

# **Ghana Integrity Initiative**

**Local chapter of Transparency International**



# **2008 Annual Report**

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) is Ghana's local chapter of Transparency International (TI), the global civil society organization leading the fight against corruption. GII, launched in December 1999, is exclusively and directly a non-profit, non-political and non-partisan organization based in Accra, Ghana. Its vision is to see Ghana as a country in which government, politics, business, civil society, and the daily lives of people are free of corruption. The mission of GII is to:

- To continuously create awareness about the negative effects of corruption
- To empower citizens to demand responsiveness, accountability and transparency from people and institutions in Ghana
- To build a culture of integrity, where corruption is unprofitable for people working in government, politics, business and civil society organizations by working with people and institutions.

In broad terms, the objectives of the organization is to create and sustain the determination to curb corruption which will eventually lead to effective systemic changes in integrity systems

GII's anti-corruption programme is organized around the broad headings of:

- **Research** - Conduct local/international surveys on corruption related issues;
- **Public Education** – Educate the public about civic rights and duties, especially the basis of constitutionalism by organizing workshops, seminars etc on the causes, effects and solutions to the problem of corruption;
- **Publication** - GII through its quarterly newsletter (GII Alert), highlights significant happenings in anti-corruption in Ghana and around the world;
- **Networking** - GII liaises with individuals and local/international anti-corruption institutions to promote the fight against corruption;
- **Lobbying/Advocacy** - Sensitizing political and other concerned parties and entering into dialogue on corruption to advocate for legislative and institutional reforms.

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## **GII Board Members**

GII has a seven-member board comprising two women and five men. As at ..... 2008, the Board members were six in number, however, Dr. Atuguba, a Legal Practitioner and a Lecturer at the Faculty of Law at the University of Ghana joined the Board in .....2008 bringing the number to seven. The board members are distinguished professionals working in various fields of the academia and civil society. Below are the profiles of the current positions that GII Board members hold aside their various affiliations and Board membership in other jurisdiction.

1. Dr. Audrey Gadzekpo, Ag. Director, School of Communication Studies -University of Ghana Legon
2. Maulvi Wahab Adam, Ameer and Missionary in Charge, Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission, Ghana HQ
3. Mr. Kwame Gyasi, Senior Lecturer, School of Business- University of Ghana Legon
4. Dr. Raymond Atuguba, Lecturer Faculty of Law, University of Ghana Legon
5. Most. Rev. Charles G. Palmer-Buckle, Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra
6. Prof. E. Gyimah-Boadi, Executive Director - Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana)

## **GII Staff**

As at December 2008 the Staff strength of GII was nine. This number comprises of a three-member Management Staff, two Senior Staff and four Junior Staff.

GII staff are competent persons with a rich diversity of academic and professional backgrounds. Thus, they bring to bear a wealth of innovation and professionalism in the day-to day execution of their work as anti-corruption activists.

Below are the pictures and designation of the Board members and Staff of GII:

## GII BOARD



Dr. Audrey Gadzekpo  
Board Chair



Maulvi A. Wahab Adam  
Vice Chair



Prof. E. Gyimah-Boadi  
Member



Archbishop G. Palmer-Buckle  
Member



Mad. Sena A. Gabianu  
Member



Mr. Kwame Gyasi  
Member



Dr. Raymond Atuguba  
Member

## GII Staff



Vitus A. Azeem  
Executive Secretary



Linda Ofori-Kwafo  
Programmes Manager



Nana Kwasi Agyepong  
Business Dev. Manager



Gilbert Sam  
Snr. Programmes Officer



Gifty Ofori  
Programmes Officer



Sandra Gakson  
Project Support Ass.



Tony Amakpa  
Administrative Asst.



David Nawurah  
Utility Hand/Security



Charles Inkum  
Admin. Asst. /Driver

# **REPORT ON ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2008**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The GII started the year with excitement as its prospects for funding were very bright with assurances for core funding from DANIDA for the year. This excitement was reassured when GII got approval from G-RAP to provide further support for eighteen months. On programmes, GII was able to continue the execution of most of its programmes; finishing the MISEREOR funded public education workshops, making progress on the Assets Declaration Regime and publishing its quarterly Newsletters. GII also launched Transparency International's annual corruption reports, mainly the Corruption Perception Index (CPI), the Oil and Gas Companies Report and the Bribe Payers Index.

GII's Board was able to meet three times during the year although it was not able to hold its last quarterly meeting due to the unavailability of some of the members. This is understandable due to the high profile nature of the members some of whom have national and international assignments in addition to their normal duties. Internally, management continued to meet on a regular basis, while staff meetings were held on a monthly basis.

GII continued to work with its partners during the year, particularly the National Commission for Civic Education, Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice, Ghana Audit Service, CDD-Ghana, the Coalition for Right to Information Legislation, the 'Publish What You Pay Coalition' and various civil society groups and development partners as well as state institutions.

In summary, the year can be described as a successful year for GII. The details of the activities that GII undertook are provided below:

## **2.0 PUBLIC EDUCATION/ SENSITIZATION PROJECTS**

### **Regional Level Sensitization Workshops to promote anti-corruption and good governance**

In 2006, GII secured funding from MISEREOR, the German Catholic Bishops Organization for Development and Cooperation, to undertake a programme entitled "Promoting Democracy and Good Governance in Ghana", comprising mainly Regional Level Sensitization Workshops, in 2007 and 2008. GII successfully completed the regional level workshops during the year 2008.

In all, nine (9) Regional-Level Workshops to Promote Democracy and Good Governance in Ghana were organised during the year for two days in each case under the theme "Fighting Corruption: an Agenda for democracy and good governance". The venues for the workshops were as follows:

- Upper West Region - Wa - 18<sup>th</sup> –19<sup>th</sup> February 2008
- Upper East Region - Bolgatanga & Navrongo - 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2008
- Northern Region - Tamale & Salaga - 25<sup>th</sup> –26<sup>th</sup> February, 2008
- Eastern Region - Akim Oda, - 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- Western Region - Half-Assini - 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2008
- Volta Region - Hohoe; - 12<sup>th</sup> –13<sup>th</sup> May, 2008
- Greater Accra Region: - Amasaman - 19<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Participants were drawn from Ministries, Departments and Agencies, Political Parties, Municipal/Metropolitan Assembly Members, Regional Coordinating Directors, Municipal Chief Executives, Municipal Chief Directors, non-governmental/civil society organizations, opinion leaders, religious bodies, Youth Leaders, CHRAJ Officials, Officials of National Commission for Civic Education, the informal sector including representatives from the GPRTU, Market Women Association, the physically challenged, etc.

Media coverage of these workshops was high and their reports generated a lot of debates about democracy, good governance and the fight against corruption in the newspapers and the airwaves. A lot more Ghanaians have now become aware of the acts that constitute corruption and the disastrous effects of such acts. Many more Ghanaians have seen the need for their involvement in the struggles against corruption and to resist it themselves.

### **Ethics Workshop for Religious Bodies**

MISEREOR is also supporting GII to execute an Ethics Programme for religious bodies dubbed “Zero Tolerance against Corruption Campaign: the Role of Religious Bodies in Ghana.” Two-day workshops targeting religious leaders will be organised in six regions across the country. This project is in furtherance of GII’s public education strategy and is aimed at encouraging stronger and more proactive leadership in the fight against corruption. A consultative meeting was held with representatives of the identified collaborating bodies, that is the National Catholic Secretariat, the Christian Council of Ghana and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mission; to plan the strategy and content of the workshops which are expected to commence and be completed in the first quarter of 2009.

However, GII collaborated with the Ga Council of Churches to hold one such **workshop on capacity building for leaders of religious organisations** under the theme: ‘Kick out Corruption’ at the Evangelical E.P.A Training School, Amasaman in July 2008. This already means that there is demand for such sensitization workshops among the religious.

As the MISEREOR programme was coming to an end in 2008, a new proposal was submitted for another three-year period. This new MISEREOR proposal includes a national survey on citizens’ perception of corruption in the country. This will form the second phase of the Voice of the People Survey that was conducted in 2005. Secondly, the proposal includes working with key stakeholders in primary education at the community level to promote participation, transparency and accountability in the management of primary schools. It also includes the continued publication of the Newsletter. The proposal has been approved to cover a three year period from 2009 – 2011. This support has a core institutional component that will cater for some recurrent expenditure.

## **2.1 Evaluation of MISEREOR Programmes**

During the post-workshop evaluation, many participants called on GII to carry out these workshops on a regular basis and to extend it to other communities and districts, recognizing that public education must be a continuous exercise, especially when it is aimed at changing people’s attitudes on and about an issue that is deep-rooted in society such as corruption. Some have called on GII to support them to hold such training for their communities and workplaces. It is worth noting that it was after one of these workshops at Amasaman that the Ga Council of Churches approached GII to hold an Ethics workshop for its members.

An evaluation of the MISEREOR programmes was carried out in September 2008 by two consultants, one local and one external. The report has been submitted to MISEREOR, which has accepted it and asked us to implement the recommendations. Based on these recommendations MISEREOR has requested GII to reduce the number of public sensitization workshops and rather carry out follow-ups to assess and monitor the impacts of the workshops to see how far the beneficiaries are using the knowledge they acquire from these workshops.

# MISEREOR GOOD GOVERNANCE & ETHICS WORKSHOPS IN PICTURES



Salaga participants in a group work discussion. GII Officials seated left & NCGE Northern Reg. Dir. Seated Right. Standing: Headmaster, Ahmadiyya Sec. Sch (Workshop Chairman)



Mr. Gregory Derry, Action Aid Ghana (Resource Person - Navrongo)



Standing: Mr. Emmanuel Chegweh, Dist. Chief Exec. Kassena Nankana Dist. - Navrongo



Cross section of Navrongo participants



A section of Religious Leaders at the Ethics workshop



Most. Rev. Charles G. Palmer-Buckle, Metropolitan Archbishop of Accra - Catholic Church delivering a presentation at the Ethics workshop for religious bodies at Amasaman



A group picture of participants at the Ethics Workshop

### **3.0. “INCREASING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GHANA” PROJECT – (ADVOCACY)**

In 2006, GII obtained support from USAID to execute a programme entitled “Increasing Transparency and Accountability in Ghana” for a two-year period (October 2006 – September 2008). At the end of this period, the programme was extended for one year to enable GII complete the planned activities with the remaining funds. The programme has three goals which have been executed to various levels of success.

#### **3.1 Goal 1: To Strengthen the Assets Declaration Law (Act 550)**

In 2007, the CDD was contracted to conduct a Baseline survey to assess the effectiveness of the Assets Declaration Regime (Act 550) in Ghana as an anti-corruption tool and undertake a technical review of Act 550 in respect of its constitutional and statutory limitations and opportunities. The CDD submitted a final report on the Baseline survey in July, 2008. The report indicated that most public officials were either not aware that they were required to declare their assets or just failed to declare for no reason.

A number of meetings were then held with the Auditor-General and other stakeholders such as CHRAJ, Attorney-General, the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament and CDD-Ghana. As a result, a Technical Working Group (TWG) was set up to study the issues and make recommendations for possible amendment to the Act. However, the TWG recommended that Regulations on the Act be prepared for Parliament’s approval as these have been lacking since the passage of the Act in 1998. The TWG also made some recommendations for amendments to the Act and Article 286 of the Constitution.

These recommendations were discussed with the relevant Select Committees in Parliament at a two-day workshop in Ho, Volta Region in May 2008. The main issues were agreed on by the Parliamentarians and the stakeholders. The Regulations were finalized and presented to the Attorney-General by the Auditor-General for onward submission to Parliament for approval. However, these Regulations were not laid before Parliament before it was dissolved. A couple of radio programmes (on Uniq, Choice and Joy FM) were also held to educate the public on the Assets Declaration legislation. Radio stations have continued to call us for our comments on the law.

Some recommendations and action plans have been designed for implementation in the final year of the project, including workshops for the new Members of Parliament and the new Ministers to be appointed as well as radio programmes to educate the general public.

#### **3.2 Goal 2: Promote Awareness and Support for the New Conflict of Interest (COI) Guidelines**

The Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) has produced “Guidelines on Conflict of Interest to Assist Public Officials Identify, Manage and Resolve Conflicts of Interest”. GII, in collaboration with CHRAJ, organized a trainer of trainee’s workshop for the Commission’s regional directors and other senior officials to carry out training on the COI in the regions in 2007. Also, GII, in collaboration with CHRAJ organized a workshop for the selected committees of Parliament, Public Accounts Committee, Legal/Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs and Committee of members holding Office of Profit to sensitize them on the new guidelines.

The next step was to hold workshops on the COI for selected public officials throughout the country. Representatives of civil society organizations were to participate to enable them play their watchdog role. However, to save on funds and time, GII created a session for “Promoting Awareness on the COI” in its regional-level workshops on anti-corruption and good governance. Thus, sensitization workshops on COI were absorbed into the regional level workshops on anti-corruption and good governance in the Volta, Eastern, Central, Western, Ashanti and Brong Ahafo regional capitals in 2008.

Towards the end of the year, after we had completed the regional level workshops, GII carried out five more (separate) workshops for public officers and civil society representatives in six regions on COI but for a different target group. GII also featured on a number of radio programmes (Uniq and Radio Universe) to educate the public on the COI guidelines.

**Below are the various workshops GII in collaboration with CHRAJ organized for public officials on COI during the year 2008:**

- Greater Accra – Osu, Kuku Hill at Jubilee House: May 21 -22
- Upper West Region – WA, In-Service Training Centre: July 17 - 18
- Northern Region – Tamale, Picorna Hotel: July 14 – 15
- Western Region – Takoradi, August 28 – 29
- Volta Region - Hohoe

Participants in all cases were drawn from Public institutions such as the Immigration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of the President, Ministry of Defence, Ghana Prisons Service, Ghana Police Service, National Security Council Secretariat, Parliament, Ministry of Finance, Law Reform Commission, Legal Aid Scheme, Labour Department, CHRAJ, CEPS, Audit Service, Serious Fraud Office, Public Procurement Authority and Officials from the Ghana Army.

**3.3 Goal 3: Support Efforts to Increase Information Exchange among Key Accountability Institutions**

Under a sub-award agreement, CDD-Ghana was tasked to conduct a Baseline survey to assess the extent of information exchange among key accountability institutions. A preliminary report indicated a deficit in information exchange among these accountability institutions. However, the project encountered some difficulties as information was not readily available. In order to move the process forward, a closed-door roundtable meeting was held with heads/deputy heads of key accountability institutions on December 3, 2007 to:

- To explain the project, its goal, its objectives and what it intends to achieve.
- As a forum, to officially solicit the support of the Accountability institutions for the baseline study and the project as whole.

At the roundtable meeting, it was generally agreed that there is a need for regular meetings of these institutions to share information and get to know what each institution was doing. A subsequent meeting was fixed for the first quarter of 2008 but this meeting did not come on due to pressure of work.

With the USAID programme coming to end in October, 2008, GII applied for a no-cost extension of the programme. This was because a number of activities were not executed due to some challenges and GII had already made some significant progress which needed continuation. As such, since the amount approved for this programme was not exhausted we requested for the no-cost extension. The application was approved for one year to enable GII undertake the rest of the activities planned within the one year.

#### 4.0 LAUNCHES/RELEASES OF TI-S REPORTS

The year 2008 saw GII launching three Transparency International reports as follows:

- GII launched TI's Gas and Oil Companies Report at a Press Conference in May, 2008 in collaboration with the Revenue Watch Institute (RWI).
- The Corruption Perception Index (CPI) was launched in October, 2008. The Board Chair chaired the launch and other Board members were present to give their support. All staff were also present.
- A Press Release was issued on the Bribe Payers Index on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2008 to mark the World Anti-Corruption Day but this was not carried by the Media due to the elections which dominated the airwaves and the uncertainty surrounding the announcement of the results.

However, the Global Corruption Report (GCR) was not launched because it did not cover Ghana and so GII did not find appropriate.

#### LAUNCH OF CPI 2008 IN PICTURES



Mr. Vitus A. Azeem, Exec. Sec – GII making a press statement on the findings of CPI 2008



Seated in front: Mrs. Florence Dennis, Exec. Sec – Ghana anti-corruption coalition and other participants at the launch of CPI 2008



GII Board Chair, Dr. Audrey Gadzekpo with Mr. Azeem and other Board Members



Seated in front: Gilbert Sam, Snr. Prog. Officer – GII and a cross section of participants at the launch of CPI 2008

## 5.0 PUBLICATION

### “GII ALERT” Newsletter

As part of its support to anti-corruption, MISEREOR agreed to sponsor GII’s publication of its Quarterly Newsletter, “GII Alert” over their two-year funding period (2007 – 2008). As at the end of 2008, three editions of the GII Quarterly Newsletter were published (No. 17, 18 & 19) and distributed to our partners and stakeholders. However, the last quarterly Newsletter for 2008 was yet to be published.

#### **Content:**

The GII Alerts for 2008 featured reports on the programmes and activities undertaken by GII in 2008 as well as news and other events around the globe on corruption and governance related issues.

GII also improved its content by adding a section titled ‘Lessons for Ghana.’ This is captured beneath each story around the globe on corruption related issues. This is to drum home the import (both negative and positive) of what goes on in other countries in terms of legislations/policies to fight corruption, service delivery, attitudinal change, political will among others. Basically ‘Lessons for Ghana’ aims at bringing to bear the need to adopt international best practices.

Notably, GII in view of the electioneering period and the need to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections, featured prominently in all the three alerts issues aimed at educating both the electorate and politicians on the need to elect leaders of integrity and to reject vote buying and other electoral malpractices.

**Alert 17** (March 2008) – featured the findings of the baseline study on assets declaration and an editorial on the need to comply with the law, GII workshops on conflict of interest and Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) call for the need to make corruption a high risk which was culled from a GACC statement on the state of corruption in Ghana to mark the 2007 anti-corruption week.

**Alert 18** (June 2008) – Major stories were the GII Stakeholders review of the assets declaration law, questions posed by GII to presidential candidates, editorial on the need to vote for people of integrity, findings on the 2008 report on Revenue Transparency of Oil and Gas Companies, GII activities on Conflict of Interest etc.

**Alert 19** (September 2008) captured among others the improvement of Ghana’s score on the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) and findings of the Global Corruption Barometer. It also featured GII’s workshop on Conflict of interest and Ethics workshop. Alert 19 also captured GII’s press statement issued on alleged electoral malpractices during the 2008 presidential and parliamentary elections campaign.

#### **Readership:**

GII Newsletter has a readership of approximately one thousand five hundred (1,500) people across the country. This includes the various embassies, development partners, workshop participants, academic institutions, civil society organizations, parliament and individuals. The *Alert* also served as a research material for students and other researchers writing thesis and other corruption/governance related issues.

#### **Mode of distribution:**

The distribution of the newsletter is done through hand delivery, by post and also posted on GII’s website [www.tighana.org](http://www.tighana.org).

#### **Recommendation:**

There is a need to review the content and format of the Newsletter as well as its distribution to make it effective as an anti-corruption publication.

## **6.0 RESEARCH & NEW PROGRAMMES**

### **6.1 Africa Education Watch Project**

In 2007, GII, together with six other African national chapters of TI secured funding from Hewlett Foundation through Transparency International (TI-S) to carry out an assessment of, and advocacy on, resource flows to the primary education sub-sector in their respective countries. The Africa Education Watch is a three-year project (2007 – 2009) with two phases:

- Year 1 – Research (assessment of the situation in the water sector)
- Year 2 – Dissemination and advocacy

Following the preliminary workshop hosted by GII in Accra in October 2007 to finalize preparations for the project, including agreeing on the methodology and timeframe for the entire study. A 2-day training program was held for research assistants, and a pilot study carried out by GII in January 2008. After a review of the instrument based on the recommendations of the pilot study, the main study was then conducted in March 2008. The data collected was entered in May/June 2008 and analyzed in July the same year.

A draft report has been produced and submitted to TI-S for their comments. A roundtable discussion of the draft report was planned for Officials of the Ghana Education Service and other key stakeholders.

### **6.2 Transparency and Integrity in Service Delivery in Africa (TISDA)**

Transparency International has obtained funding from Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation to support a number of its local chapters to undertake a new programme, Transparency and Integrity in Service Delivery in Africa (TISDA) over a three-year period. An initial workshop was held in Johannesburg, South Africa in September 2008, to explain the details of the programme and arrive at a common understanding of the programme. The workshop was attended by the Executive Secretary and a board member, Mr. Kwame Gyasi.

Like the Africa Education Watch project, TISDA is a three-year project (2007 – 2009) with two phases:

- Year 1 – Research (assessment of the situation in the water sector)
- Year 2 – Dissemination and advocacy

The project will thus start with an assessment of the current status of the water sector. This will be followed by an advocacy phase. Recruitment for the position of a Project Coordinator and Accounts Officer is completed; and the Coordinator is expected to start duty on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2009 while the Accounts Officer will report on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2009.

### **6.3 Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC)**

Transparency International also obtained funding from the British government through the Department for International Development (DfID), to support a number of local chapters undertake a new programme, the Advocacy and Legal Advice Centres (ALAC) to provide legal and advocacy support to citizens and organizations that face or encounter corruption situations on how to deal with such

situations. The programme is already in its inception phase, which includes recruiting a Project Coordinator and legal aids. The project is expected to fully take off in April 2009.

## **6.4 Global Corruption Barometer**

TI-S has also asked GII to carry out a survey for the Global Corruption Barometer 2009. This is expected to take place in January 2009. Discussions were still underway by the end of the year with regards to the funding and details for execution.

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF MATTERS**

### **7.1 New Office Premises**

GIJ's efforts to get a new and bigger office materialized in December 2008. A lease was signed with the landlord for two years for a house located at Abelenkpe, not far away from the Dzowulu-Abelenkpe-Achimota traffic light. We moved into the building in the middle of December 2008.

### **7.2 GII Website**

The GII website was not updated for a long time during the year due to our inability to obtain the password from the service provider. He finally gave it to us and we have updated it but there is still some work to be done on it. To get a consistently updated site we intend to train a staff of GII to undertake this. This we believe is also cost effective.

### **7.3 Staff Matters**

GIJ's staff position has remained the same during the year. The two national service persons that were helping out left when their service period came to an end. However, another National Service Personnel, Mr. Eunice Wogba (Accounts), has been recruited to assist the BDM in the Accounts department as it is a one-man department.

During the year, three senior officers benefited from a number of training programmes outside the country. The staff that benefited from these courses were: Mrs. Linda Ofori-Kwafo, Messrs. Gilbert Sam and Vitus A. Azeem.

## **8.0 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Membership drive has progressed rather slowly during the year. Thirty-four letters were sent out to individuals and organizations soliciting their expression of interest in becoming members of GII. However, completed application forms have been received from fourteen people (including five Board members) and two institutions. Additional efforts are being made to recruit more members. We also continue to post advertisements in the Quarterly Newsletter "GII Alert" for the attention of other interested persons and organizations.

The Board is expected to review these applications and approve them. The Board is expected to also take a decision as to whether it would be possible to hold a preliminary meeting early this year.

## **9.0 NETWORKING/COALITION ACTIVITIES**

GIJ has participated actively in the activities of the Coalition for the Freedom of Information legislation, which are aimed at putting pressure on the government to hasten the enactment of the law. GII also participated in the Public Forum organized by the Coalition at the British Council Hall to

mark the World Freedom of Information day on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 at which GII made a presentation.

GII also belongs to the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Coalition led by the Integrated Social Development Centre (ISODEC).

GII has continued to collaborate with the CHRAJ and the NCCE in its sensitization workshops on promoting democracy and good governance as well as the conflict of interest guidelines. In addition, GII continues to attend workshops, seminars, public forums, organized by various civil society organizations and donors to share experiences and knowledge especially on anti-corruption and related issues.

## **9.0 FINANCIAL SITUATION**

The year 2008 was a good year as far as GII's finances were concerned. Towards the end of 2007, DANIDA agreed to extend its core institutional funding to GII by one year. This meant that GII was in a firm financial position to continue with its programmes. This was followed by G-RAP's approval to provide core institutional funding to GII for eighteen months starting from August 2008. This not only made GII financially secured for 2008 but also for 2009 as the G-RAP funding covers the period up to January, 2010. This is especially reassuring as the understanding with the G-RAP support is that the support will be renewed for another eighteen months after that. In addition, the approval of the MISEREOR three-year proposal, the no-cost-extension of the USAID programme, and the TISDA, AEW and the ALAC programmes supported by various funders through TI-S are good signs of sustainable financial base.

Of course, this will not make us complacent and we would continue to look for other sources of funding to sustain ongoing programmes, keep the office running and motivate staff to put in their best, especially as we take on more programmes.

GII's 2008 audited accounts can be accessed at the GII secretariat.

## **10. OUR PARTNERS**

During the year, GII continued to work with its regular partners. This included but not limited to the following:

- Transparency International (TI) - Secretariat
- Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)
- German Catholic Development Funding Agency - MISEREOR
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE)
- Municipal and District Assemblies across the country
- Ghana Audit Service
- Bureau of National Investigations (BNI)
- Internal Audit Agency (IAA)
- Public Procurement Authority
- Attorney General's Department
- Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC): Centre for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA-Ghana), Ghana Journalists Association (GJA), Commission for Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ), Serious Fraud Office (SFO), Private Enterprise Foundation (PEF), National Governance Secretariat (NGS), Christian Council of Ghana (CCG)

## **10. CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, 2008 was a good year for GII. It is hoped that the New Year, with the ushering in of a new government that has made promises to ensure that the principles of transparency and accountability work, would be even more successful.

We are also hopeful to continue enjoying the good cooperation from our major stakeholders and to keep widening our network of partners.