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Community voices and needs in a just transition

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Engaging communities in a just transition in Ghana

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and Ford Foundation launched a project titled “Engaging communities in a just transition” in January 2022.

Timeline: This two-year project was implemented in Colombia, Ghana and Indonesia.

Programme objectives:

- The project aimed at shedding light on how the energy transition is impacting livelihoods in communities living near extractive industries and energy projects.
- To amplify the voices of local stakeholders in public debate and policy discussions.

Approach - literature review, stakeholder engagements, community selection, EITI data assessment; community data needs; Energy transition data needs
Subnational data assessment

**COMMUNITY DATA NEEDS**

**Social**
- Employment in communities
- Health issues induced by gas installations
- Relocation and compensations
- Community development as a result the presence of companies

**Environment**
- Land degradation – improper disposal of waste
- Gas flaring and potential effects on air pollution
- Potential effects of gas activities on livelihoods – fishing

**Economic**
- Influx and its impacts on cost of living
- Expanded economic activities from gas installation
- Alternative economic livelihoods

**GHEITI/EPRA EXISTING DISCLOSURES**

**Social**
- National level employment data
- Health related issues not published though collected by EPA
- Information on compensations not disclosed
- Social spending required but not disclosed under GHEITI

**Environment**
- Information filed by companies to EPA but not publicly available
- Information filed by companies to EPA but not
- No disclosures on effects of gas activities on livelihoods

**Economic**
- No disclosures related to economic impacts on local economies
- No disclosures on alternative livelihoods programs
How the project benefitted the community

• Increased understanding of the impact of the energy transition on the extractive sector and their livelihoods,
• Awareness on extractive data/information available in existing EITI Reports.
• Informed understanding of community data needs

Lessons learnt:
• Publish data on issues that are relevant to communities.
• Use community-based information dissemination approaches
• Information should be published in a timely and a comprehensive format
• Involve key community stakeholders in the transitional process
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