



Engaging communities in a just transition in Ghana

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- 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

GHEITI/EPA EXISTING **COMMUNITY DATA NEEDS DISCLOSURES** Social National level employment data Social Health related issues not published **Employment in communities** though collected by EPA Health issues induced by gas installations Information on compensations not Relocation and compensations disclosed Community development as a result the Social spending required but not presence of companies disclosed under GHEITI **Environment** Environment Land degradation - improper disposal of Information filed by companies to EPA waste but not publicly available Gas flaring and potential effects on air Information filed by companies to EPA pollution but not Potential effects of gas activities on No disclosures on effects of gas livelihoods – fishing activities on livelihoods Economic Influx and its impacts on cost of living Economic Expanded economic activities from gas No disclosures related to economic installation impacts on local economies Alternative economic livelihoods 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

