discuss the way forward regarding the review of the Act. This was necessary as Ghana’s governance regime would be change from 7th January, 2017 after a new political party – New Patriotic Party (NPP) was voted into power during Ghana’s Presidential and Parliamentary election on 7th December, 2016.

On 29th December, 2016, the Coalition published a story on an online media – GNA and captured by Ghana web and other media houses <http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/DRF-Coalition-urges-incoming-government-to-address-disability-concerns-498147>) calling on the new government to pay attention to the review of Act 715 when it takes office from 7th January. This was followed up with telephone interview in other electronic media houses. These activities is expected to see results after the inauguration of the new government.

1d. Are your activities helping you to achieve your objectives? If yes, how? If no, why not?

Yes, the activities are helping to achieve the objectives. This is because without the submission of the petition to the President and follow up engagements with government which succeeded in stopping government for developing the LI, the overall objective of the project would not have been meaningful.

2a. If your Coalition is working on CRPD ratification, provide details below.

What activities are you completing towards CRPD ratification?	When and where are the activities taking place? Who is the target audience?	What is your organization’s role?	Who are you working with and what is their role?
CRPD has already been ratified in Ghana in March 2012	N/A	N/A	N/A

2b. What activities has the Coalition completed towards ratification?

N/A

2c. What have been the results of your activities? What is the current status of ratification of the CRPD and /or Optional Protocol? Have they been signed or ratified? Have any reservations been made by your government on either instrument?

N/A

2d. Are your activities helping you achieve your objectives? If yes, how? If no, why not?

N/A

3a. If your Coalition is working on producing or following up on an alternative report to the CRPD Committee, provide details below.

What activities are you completing towards drafting an alternative report?	When and where have the activities taken place? Who is the target audience?	What has been your organization's role?	Who are you working with and what is their role?
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

3b. What activities has the Coalition completed towards drafting an alternative report?

N/A

3c. What have been the results of your activities? *Please specify: What stage of development is the report in? Has the report been submitted to the CRPD Committee? When? After review of the alternative report by the CRPD Committee, please describe which Concluding Observations the coalition followed up on and how?*

N/A

3d. Did your activities help you achieve your objectives? If yes, how? If no, why not?

N/A

4a. If your Coalition is working on any reports for submission to the CRPD Committee or other UN human rights mechanisms, describe the report below.

What report did you work on? <i>Please specify: - What type of report did the Coalition work on? (e.g. a state, independent, or alternative report?)</i>	Which human rights convention or instrument (ex: CEDAW, CRC, CAT, UPR)?	What was your organization's role?	Who did you work with and what was their role?
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4b. What activities has the Coalition completed towards the development and submission of the report?

N/A

4c. If the report was submitted, what has been the outcome? *Please specify: Which body was the report submitted to and when? (e.g. CEDAW Committee or other treaty mechanisms or the UPR?)*

N/A

5a. If the Coalition has conducted advocacy activities for CRPD consideration in national development strategies, please specify below.		
What was the aim of the advocacy activities? <i>Please specify:</i> - Which national development strategy did the Coalition address?	When and where did the activities take place?	Who were the target audiences?
N/A	N/A	N/A
5b. What activities has the Coalition completed thus far to achieve the advocacy aims thus far?		
N/A		
5c. What are the results of your activities thus far? Please specify: What was the specific objective of these advocacy activities? Was disability integrated into the strategy? Explain in detail		
N/A		
5d. Are your activities helping you to achieve your objectives? If yes, how? If no, why?		
N/A		
6a. If the Coalition has conducted advocacy to ensure formal inclusion of DPO representatives in national government implementation and/or monitoring of the CRPD, please specify below.		
What was the aim of the advocacy activities? <i>Please specify:</i>	When and where did the activities take place?	Who were the target audiences?
N/A	N/A	N/A
6b. What activities has the Coalition completed thus far to achieve the advocacy aims thus far?		
N/A		
6c. What are the results of your activities thus far? Please specify: What was the specific objective of these advocacy activities? Explain in detail		
N/A		
6d. Are your activities helping you to achieve your objectives? If yes, how? If no, why?		
N/A		

7. Diversity	
Please provide the following details on how your organization is promoting diversity and ensuring sustainability of activities	
7a. Please indicate any marginalized group(s) that your organization aims to reach through this DRF	- X- Women with disabilities:

<p>grant by putting an “X” next to the categories that apply.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - X- Children and young people with disabilities: - X- Persons with psychosocial disabilities: - X- Persons with intellectual disabilities: - X- Albinos: - X- Little people: - X- Deaf-blind: - - Brain injury: - - HIV/AIDS: - - Other specific impairment groups identified as marginalized in a target country – <i>Please specify:</i> Burn survivors
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8. GRANT ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE	
<p>Please indicate below the main results achieved so far as a result of the DRF and/or DRAF grant and the corresponding activities, by distinguishing between outputs¹ and outcomes². Please provide the details on the key outputs/deliverables (tangible results of your activities, e.g. publication of a report, training curriculum developed, reports drafted, etc.). For each deliverable, state the key activities.</p>	
GRANT OUTPUTS	
Outputs	Activities conducted to achieve deliverables (<i>Please list the most important activities conducted to produce the outputs</i>)
<p>Output 1: A petition was presented to the President of the Republic of Ghana to highlight on the gaps in Act 715 and calling for stoppage of the process of developing a Legislative Instrument (LI). The process of developing an LI was stopped by government.</p>	<p>Activity 1: A street march to present a petition to government.</p>
<p>Output 2: 4 meetings were held with the Ministry and the Council</p>	<p>Activity 1: Meeting with the Minister of Gender, Children and Social Protection Activity 2: Meetings with National Council on Persons with disabilities</p>
<p>Output 3: A publication was made on Ghana News Agency(GNA)</p>	<p>Activity 1: Media publication</p>

¹ Outputs are the immediate results of your activities. Examples of outputs include: a report published; a training session delivered; an advocacy campaign conducted. To the extent possible, outputs should be quantifiable. Examples of advocacy/policy influence outputs can be found in Coffman, J. (2009). A User’s Guide to Advocacy Evaluation Planning; pages 14-15. Available at <http://www.hfrp.org/evaluation/publications-resources/a-user-s-guide-to-advocacy-evaluation-planning>

² Outcomes describe the changes in people’s lives that have occurred also thanks to your efforts. Examples of changes include: changes in knowledge, skills, behavior, practices, policies, legislation, ratification of CRPD.

<p>and transmitted by other media houses(http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/NewsArchive/DRF-Coalition-urges-incoming-government-to-address-disability-concerns-498147) calling on the new government when it begins operations from 7th December to prioritize review of Act 715</p>	
<p>Output 4: The Coalition met 4 times to deliberate on project activities and challenges so as to strategize on messages and expectations of meetings with government.</p>	<p><i>Activity 1:</i> Held meetings with DRF Coalition members</p>
GRANT OUTCOMES (if already available)	
<p>Please indicate below the changes you have achieved with the DRF and/or DRAF grant. In reporting these changes, please explain <u>how</u> your organization and the DRF and/or DRAF grant contributed to these changes.</p> <p>For your reference, a list of possible outcomes has been provided in Appendix II. The list is not exhaustive, so feel free to add any other outcome that is not listed in Appendix II.</p>	
<p><i>Please report here:</i></p> <p>Grant outcome was not achieved. However, the Coalition succeeded in stopping government’s process of development a Legislative Instrument for Act 715 which could have been an impediment to the process towards achieving the overall outcome of the grant.</p>	
<p>Please indicate whether, either as a direct or an indirect result of the DRF- and/or DRAF-funded project, there have been changes in your organization/Coalition in terms of:</p>	
<p>- <u>Visibility</u> of your organization/Coalition? <u>Yes</u>/No (if yes, please explain briefly)</p> <p>The media publication increase visibility of GFD, MFGh and MCD and their activities. Meetings with government as well the march to present the petition increase publicity and recognition of the Coalition as there were many media reports on the activity.</p>	
<p>- <u>Number</u> of individuals and/or organizations that are members of your organization/Coalition? <u>Yes</u>/No (if yes, please explain briefly).</p> <p>During the reporting period, GFD admitted a new member – Burn Survivors Association. The decision to admit the Association was taken on the premise that marginalized groups of persons with disabilities (PWDs) should be identified and support to effectively access their rights and also participation in the review process of the Disability Act and subsequent implementation of same and the CRPD.</p>	
<p>- <u>Diversity</u> in your organization/Coalition’s membership? <u>Yes</u>/No (if yes, please explain briefly)</p> <p>Admission of Burn Survivors Association created the opportunity for GFD/DRF Coalition to broaden its operations to reach out to a different/marginalized group of PWDs</p>	
<p>- <u>Number</u> of donors? <u>Yes</u>/No (if yes, please explain briefly).</p> <p>During the period under review, GFD signed a 3 year project agreements with Disabled People’s Organisation, Denmark (DPOD), and 8 months with STAR Ghana to respectively promote employment opportunities for persons with disabilities and promote access and participation of PWDs in Ghana’s Presidential and Parliamentary election in 2016. The partnership with DRF/DRAF continue to add value to the credibility of GFD and instill confidence of donor in GFD.</p>	

- Amounts of funds received from donors? Yes/No (if yes, please explain briefly)
Grants approved in the above stated partnership were:
DPOD - DKK3,107,000 an equivalent of approx. GHC1,792,418
STAR Ghana - GBP 199,981 an equivalent of approx. GHC1,036,681 (for 8 DPOs)

9. CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

9a. Have you encountered any challenges during the first part of your project implementation? If yes, what strategies will you use to overcome these challenges in remainder of the project?

The period under review was faced with major challenges that affected implementation of the project. The period witnessed political activities as a result of Ghana's Presidential and Parliamentary election took place on 7th December, 2016. Government officials and Ministers who were expected to take action on the project agenda were involved in the political activities. Some officials were either not available for meetings or had little time for meeting. With the change of government, it is anticipated that government officials would be in full operation to take action on the review process.

Another challenge was the hiring of the services of legal experts to facilitate the review of the proposal for amendment of Act 715. The budgeted resources were not adequate to hire the services of the experts who participated in the process of developing the draft proposal. This delayed the process of hiring of the legal experts.

The National Council on Persons with Disability had the responsibility to facilitate government's business on disability. Some meetings were held with the Council and the sector Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection on the review of Act 715. However, the Coalition was faced with a major challenge when the Council and Ministry took a decision to develop Legislative Instrument (LI) for the Act instead of ensuring a review. The coalition deemed the decision as deviation from previous agreements between it and government and an unfavorable action that could inhibit the process of reviewing Act 715. With approval from DRF the coalition embarked on the march to present a petition to the President of the Republic of Ghana through the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection highlighting the gaps in Act 715 and calling on government to stop the process of developing the LI. The petition was received, however, there was no official communication to the coalition to that effect. It is however worth noting that the process of developing the LI which had commenced was truncated after the presentation of the petition.

The Executive Secretary of the Council who was the point of contact for the Council and Ministry had his appointment with government terminated. This posed a challenge as there was no immediate replacement. Therefore, there was no officer available to follow up on previous discussions and decisions.

Another major challenge was the demise of the project officer for the DRF project, Isaac Tuggun in October 2016. His demise created a vacuum which needed to be filled. The programmes manager of GFD was tasked to manage the project until an officer was fully assigned to the project. In consultation with the Board of GFD and coalition members, Joshua Makubu was appointed to begin work from 1st January 2017.

10. FUTURE PRIORITIES AND PLANS	
10a. What are your plans for the remainder of your grant period?	For the remaining period of the grant, the Coalition will follow through its plans as in the approved project proposal. However, activities of the period under review which could not be implemented will be implemented in the remaining grant period. They include the commission of a legal team to review the draft proposal for review of the Act, consultation among DPOs and stakeholders as well as organisations of media activities. The project implementation plan has been reviewed and attached to this report.
10b. How can DRF and/or DRAF better support you during the remaining time of project implementation?	After drafting the amendment proposal, an officer or officers of DRF will be requested to review and share comments on the draft proposal before it is submitted to government
10c. What technical assistance needs do you have to support stronger grant outcomes for the remainder of the grant period?	Legal experts to review the draft amendment proposal

Appendix I: Financial Report

Please provide the budgeted costs (amount from approved budget) and actual costs (for the two-year period). Please provide the amounts in USD.

1. What were the total costs expensed to this grant?	\$13,612.38
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PERSONNEL / STAFF EXPENSES					
Name	Position /Title	Salary	Number of Months	Budgeted Cost	Actual Cost
Isaac Togun / Frederick Ofosu	Project officer	\$ 6,234	7	\$ 3,117.00	\$ 3,402.00
Moses Fordjour	M&E officer	\$ 520.00	7	\$ 260.00	\$ 260.00
Support for project partners	MFGh, MCD and GFD	\$ 1,380.00	7	\$ 690.00	\$690.00
Rita Kyeremaa Kusi	Executive Director	\$ 1,380.00	7	690.00	\$690.00
Lawer Harrison	Finance and Administration manager	\$ 1,380.00	7	\$690.00	\$ 515.00
Sub-total Personnel (total above figures for budget and actual costs)				\$ 10,894.00	\$5,556.80
Please provide explanations for any changes to staff:					
The Programmes Manager took the responsibility of managing the project after the demise of the substantive project officer.					
Upon discussions and conclusion by the coalition members the salary component was restructured to factor in their concerns hence the slight variations in the figures.					

OTHER PROGRAM EXPENSES				
Type of Expense	Units	Cost per unit	Budgeted Cost	Actual Cost
4 meetings of technical team & coalition	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 729
Commission a legal team to identify gaps	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,099



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and input to the existing gap analysis report and the proposal-fees (presentation of petition)				
media briefing on presentation of proposal Publication of prioritation of Act 715 by new government	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 183.25
working with government agencies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 695
Sub-Total Program			\$ 16,000.00	\$ 5,706.68
Please provide an explanation of the main budget items (over 300 USD), including any changes (over 15%) in program expenses:				
Expenditure occurred within budgeted cost				

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES				
Type of Expense	Units	Cost per unit	Budgeted Cost	Actual Cost
Bank Charges	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 144.00
Communication and internet	\$ 646.00	\$ 107.67	\$ 646.00	\$ 838.00
Computer	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 497.00
Fuel and transportation	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 346.00
Stationary	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 7000.00	\$ 524.00
Sub-Total Administration			\$ 2,416.00	\$ 2,348.90
<p>Please provide an explanation of the main budget items (over 300 USD), including any changes (over 15%) in administrative expenses:</p> <p>Expenditure occurred within budgeted cost</p>				

Photo Gallery: Pictures of over 300 PWDs marching to present a petition to the President of the Republic of Ghana on the review of Persons with Disability Act 715



Appendix II: Success Stories

The Coalition hopes to share a success story in the next reporting period.