

Nigeria and the Post 2015 Development Agenda

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The Expanded Coordinating Committee Meeting of GCAP/Make Our Money Work for Us Campaign held on Friday, 29th June 2012 stressed the fact that with less than three years of Countdown to 2015, Nigeria, with over 112 million poor people occupies a key position in determining the African outcome in meeting the MDGs. In this context, over the next three years, civil society has a major role in leading the campaign with communities, governments and development partners to accelerate efforts in achieving the MDGs through a clearly defined resource allocation and implementation framework. At the same time, we need to be active players in the ongoing national, regional and international consultations on the Post 2015 Development Agenda. Specifically, we need to reflect and campaign on what needs to happen to go beyond the minimalist targets of the MDGs and help develop a more transformative and inclusive development agenda.

GCAP Work plan for July 2012 to June 2013

- 1) This work plan will be developed through a consultative process and presented for validation and implementation to an expanded meeting of civil society and development partners to hold in August 2012. The meeting will also address the Post 2015 Development Agenda currently drawn up by OSAP/MDG.
- 2) The August meeting will also focus on developing an effective campaign strategy focused on encouraging states and local governments to be more active players in implementing accelerated action plans in achieving the MDGs. There are significant regional differences on the state of play in achieving the MDGs today. Lagos for example has 95% primary school enrollment while Borno has 23% which is

declining fast. Lagos has also has a fertility rate of three children per woman while Borno has seven. Nigeria therefore cannot achieve much except if it has an acceleration strategy that is based on current zonal realities. Civil society has a critical role in contributing to the development of an effective campaign strategy that takes on board these zonal realities.

- 3) GCAP will devote the next 12 months to developing a comprehensive shadow report on achieving the MDGs as our own contribution to the September 2013 Summit. The report will cover the eight goals and engagement by the three levels of government – federal, state and local. GCAP will encourage the establishment of eight clusters of civil society and development partners to make this report a reality within the time frame.
- 4) GCAP will also develop over the same time frame our own contribution to the Post 2015 Development Agenda. A Policy Brief will be prepared to address concerns the youth bulge and economic growth that is not generating youth employment. Other issues are growing inequality and the impact of climate change on economic development. The policy brief will be our strategy paper for promoting inclusive and people centered development for our country.