

## GHANA PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET AND FINANCE UNIT PROJECT

### PROJECT DETAILS

**Country/ies:** Ghana  
**Duration:** Oct 2006-Dec 2008  
**Budget:** US\$300,000  
**Funder:** United State Agency for  
International Development  
(USAID)  
**Partner(s):** Parliament of Ghana  
**Status:** Closed

### About the Parliamentary Centre

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### About the Project

The Ghana Parliamentary Budget and Finance Unit Project focused on strengthening the parliamentary processes in Ghana by providing capacity building support the Members of Parliament and support staff to review and analyze the national budget and engage public finance issues.

Specific objectives included:

- Establishing a Budget and Finance Unit equipped with the necessary expertise including the knowledge of economic modeling and forecasting;

- Increased the capacity of the Parliamentary Service to provide MP's with quality data and in depth analyses of budgetary information.
- Increased capacity of Parliament to engage effectively in the budgetary processes and public finance management through the development of consultative mechanisms such as roundtables, between key parliamentary committees, budget policy think tanks, and the Ministry of Finance.
- Ensuring sustainability the Budget and Finance Unit by developing internal performance indicators to enable Parliament assess its own progress with respect to its role in the budget process.

### Accomplishments

The project provided technical support to MPs during the post budget workshops to prepare them for debate of the Budget. In addition, parliamentary staff trained to query the Ghana Government Composite Budget Database, to provide alternative view points on the budget to MPs.

An important accomplishment of the project was to contribute directly to introducing a Bi-partisan Draft Budget Bill making provision for a Parliamentary Budget Office