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ACRONYMS

CCPCs	Community Child Protection Committees
CEWEFIA	Central and Western Region Fishmongers Improvement Association
CLaT	Child Labor and Trafficking
CoP	Chief of Party
CRC	Coastal Resource Center
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DAA	Development Action Association
FC	Fisheries Commission
FON	Friends of the Nation
GES	Ghana Education Service
MOFAD	Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
SFMP	Sustainable Fisheries Management Project
SNV	Netherlands Development Organization
URI	University of Rhode Island
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WDAFL	World Day Against Child Labor

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The SFMP in the past three years has worked in the Central Region (identified as the source area) through behavior change communications and livelihood intervention towards reducing the incidence of CLaT. Over the years Community Child Protection Committees have been formed and capacitated in the project pilot communities, and various trainings have been carried out for the important actors. SFMP has also engaged other stakeholders in developing a Policy document on CLaT for the Fisheries Sector and facilitates continuous interactions with stakeholders towards harnessing all interventions to drastically reduce CLaT, especially in the Fisheries Sector.

Under the SFMP, four implementing partners work on this component of the project. SNV, CEWEFIA, DAA, FON with the support of CRC have collaborated over the past three years to effectively create an enabling environment towards reducing the occurrence of CLaT in Ghana.

In order to effectively work together to ensure that the project's interventions are making positive impacts, it has become necessary to undertake periodic coordination meetings to ensure adequate collaboration and integration of roles towards achieving the goal of the project's interventions under CLaT.

The partners at the 2nd quarter meeting discussed learnings from the Torkor trip and also planned for the World Day against Child Labor. Partners are positive that the Torkor model can be replicated in the Central Region and are willing to incorporate some of the learnings in their current implementation work. Secondly, partners hope to organize the World Day against Child Labor on a national scale and therefore will seek further collaboration with government bodies such as the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (MOFAD) and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Protection (MoGCSP).

SECTION 1 BACKGROUND

The second quarter coordination meeting was held on Thursday, 15th March 2018 at the Forest Hotel, Dodowa. It was hosted by Development Action Association (DAA). FON, SFMP, SNV and DAA were represented by one (1) staff each whereas CEWEFIA was represented by 2 staff members.

The main agenda for the meeting was to review work done in the last quarter, especially the Torkor Trip; and to plan for the World Day against Child Labor.

1.1 Meeting Objectives

The objectives of the meeting were:

1. To share experiences from the Torkor Tour.
2. To plan for the World Day against Child Labor.

1.2 Expected outcomes

Expected outcomes of the workshop included:

1. To identify and understand the various components in the Torkor Model as partners plan to replicate it in the Central Region.
2. Develop a coordinated activity plan for World Day against Child Labor.

SECTION 2 DELIBERATIONS

2.1 Lessons Learned from Kpando Torkor

Participants (partners) shared key lessons learnt from the study tour to Torkor as follows:

- Many players and partners are involved in the model.
- The model has set specific realistic targets (not over-ambitious targets. e.g., the model is set to eliminate CLaT by 2025, a target that is feasible).
- The model specifically targets the MMDAs to implement CLaT activities and remind them of this content in their medium term development plan and also assist them.
- Link with other NGOs that have shelters, rehabilitation centers as the SFMP only focuses on prevention. e.g. International Justice Mission (IJM) and Challenging Heights (CH) who engage in prosecution and rescue respectively.
- Liaise with other artisans, such as tailors, seamstresses, carpenters, etc. to be part of the volunteers to train victims or potential victims to learn a trade.
- Engage the Ghana Education Service (GES) to establish “bridge schools” for victims who would like to go back to school.
- Liaise with the GES to form Anti-CLaT school clubs in known CLaT communities (partners can form two (2) before the next quarter partners meeting).
- Engage and encourage churches, other religious institutions, philanthropists, and influential community members to adopt and look after victims or potential victims (support with school uniform, school books, shoes, one meal a week, etc.)
- Well-structured and modified to suit community needs.
- Vulnerable House – Support through training and loan facility (Monies should be repaid).
- For existing fishers – Village Savings and Loans Associations (VLSAs) should be introduced to beneficiaries to help establish and expand their business.

- Engage the district assemblies to incorporate the model in their mid-term plans as they implement the Functional Organizational Assessment Tool (FOAT).

Though some of the aspects of the model are being done by partners of the SFMP, all agreed to intensify our actions towards CLaT prevention in the pilot communities.

2.2 World Day against Child Labor

Partners discussed this year’s approach to organizing the World Day against Child Labor at length, taking inference from previous years’ experiences.

Some key decisions and conclusions made regarding the celebrations are as follows:

- The celebration would be National/Regional in character, therefore the venue proposed was the Jubilee Park at Cape Coast.
- Edem Semordzi of SNV would liaise with the communication unit at SFMP, to finalize all communication activities while partners make inputs as to the design of IEC materials.
- For greater collaboration and effective use of resources, all partners would suspend their planned community activities and make full contribution for the celebration in Cape Coast. (Email to that effect would be sent to the M&E unit to rectify any deliverables due partners that might be affected).
- Greater collaboration would be sought with other NGOs and Anti CLaT coalitions to build a bigger sensitization on the day of celebration.
- The main planning of activities of the celebration would be divided to include pre-planning process, during the activity and post activity. This will help in evaluation and also bridge all gaps in the planning process.
- Two more planning meetings would be held by partners before the ceremony.
- The celebration would be linked to sustainable development goals SDG 7, 8 and 12.
- World Theme: Generation Safe and Healthy.
 - The local theme is to be decided on at the subsequent meeting (after consultation with other collaborators).
 - Venue: Cape Coast (Jubilee Park).
 - Date of Celebration: Tuesday, 12th June 2018.
 - Focal hosting partners: FON and SNV (Kwesi Johnson and Edem Semordzi respectively).

2.2.1 Partners Budget

PARTNERS	Budget Available
SNV	YES
CEWEFIA	YES
DAA	YES
FON	YES
SFMP Head Office	YES

Partners were asked to check their budget for the proposed program so as to share during the next meeting.

2.2.2 Roles and Responsibilities

- SNV to speak with the Gender Ministry and MOFAD on collaboration opportunities.
- Nii Odenkey to facilitate a Press Release within the week of the durbar.
- Telecast CLaT documentary on four TV stations within the week of the durbar (SFMP Communication - Nii Odenkey).
- Develop IEC materials such as banners, 500 T-shirts (SFMP Communication – Nii Odenkey).
- FON will lead the organization of a National Orientation meeting for the press.
- CEWEFIA will organize two radio programs at Ahomka FM (Elmina), within the week of the durbar.
- DAA will organize two radio programs, one on Radio Peace and the other on Radio Windy Bay.

2.2.3 Proposed Activities (Pre, During and Post Durbar)

- Nature of Ceremony – National in nature (it was suggested that we try and invite the President, Minister of Gender, Minister of Fisheries).
 - Inter Schools Anti-CLaT Quiz – Junior High School Level will be organised within the week of the durbar. Awards will be presented on the day of the durbar. Proposed schools to be selected from Gomoa West, Mfantsiman, AAK, and Cape Coast Municipalities.
 - Anti-CLaT Anthem competition.
 - Proposed durbar agenda (During activities):
 - Placard Walk (Brass band).
 - Durbar at Cape Coast – Victoria Park (FON and SNV).
 - Community Drama on Anti-CLaT – CEWEFIA.
 - Anti-CLaT poem recital/Talking Drum – DAA.
 - Anti-CLaT painting competition - DAA, FON, CEWEFIA community school's representatives.
 - Quiz Award Presentation.
 - Anti-CLaT success stories – FON, DAA, CEWEFIA.
 - Anti-CLaT Exhibition - FON, DAA, CEWEFIA.
 - Post-activities:
 - Play or telecast poems and drama on radio and television – SNV and Communication (SFMP Head office).

2.2.4 Award Details

- 500 Anti-CLaT Branded Exercise books.
 - 1st Price - 200 Books
 - 2nd Price – 150 Books
 - 3rd Price – 100 Books
 - 4th Price - 50 Books
- 500 Anti-CLaT Branded pens.
 - 1st Price - 200 pens
 - 2nd Price – 150 Pens
 - 3rd Price – 100 Pens
 - 4th Price - 50 Pens
- 10 Anti-CLaT Branded footballs.
 - 1st Price – 4 footballs

- 2nd Price – 3 footballs
- 3rd Price – 2 footballs
- 4th Price - 1 football
- Anti-CLaT IEC Materials.
 - 1st Price – Variety
 - 2nd Price – Variety
 - 3rd Price - Variety
 - 4th Price - Variety

SECTION 3 CONCLUSION

The meeting was very fruitful. Partners agreed that it was possible to replicate some components of the Torkor model in the Central Region. The most possible way is to incorporate some of the learnings into the project's current work implementation and plan effectively for year 5 of the project.

The partners are very enthusiastic about the upcoming World Day against Child Labor and would want to have a national approach to this year's celebration. The group seeks to collaborate with the Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development and the Ministry of Gender and Social Protection to achieve the desired national level celebration.

The coalition of NGOs in CLaT and other local government officials will also be included in the planning process to ensure a thorough approach to organizing the ceremony.