

## Executive Summary

The fourth Country Strategic Paper of Affiliate Ghana specifies the interventions in the selected themes to be implemented between 2010-2014. The strategy describes how Affiliate Ghana will work to achieve the stated objectives.

It must be noted that the CSP IV does not depart significantly from what the Affiliate worked on or how it has worked over the last five years. However, some additional sub-themes have been added subsumed under the existing key themes and there has been a shift in focus in respect of the power analysis.

The strategy has three key areas namely women's rights, right to education and right to food and climate change. The new areas are women and land and maternal and child health which will be subsumed in the women's rights theme whilst work on climate change has been added to the right to food theme. AAG will also continue to work in governance, conflict in human security and emergencies and HIV/AIDS but as minor areas and strictly related to the LRP context. Thus all the DAs will not work on all the themes.

In CSP IV, AAG will focus critical interventions on the youth due to the fact that the youth have too long been overlooked as key agents of change. AAG recognise this will be a challenge as the cultural context does not encourage the full and equal participation of the youth in decision making – but misperception must be addressed.

In response to the peer review recommendations, although AAG will continue the work on changing power dynamics we will focus on building the power within and power with our communities as we have already been quite successful in engaging the power over and power to.

AAG will continue to engage at local, national and international levels and will undertake effective campaigns to enhance our advocacy work.

AAG will continue to work with partners and right holders at the community level as they play an active part in the implementation of the strategy. As part of the development of the CSP, a risk register has been developed and our partnership guide revised. We have also developed a monitoring and evaluation framework to ensure that monitoring is effective right from the beginning.

Recognising the risk of significant loss of funds, AAG has put in place plans to ensure that more partnership funding is mobilised during the period for the benefit of the rights holders in the communities and beyond.

Operational plans will be developed annually for implementation using highly participatory processes with all our key stakeholders. AAG expects to have contributed significantly to improving the lives of the poor and excluded in our communities in particular and the world as a whole by the end of 2014.

Our vision of AAG at the end of the CSP period is an organisation who has carved out a niche for itself as the 'go to' organisation in terms of creativity and innovation in human rights based approaches - especially in relation to women's issues. AAG intends to position ourselves as the organisation with expertise in poverty elimination interventions at both community and national levels. AAG also expect to be an organisation able to identify emerging issues and policy gaps and responding swiftly, thus adding value to national discourse.

AAG would like to thank all those who have played a part in the development of the CSP, all those who will play a part in the implementation of the CSP and all those who keep us true to the values, vision and mission of AAG.

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