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Mission and Vision

WaterAid transforms lives by improving access to safe water, hygiene and sanitation in the world's poorest communities. We work with partners and influence decision-makers to maximise our impact.

Our vision is of a world where everyone has access to safe water and sanitation.

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WaterAid Nigeria/Andrew Esiebo.

In the northern parts of Nigeria, where Hausa is the common language, water vendors are popularly known as 'Mai Ruwa'. They are one of the most common forms of informal provision of water supply and exist in all parts of the country in one form or another. These water vendors are a means of making affordable water available to poor urban dwellers, given the constraints of the formal water supply sector.

Water delivered to the home by a water vendor, though not providing a level of service comparable to a house connection, represents a higher level of service than that available to many urban dwellers.

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These Women and children in Ugbolajor village of Ado local government area in Benue State walk long distances everyday to fetch unsafe water from a stream.
WaterAid Nigeria/Andrew Esiebo



I'm happy to invite you to share in another edition of the WaterAid Nigeria newsletter, MaiRuwa. The journey to ensuring safe water, sanitation and hygiene for all remains challenging and it is important to continue to keep our focus on what success will look like. That picture is what keeps us unwavering in our determination to reach that goal.

We continue to believe that improved access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene is the first and most vital key to overcoming poverty. As you read through these reports and stories of the work we and our partners are doing, it is our hope that you will be inspired to take action and do your own little (or big) part in helping millions of Nigerians out of poverty. Whether you're an individual, group or organisation, you can raise your voice and join it with those calling and working for change.

You can give some of your time to campaign and advocate with us or you can lobby decision makers in your constituency to bring about much needed change. The power really is in your hands and however you choose to help; you will be contributing to ensuring many can live healthier and more productive lives.

We also continue to call on our decision makers to ensure water and sanitation is prioritised and better financed. As duty bearers, this contribution to transforming the lives of those you have been called to serve will be a legacy that will speak for generations and of which you can always be proud.

***Everyone,
everywhere
2030***

WaterAid is campaigning for a world where everyone, everywhere has access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030. We believe it's an ambitious but realistic goal.

We are on the verge of elections in Nigeria and aspirants are campaigning. This presents a golden and rare opportunity for citizens to enter into dialogue with those who they will choose to govern them. It is important that citizens are encouraged to make their demands – including the right to water and sanitation. Citizens need to start asking how potential duty bearers are going to work to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene and then make sure they hold them accountable for the commitments they make. The bigger our collective voice, the more difficult it is to ignore.

The world is currently in the process to deciding what will replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Ensuring improved access to water and sanitation is a top priority beyond the 2015 MDGs deadline is certainly a key priority for WaterAid and we're doing our part to push for a standalone water and sanitation goal in the post 2015 development framework. It is crucial that water and sanitation is given the precedence it deserves in the new development agenda – and if enough of us mobilise around the world and meet decision makers, our collective voice will be heard.

Do enjoy this edition and thank you for all you are doing to support us in making a difference.

Dr Michael Ojo
Country Representative
WaterAid Nigeria

HSBC Water Programme (HWP) update

**Adejumoke Alagbe and
Oluseyi Abdulmalik**

There is a compelling case for investment in water. Globally, the average return on each US\$1 invested in universal access to safe water and sanitation is \$4. Water is essential to all human activity and a fundamental driver of socio-economic growth. It is vital to building healthy communities and developing national economies and is the first step out of poverty for individuals. However as a resource, it is under strain.

In 2012, HSBC, one of the largest banking and financial services institutions in the world launched the HSBC Water Programme (HWP) in partnership with three charitable organisations – Earthwatch Institute, WaterAid and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The programme is backed by an investment of \$100 million over five years: 2012 – 2016.

As a partner in HWP, Earthwatch is delivering freshwater research and education to help inform and transform water management while WWF is working to protect rivers and freshwater resources by implementing new practices and policies to ensure better management of this vital resource.

WaterAid is working through HWP to deliver safe water, sanitation and hygiene in six countries – Nigeria, Ghana, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan. The programme will transform lives and improve the social and livelihood situation of

people and communities where the need is greatest.

The bank committed about \$25 million to WaterAid for providing access to safe water for 1.1 million people and improved sanitation to 1.9 million people across these six countries. Over the 5 year period, WaterAid Nigeria's target is to reach 173,165 people with safe water and 316,280 people with improved sanitation in Plateau, Bauchi and Benue states. WaterAid and our partners will work with individuals and families in their communities and use a mixture of low-cost technologies to deliver lasting water, sanitation and hygiene solutions.

Since the programme began in Nigeria, over 90,000 people have gained access to safe water and nearly 135,000 now have improved sanitation facilities. Through HWP, WaterAid Nigeria has also been working with local government and civil society partners to advocate for people's rights to safe water and improved sanitation.

Case study: Improving livelihoods through safe water supply

Leplek is a community in Plateau State, north central Nigeria. It has an estimated population of 1,500 and is located 17km north east of the Local Government Headquarters in Kanke.

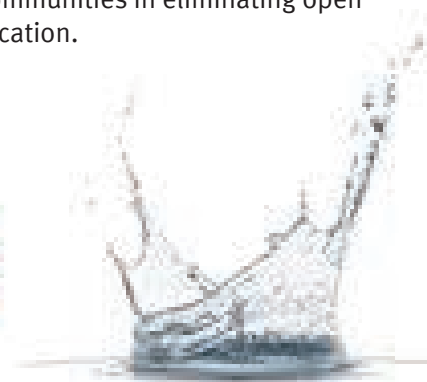
Most of the people in Leplek are farmers and engage in animal

husbandry. Many of the women are petty traders, depending a lot on water for their livelihoods as well as family needs. The community's primary source of water used to be a stream 3km away which was unsafe for human consumption and dried up in the dry season.

WaterAid and partners are working through the HSBC Water Programme (HWP) to improve access to water supply, sanitation and hygiene in Leplek and 56 other communities in Kanke local government area. This will result in better livelihoods and health for members of these communities.

A functioning borehole in Leplek now provides improved access to safe water for the community. Through the community-led total sanitation (CLTS) approach, households have gained access to more desirable toilet facilities constructing latrines within or around their houses.

WaterAid trained local government staff to carry out the community sanitation triggering exercise and monitor progress; and supported the formation of a water, sanitation and hygiene committee (WASHCOM) to help communities take ownership and manage the WASH facilities. In Kanke local government area, Volunteer Hygiene Promoters and Natural Leaders were identified and trained to promote sanitation and hygiene uptake in communities as well as monitor and report on the progress of communities in eliminating open defecation.



KAKA

(Esther Gowok, 90,
petty trader)

Esther Gowok, or 'KAKA' as she's popularly called is 90 years old. Two of her children have died and she now has 6 children and a big family of 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren who depend on her.

She is a widow who sells locust beans, a traditional condiment, to support her family.

"Before we had this borehole, where we used to fetch water was very far. If you went twice, your knees would become very tired... and the water was never enough. The coming of this water has been very comforting and we are very happy"

Before the drilling of the borehole in Leplek, Kaka was unable to process enough locust beans that could yield significant profit because it took three hours to the stream and back. Now that the borehole is close to her, she can make more locust beans and sell more.

She uses the money she makes from her sales to feed and look after her very large family.

WaterAid's intervention through the HSBC Water Programme will go a long way in impacting the life of Kaka and those in Leplek.



The Sustainable Total Sanitation (STS) project update

Mimi Ishan

In July 2012, WaterAid Nigeria began implementing the 'Sustainable Total Sanitation' (STS) project in Nigeria – with support from the WaterAid offices in the UK, America and national and international consultants. The four year project is being funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and WaterAid with an investment of over \$6.6 million.

The project is being implemented in 500 communities across ten local government areas in Ekiti, Enugu and Jigawa states. It aims to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, inclusion and sustainability of total sanitation approaches in the three states, and through the learning so generated contribute to wider national and regional good practice.

The project's objectives are to:

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Increase sustainable sanitation access in 500 communities using an improved Total Sanitation approach.

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Ensure that lessons extracted from a structured learning process result in progressive improvements to the Total Sanitation approach in the project and the direct implementing partner institutions and research question & methods identified.

.....
Undertake formal research to provide additional evidence on selected key questions.

.....
Advocate for and influence policy and practice changes at a wider scale (nationally and regionally).



Above:

Aloysius practices open defecation and has for a long while. CLTS triggering and community leadership pressure have motivated him to build a latrine, but he does not want to build a traditional latrine--he wants something good. He's been buying materials for a squat-style pour-flush latrine over time and is now rushing to have his latrine built in-time for his Christmas guests. *WaterAid Nigeria/Abdulazeez Musa*

In brief, the aim of the Sustainable Total Sanitation (STS) project is achieving and sustaining ODF, embedding good practice, and influencing the path to scale.

Implementation of the total sanitation approach will be supplemented by a systematic and structured process of partner and stakeholder learning, and a component of formal research which will address specific, testable research questions or hypotheses. This rigorous process of grounded learning and formal research will be used to influence practice and policy more widely in Nigeria and the region.

Since WaterAid began implementing the project in Nigeria, 219 communities have been selected through a demand-responsive approach and over 170,000 people now have access to sanitation. These communities have been triggered – meaning that they have experienced a collective consciousness-raising of the severe impacts of open defecation which consequently 'triggered' a desire for change, propelling them into action to improve their sanitation practices.

In order to ensure long-term sustainability, WaterAid is working closely with the local governments and water, sanitation and hygiene committees (WASHCOMs) to promote behaviour change, intensify monitoring and ensure ownership of facilities.

WaterAid has also supported the constructed and rehabilitation of 142 Institutional Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) latrines in school and clinic facilities with corresponding Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Committees (WASHCOMs). These serve as interim local facility managers and help promote sustainability.

There has been intensive learning and research activities that have come out modifying the standard Community Led Total Sanitation approach (CLTS) with sanitation marketing approaches and community financing mechanisms. The ultimate aim is to arrive at a replicable Total Sanitation approach that can be scaled across the many contexts in Nigeria and which not only improve the success rate of communities achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, but also improves the overall quality of the toilets built and increases the percentage of communities that remain ODF. Experience has shown us that the absence of sanitation marketing in targeted area has meant a delay to the process of improving sanitation and helping communities attain ODF status. We expect that with the introduction of sanitation marketing in this second year of implementation will help bolster the supply-side of our interventions by providing affordable materials, thereby enabling households to achieve the desired improvements to their sanitation facilities.

Significant influencing has already taken place nationally and one key outcome of this has been a strong partnership with UNICEF to work together to develop the sanitation marketing approach in Nigeria.

Case study:

Latrines improve school enrolment and retention

**Abdulazeez Musa and
Oluseyi Abdulmalik**

.. I have been here at this school for almost eight months now and what our predecessors told us was that when they want to go to the toilet, they do what we call 'shot put'. When we want to defecate we go to the bush. There is no bathroom also, so when we want to bath we wait till in the night or very early in the morning and do so outside..."

Amosu Rohanna – Student

Ukehe community in Igbo Etiti local government area of Enugu state expressed tremendous joy over the construction of VIP latrines in the community's special science school. The community told WaterAid Nigeria of their joy during a field trip to monitor projects being implemented by the local

government partners under the Sustainable Total Sanitation project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation.

Before the ongoing intervention, the school had no functional toilet or latrine and both students and teachers defecated in the open bush around the school premises.

School Principal, Onu Anthony said, "one of the main reasons the school population was dropping was because of a lack of toilet facilities. These new facilities will motivate the young people in the community to enrol in school", he added.

The community also advocated for the release of counterparts' funds from the LGA's to enable replication of such projects in other locations.



Top and top right

Before: The old broken down shack where students and teachers went to the toilet. Photo credit: WaterAid Nigeria

Right

After: The new VIP latrines being constructed at the school with support from WaterAid Nigeria. Photo credit: WaterAid Nigeria



The post 2015 development agenda: partnering to deliver the world we want

Local women in Nigeria collecting unsafe water from a stream highlight the need to address inequalities and prioritise water and sanitation so people can be empowered to break out of poverty.

WaterAid Nigeria/Andrew Esiebo

Saheed Mustafa & Jenchat Bishen

With less than two years to the deadlines for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the United Nations and state parties to the Millennium Declaration have put various processes in place to develop a successor framework which will reflect the views of people across divides and proffer solutions to current and emerging development challenges.

At the international level, the United Nations has been conducting a series of thematic consultations with partners and the UN Secretary-General established a task team and launched a High Level Panel of Eminent Persons to provide guidance and recommendations on the post 2015 development agenda. The panel is chaired by the Presidents of Indonesia and Liberia and the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Its 27 members include representatives from the private sector, academia, civil society and local authorities. At national levels, there have been consultations in over 70 countries aimed at gathering public opinions on the shape of the successor framework to the MDGs.

The UN and the Government of Nigeria and other stakeholders developed a National Consultation Plan to guide the mobilisation of stakeholders

to contribute to discussions in reviewing the MDGs and towards framing a successor framework to the MDGs. WaterAid Nigeria has been engaging as leading partners in the development of Nigeria's contributions to the emerging post 2015 framework. With 2.5 billion people in the world without access to safe sanitation (1 in 3 of the world's population) and 748 million people in the world without clean drinking water (1 in 10 of the world's population), WaterAid and our partners has been calling for a goal and ambitious targets for universal access to water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030.

WaterAid Nigeria has been a part of various national consultations on the post 2015 development agenda organised by the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on the Millennium Development Goals and the United Nations System in Nigeria. In conjunction with the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and UNICEF, we co-hosted water and sanitation thematic consultations which set out to discuss issues and challenges in the water and sanitation sector as well as decide on priorities of a new post 2015 development agenda.

Recommendations from these consultations include the need for a standalone goal on water

and sanitation in the post 2015 development agenda. These discussions continue to feed into the global discourse on the development framework that will follow the MDGs when they expire in 2015. Safe water, sanitation and hygiene are basic human rights that underpin health, education and livelihoods. The problems associated with a lack of access to these essential services have a critical impact on virtually all aspects of human development, disproportionately affecting the life chances of especially women, girls and other marginalised and vulnerable groups. It is for this reason that WaterAid continues to work hard, joining many other across the world to ensure the world has a post 2015 plan to achieve the vision of a world where everyone, everywhere has access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene by 2030

You too can vote for the world you want at: www.myworld2015.org

Other resources

Watch our video on 'Why water, sanitation and hygiene are key to post 2015 discussions' at www.youtube.com/watch?v=iubwubzgu3o

WaterAid International Directors team visit Nigeria

Saheed Mustafa

WaterAid Nigeria hosted members of its International Directors team on a 5 day working visit to the Nigeria country programme. The team – comprising of Girish Menon, the Deputy Chief Executive of WaterAid UK and Director of International Programmes; Erik Harvey, Head of WaterAid UK's Programme Support Unit; and Mariame Dem, WaterAid West Africa Head of Region – visited to provide support to the Nigeria country programme as well as experience firsthand progress of our work and challenges faced by the country programme in delivery of its strategic objectives.

Along with WaterAid Nigeria Country Representative, Michael Ojo; Head

of Governance, Tolani Busari; Former Head of Programmes, Ziyok Ishaku; State Programme and Advocacy Managers and members of the media, the team went to two focal states (Benue and Enugu) where they visited project communities and interacted with various stakeholders including community members, civil society organisations (CSOs) and government officials at the state and local government levels.

Benue

In Benue State, the team met with the State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency (BERWASSA), local government chairmen and other local government officials including the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) units. The team interacted with community members at project

communities and had specific discussions with the water, sanitation and hygiene committee (WASHCOM) members.

Community members expressed their gratitude to WaterAid, saying the organisation's intervention had led to better hygiene and many constructing household latrines and stopping open defecation. "Our old water source is about an hour away and we spent at least three to four hours a day collecting water. Now, with the borehole so near, it takes less than five minutes and we no longer have to carry heavy water containers on our heads over long distance." Blessing Terese; female community member, Logo LGA, Benue State

In Benue the team met Terdoo

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Left: WaterAid Nigeria Country Representative, Michael Ojo, encouraged the WASHCOMs to involve more women in decision making in the community and think of persons living with disabilities when constructing water and sanitation facilities. *WaterAid Nigeria/Saheed Mustafa*



Above: The WaterAid delegation interacted with local government officials as well as with members of project communities. *WaterAid Nigeria/Saheed Mustafa*



Above: The International WaterAid delegation at a rehabilitated improved latrine in a primary school in Igbo Etititi local government in Enugu State. *WaterAid Nigeria/Saheed Mustafa*



Left:
The WaterAid delegation with Governor Chime of Enugu State and other state and local government officials. WaterAid Nigeria/ Saheed Mustafa

Right:
WaterAid UK's Head of Programme Support Unit, Erik Harvey, at a household latrine constructed by a community member in Logo, Benue State. WaterAid Nigeria/Saheed Mustafa



Mvergaan, a blacksmith and innovative member of the WASHCOM who was trained by the local government as an artisan to carry out minor maintenance of the boreholes. Terdoo showed the team some of the tools he had invented to help him in the maintenance of the boreholes.

Speaking to decision makers in Benue, WaterAid's Deputy Chief Executive, Girish Menon, encouraged replication of projects and sharing of lessons with other local governments where WaterAid did not have a presence. "If all parties are genuinely interested in preventing children dying because of lack of sanitation then there is no time to waste." Girish Menon, WaterAid Deputy Chief Executive.

The local government chairmen asked to be carried along more so they could be more connected to the projects and contribute to driving the process of institutionalizing the WASH units and strengthening WASH systems. Benue State Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Agency stated the need for

all stakeholders to work together and avoid overlapping efforts, adding that state and local government agencies could support to coordinate the work of different development agencies better.

WaterAid's Head of West Africa Region, Mariame Dem, said "WaterAid is keen to see a shift from activity to impact driven work by the local government." She also emphasised the importance of communicating, working and coordinating better because "only together can we all achieve more." She stressed that "WaterAid sees itself as a partner, passionate about the sector and not as a donor. The local governments have more legitimacy to provide these services for the people."

Enugu

In Enugu State, the team met with the State Governor, Sullivan Chime, and talked about progress and challenges in improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene for people in the state.

At the local government, WASH unit staff thanked WaterAid for its support, especially in building their capacity, and also highlighted some of the challenges they faced. Girish encouraged community members to advocate to their local and state government on the need to pay counterpart funds.

The team also visited project communities where the Director's team again encouraged ownership of the projects by community members. Addressing community members, Girish said "While WaterAid is keen to ensure access to safe drinking water in your communities, it is also important that you take collective responsibility and ownership for these facilities and their maintenance – otherwise we will never make real progress."

In Enugu, the team also visited schools and some royal community leaders. At the Federal level, the team also held meetings with Nigeria's Minister for Water Resources, Sarah Reng Ocheke, and other stakeholders in the sector. "When you work locally, you have to keep thinking about the impact the work can have regionally and globally." Mariame Dem, WaterAid Head of West Africa Region.

In Igbo Etiti local government, the team was excited to learn that as a result of the committed leadership of the LGA Chairman and effective communication between the WASH unit and the local government, the local government had paid its counterpart funding.

To improve health outcomes for especially women and children, the local government had also ensured that the health department was closely involved in the activities of the WASH Unit in the local government.

WaterAid Nigeria and CSOs hand over 'Keep Your Promises' petition to Minister of Water Resources



Right: Representatives of the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), WASH Media Network and Youth WASH Network are supported by WaterAid Nigeria's Head of Governance, Tolani Busari to hand over the 'Keep Your Promises' petition to the Honourable Minister of Water Resources, Mrs Sarah Reng Ochekepe. *WaterAid Nigeria/Oluseyi Abdulmalik*

Oluseyi Abdulmalik

With support from WaterAid Nigeria and End Water Poverty, a coalition of civil society organisations made up of the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), the WASH journalist media network and the Youth WASH network met with the Honourable Minister of Water Resources to hand over a symbolic petition from the global 'Keep Your Promises' campaign.

Back during World Toilet Day in 2012, WaterAid and other members of the End Water Poverty alliance joined a global coalition of over 200 organisations across the world to launch the Keep Your Promises campaign and advocate for an end to the water and sanitation crisis. The campaign saw supporters across the globe taking action and calling

on their politicians and decision makers to keep the promises they have made on sanitation and water and work towards providing sanitation and water for all. The petition aimed to raise over 1 million signatures to ensure that water and sanitation are prioritised in national and international development agendas.

Thanks to efforts of the campaign supporters worldwide, including WaterAid and various other bodies, the global petition hit the one million mark less than a year after it was launched. In Nigeria, WaterAid facilitated the collection of over 20,000 signatures during various water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) campaigns and events. The symbolic petition was presented to the Honourable Minister for Water Resources representing our call to government to support universal

access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene.

The Minister was pleased to receive the petition and gave her assurance that the Nigerian Government will continue to work hard despite the many challenges it faces. She encouraged the Nigerian people to do their part in ensuring government is able to deliver on the promises they have made to improve access to safe drinking water and sanitation for all.

WaterAid continues to welcome the commitments made by our government and we believe the water and sanitation crisis can be solved but only with continued political will and only if the promises that have been made are kept. Only then can we ensure safe drinking water and sanitation is available for all.

Closing the gap: Improving water supply and sanitation provision for small towns in Nigeria (EUWF)

Adejumoke Alagbe

In September 2007, WaterAid and the European Commission signed a 4 year partnership agreement aimed at 'closing the gap' to water and sanitation access for people in 12 small towns of Enugu and Jigawa states by 2011 through a programme designed to achieve sustainable access to safe water and sanitation for people of these small towns.

The European Union Water Facility programme (EUWF) tagged 'Closing the gap: Improving water supply and sanitation provision for small towns in Nigeria' sought to promote a coordinated, sustainable and cost effective approach to improving access to water and sanitation in rapidly emerging small towns in Nigeria.

The project helped to transform lives by providing 233, 943 people with access to safe water and 182, 731 people with access to improved sanitation and hygiene in 28 small towns of Jigawa and Enugu States.

Another significant outcome of the project was the release of counterpart funding by the state governments – N40 Million Naira in Enugu and N39 Million Naira in Jigawa – for the replication of the small town schemes in both states. In Jigawa, the government replicated the small towns' model using WaterAid's approach in 105 communities, thus providing over 800,000 additional people with access to water, sanitation and hygiene services.



In both projects, WaterAid Nigeria worked through and with local government in Bauchi, Enugu, Jigawa and Plateau states. Participating CSO partners included – CBD NGO in Plateau, NEWSAN in Bauchi, ARSENGO in Enugu and NEWSAN in Jigawa.

Our approaches included: provision of water and sanitation facilities; citizens' engagement; demand responsive approach; budget tracking and monitoring; and the use of some of our models – rope pump technology for hand dug wells, spring water harvesters, Community Based Water Resource Management (CBWRM) and the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach.

Through these projects, we were able to contribute to the achievement of MDGs 4, 5 and 6 in Nigeria – reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases – as well as our mandate of improving access to safe water and basic sanitation which lies under MDG 7.

Empowering civil society and local authorities for pro-poor and inclusive water and sanitation governance in Bauchi and Plateau states in Nigeria (ECNSA)

Adejumoke Alagbe

In April 2009, additional funds were received from the European Commission for a programme to promote poverty reduction through improved accountability and collaboration around water and sanitation in Bauchi and Plateau states.

The European Commission Non State Actors (ECNSA) project was tagged 'Empowering Civil Society and Local Authorities for pro-poor and inclusive water and sanitation governance in Bauchi and Plateau states in Nigeria.' The project was aimed at building the capacity of civil society

organisations and local governments in the states to carry out poverty focused and equitable water, sanitation and hygiene promotion development interventions.

The ECNSA project helped provide access to safe water and sanitation for 48,000 people in the 24 selected communities of Bauchi and Plateau states. A direct result of the project was an increase in financing for sector through counterpart funding to the tune of 23.5 Million Naira from the government of Plateau State. Water, sanitation and hygiene services in schools were also enhanced, leading to an increase in school enrolment and retention.

The Governance and Transparency Fund (GTF) Programme

Saheed Mustafa

A review of the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector conducted in 2008 by WaterAid Nigeria revealed deterioration in access to safe water and sanitation between 1990 and 2000, with minimal changes in access over the years. Some of the factors identified as hindering progress in realising set targets included a lack of good governance as a result of weak sector capacity, a lack of prioritisation of WASH issues and corruption – all of which weakened the effectiveness of the sector.

In addition, weak or non-existent engagement of civil society has resulted in a lack of accountability and responsiveness from governments and service providers.

WaterAid and the Freshwater Action Network (FAN) GTF programme, which started in October 2008, aimed to increase the capacity and resources of civil society in 16 targeted countries (across Africa, Asia and Central America) and 30 civil society organisations, in order to participate in effective evidence-based dialogue with decision-makers in the water and sanitation arena and build pressure for securing pro-poor service delivery.

The programme, a £5 million DFID funded programme,

spanned over 5 years from 2008-2013.

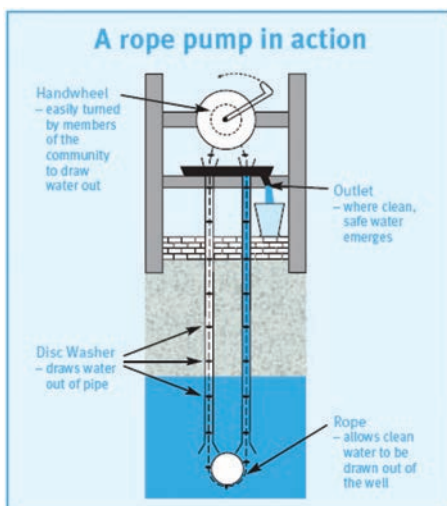
WaterAid Nigeria managed the programme fund with the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN); Dadur Bol Development Association (DBOLDA) and Women Empowerment in Nigeria (WEIN) as major implementing partners in Bauchi and Plateau states.

The GTF programme has

made some great achievements, including: increased CSO capacity to influence WASH policies and practices, increased CSO engagement in decision-making processes, and better informed and empowered citizens able to demand more accountability and responsiveness from duty bearers.

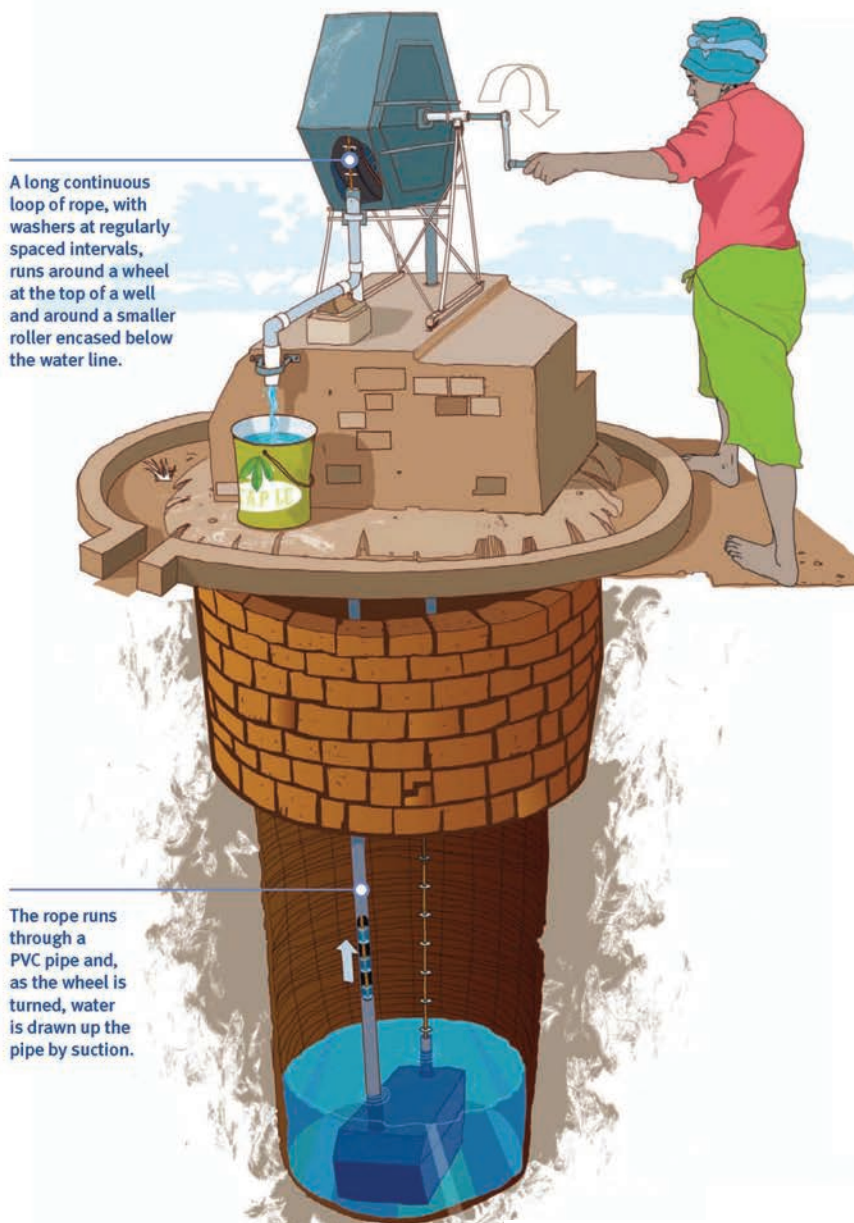
“The citizens’ engagement process educated us on our right to demand from stakeholders and service providers in an organised way. Before that, we could not easily see the Council Chairman and our state house of assembly member, but the interface during the citizens’ engagement process gave us the opportunity to meet face to face with our Chairman and house of assembly member to discuss the community’s problems.” Advocacy visits to them thereafter paid off – they promised to build us a borehole and they did. Before then our only water source was a pond shared with animals.” Jacob Chollom, Barkin Ladi in Plateau State

WaterAid works with local partners to create locally-owned, long-lasting solutions. We help local organisations set up low cost, sustainable projects using appropriate technology (such as hand pumps, rope pump, community-led total sanitation) that can be managed by the community itself. We work with local implementing partners to provide motorised, hand pump equipped boreholes, rain water harvesters as well as train Water Sanitation and Hygiene Committees (WASHCOMS) and local artisans in addition to other initiatives.



The rope pump

A water pump must be sustainable, which means it must be able to be fixed locally, cheaply and quickly. A rope pump is a simple technology that can be constructed from recycled parts like bicycle wheels, scrap metal and plastic. WaterAid's partners train and support local people to maintain the pumps and in some cases manufacture them.



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For more Information:
Please visit
www.wateraid.org/ropepump to watch
a video of rope pumps in action

Post Implementation Monitoring Survey (PIMS)

Ziyok Ishaku

Post-Implementation Monitoring Survey (PIMS) is the process of revisiting completed Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects after completion to assess their functionality and sustainability.

At WaterAid, all country programmes must develop a comprehensive inventory of all water and sanitation facilities supported by the organisation – new and rehabilitated, either directly funded by WaterAid through hardware support and / or facilitated by WaterAid through critical software support, for example, through community mobilization processes.

WaterAid's post-intervention monitoring and follow-up model expects each country programme to carry out sample surveys annually

and a full survey every four years. The post-implementation surveys are to be carried out one, three, five and ten years after the project implementation.

Why PIMS?

The survey provides an avenue for understanding the sustainability of WaterAid Nigeria's investment in the rural and small towns in Nigeria.

It is effective for drawing up key learning and action points because survey results and recommendations are shared with partners implementing projects and local communities.

Its checks the sustainability of our work in terms of hardware and how hygiene practice has been sustained as a result of our hygiene promotion.

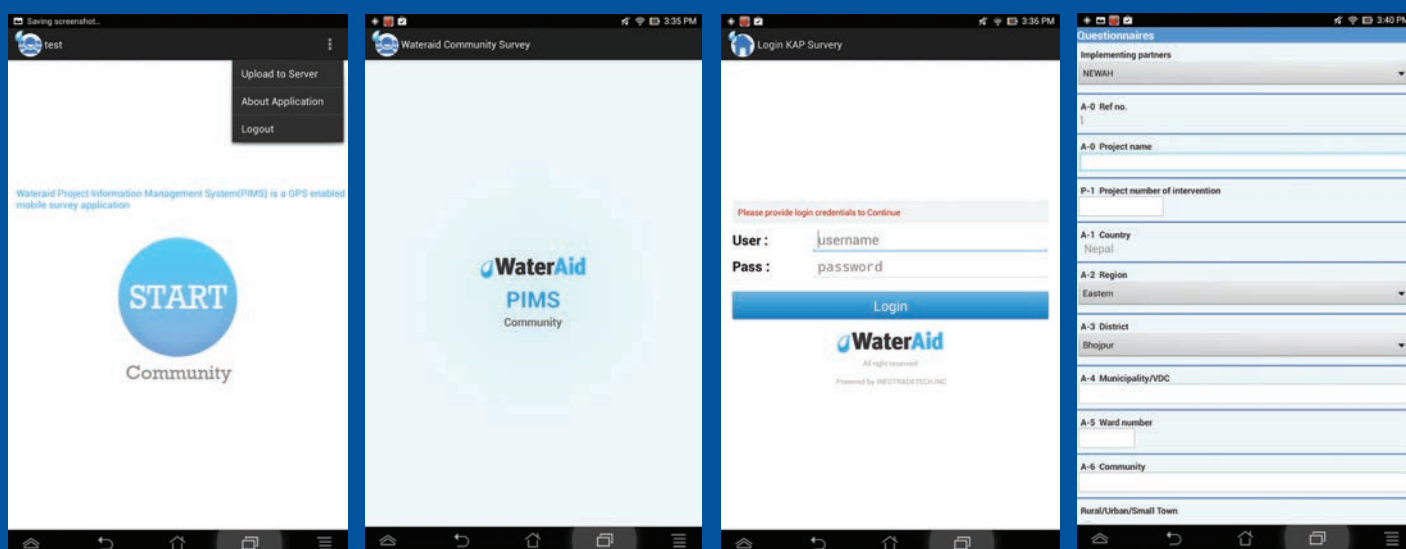
It helps us to keep record of information we need to make facilities function

properly. It asks, for example, how and why certain facilities may not have worked over certain periods of time so that we can work to address those issues.

It informs our planning and decisions for future project implementations as survey reports are documented and stored for future reference purposes.

It helps us to understand how effective institutional structures that have been established are like the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Communities (WASHCOMs) and WCAs.

Post implementation surveys are sometimes also called up during evaluations and internal audits as evidence of assurance measures undertaken by the country programme.



Sanitation marketing for a sustainable future



Left and below

Felicia's husband built this homemade VIP latrine, with a concrete slab and a 90-degree PVC vent pipe that removes heat from the pit. Though their village was triggered through CLTS, Felicia is still too embarrassed to let visitors use this toilet. When they have to go, she tells them it's not finished and directs them to the bush.

WaterAid Nigeria/Abdulazeez Musa



Abdulazeez Musa

Since 2004, WaterAid Nigeria has been working on a community-led total sanitation (CLTS) project in Benue state. The project aims to provide long-term sanitation solutions. CLTS helps communities to achieve open defecation free status. While this is an important first step, the approach does not support communities to improve their situation further than eliminating open defecation.

We have seen varying degrees of success with CLTS programmes. In Ekiti state, for example, people are more educated and have their own style of housing. As a result, they are reluctant to build the basic latrines used in CLTS programmes as they don't match their housing or status.

At the moment, they have two options. They can build basic 'unimproved latrines', which the community does not like, or they can try to save or borrow the money to build a more expensive, improved latrine. But this is rare, due to other financial pressures.

Because households lack affordable choices to invest in improved latrines, WaterAid Nigeria is complementing CLTS work with the sanitation marketing approach to achieve total sanitation.

Sanitation marketing increases people's desire for household facilities, which they have more long-term ownership of. Local businesses are also helped to supply this demand with durable, improved latrines.

This work is being done through the Sustainable Total Sanitation Project, which will run for five years and receive funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The project aims to increase sustainable access to sanitation for low-income households, and research communities' needs and preferences.

Understanding why households build latrines, what kinds of features they like, and how much they are willing to invest is vital to ensure that sanitation marketing projects get off the ground. WaterAid Nigeria has conducted 'deep-dive' market research to provide insights to these issues.

A 7-step 'SanMark Framework' has been created as a result of this work, outlining strategies to develop, resource, plan and implement sanitation marketing. This market research helps to drive a shift from seeing households as beneficiaries of programme support, to seeing them as knowledgeable customers. Similarly, sanitation providers should be seen as viable independent business-owners, rather than contractors.

These changes will mean that WaterAid Nigeria's role will also change: from implementing a programme, to facilitating and supporting the market. As part of this shift, our exit strategy should be clear, enabling businesses to continue supplying products and services after our interventions cease.

The Sustainable Total Sanitation Project provides a unique opportunity for WaterAid to provide the necessary technical guidance and leadership to shape a robust sanitation intervention in Nigeria.

The framework is available at www.sanitationmarketing.com ›

Integrating WASH and health during Global Handwashing Day

WaterAid Nigeria partnered with four top radio stations to produce health and hygiene messages in both English and Pidgin English for a mini- radio campaign during last year's Global Handwashing Day. Pidgin, a mixture of English and ethnic Nigerian languages, is arguably the most common language in the country, cutting across all ethnic and socio-economic divides.

The health jingles were broadcast on four of the top five ranking radio stations in Abuja and environs and also in some of our focal states.

The campaign contributes to our advocacy priority on water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) and health and helps us highlight the significance of safe water, improved sanitation and good hygiene practices not only for improved health outcomes but also for all other areas of human development.

In a drive to engage the media to report on the issues and let as many people as possible know just how life-saving washing our hands with soap (or ash) can be, we participated in numerous media engagements. Together with the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), we were on a 1-hour radio talk and phone-in show; and under the auspices of the National Task Group on Sanitation (NTGS), we also joined the Federal Ministry of Water Resources, UNICEF, Unilever Nigeria and the WASH Media Network to hold a press conference.

Collaborating with health counterparts to reach People Living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA)

WaterAid Nigeria engaged the Institute of Human Virology in Nigeria (IHVN) to visit selected general hospitals and primary health care facilities in and around Abuja. Over

the course of two weeks, country programme staff from various departments visited Persons Living With HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) on their out-patient clinic days to speak to them on the importance of good hygiene practice with emphasis on handwashing at critical times and how essential it is in helping reduce opportunistic infections.

We performed handwashing demonstrations to show the proper way to wash hands; distributed factsheets and briefs on 'Compelling facts on Handwashing' and 'Integrating HIV/AIDS and WASH programming in Nigeria.'

Cascading hygiene messages through youth engagement

The National Youth Service Corps is a mandatory one year national service programme for all higher institution graduates in Nigeria.



Above:

Members of WaterAid Nigeria gave some of the out-patients a chance to show what they had learnt and demonstrate proper handwashing. *Photo Credit: Jenchat Bishen*



Above:

Members of WaterAid Nigeria address the HIV and AIDS community development service group about the link between WASH and health and the significance of proper hygiene practices such as handwashing. *Photo Credit: Jenchat Bishen*



Above:

Help a child reach 5...school children show their clean hands. *Photo Credit: Jenchat Bishen*

Corps members join different community development service groups, usually in their area of interest and expertise. One such group is the HIV and AIDS service group where members have various outreach programmes to people living with HIV and AIDS including awareness creation, governance and even service delivery.

Our aim in working with such a group was to ensure that they integrate WASH in their HIV and AIDS interventions, outreaches and programme activities. This will deepen our WASH and health work for effective impact and results. The campaign also presented an opportunity to deepen our engagement with youth networks in the country and strengthen our partnerships for effective collaboration.

Right:

WaterAid Nigeria's Country Representative, Dr. Michael Ojo, demonstrates proper handwashing to school children at the event.

Photo Credit: Jenchat Bishen



Reaching children through the National Task Group on Sanitation

The National Task Group on Sanitation, made up of various government line ministries and agencies, donors, NGOs, media, and CSOs – including WaterAid and Unilever and UNICEF – held a main event to commemorate the Global Handwashing Day in Abuja. Also present at the event were the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) WASH Ambassador,

members of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and pupils from various schools in Abuja.

Taking advantage of the strategic role children can play as agents of change, there were several interactive sessions with them highlighting the benefits of handwashing for their health and education and the important role they could play in spreading the message by passing it on to their families, neighbours and other children like them.

World Toilet Day 2013: WaterAid says 'thank you toilet'!



Oluseyi Abdulmalik

Flash squats

Staff and friends of WaterAid Nigeria, including the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), the Youth WASH Network and the WASH media network, carried out symbolic squats on World Toilet Day. The squats were a graphic representation of just how many people are being impacted by a lack of access to adequate sanitation facilities in Nigeria.

The pictures were posted on our Facebook and Twitter platforms and very quickly became popular. They were in turn shared to many across the world by various friends, supporters and stakeholders on their Facebook and Twitter forums. These included WaterAid in the UK, Australia, America and Gates Poverty of the Gates Foundation (who has over 10,000 twitter followers).

Did you know 1 in 3 people worldwide don't have a proper toilet? Time to appreciate yours! #ThankYouToilet #WorldToiletDay2013

Raising awareness through social media

On 2013 World Toilet Day, WaterAid Nigeria asked people to take time out to imagine life without a toilet. No toilets in their homes or at work, no public toilets, no toilets anywhere. We asked them to imagine the mess and the diseases. It's hard to imagine life without something we take for granted, but this is the daily reality of 2.5 billion people. In Nigeria it's the reality for over 110 million people (that is about two thirds of our population!).

Left:

112 million Nigerians do not have access to basic sanitation.

WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi

Some of our WTD Tweets

#WorldToiletDay is in 2 days & we have big news. Toilets save lives. Tell the world! #ThankYouToilet http://youtu.be/Di_ugvNXjgs

Almost 2,000 kids die EVERY DAY because of unsafe water and poor sanitation. Toilets can change this. http://youtu.be/Di_ugvNXjgs

112 million Nigerians do not have access to improved sanitation <http://on.fb.me/ld7gE5> <http://goo.gl/KYGM3e>

37 million Nigerians (23% of the population) still practice open defecation <http://on.fb.me/ld7gE5> <http://goo.gl/KYGM3e>

Nearly 100,000 children under the age of 5 die of diarrhoea every year as a result of Nigeria's poor level of access to water and sanitation

Poor water and sanitation costs Nigeria around N455 billion each year – that is 1.3% of its GDP

In our first attempt at a strategic twitter drive to reach as many people as possible with our numerous messages, WaterAid Nigeria tweeted to about 100 influential personalities and celebrities, civil society organisations, development partners and media houses around World Toilet Day. We asked them to spread the word that toilets save lives and they did (through mentions, tweets and re-tweets) – to over 560,000 of their followers!

Our social media messages highlighted the crisis and called

Right:

37 million people defecate in the open in Nigeria.

WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi

Below:

On World Toilet Day, WaterAid Nigeria came together to say in one voice that these figures should be 0 (zero) because everyone deserves to have access to basic sanitation. *WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi*



for change.

Media engagements

WaterAid Nigeria collaborated with the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN) and the Youth WASH Network for an early morning interview on the popular Kiss FM. Together with the Federal Ministry of Health and the Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria; we were also on Nigeria Info FM for a one hour talk and phone in show.

The National Task Group on Sanitation (NTGS), of which WaterAid is a part, also participated in a press conference hosted by the Federal Ministry of Health and the Nigerian Centre for Disease Control on World

Toilet Day.

At the conference, the Minister adopted WaterAid's World Toilet Day theme – 'thank you toilet' – and lamented the recent outbreaks of cholera in the country, saying the now yearly occurrence of the epidemic in the country could be stopped if we stopped open defecation and prevent contamination of our water sources and food. He said this year's World Toilet Day was one of our attempts to raise awareness on the need to stop open defecation in order to ensure better and healthy living.

The Minister commended the efforts of development partners, such as WaterAid, who have worked in collaboration with government in promoting sanitation development

in the country and who have introduced the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach as a way of mobilising communities to take actions towards stopping open defecation. He said if scaled up, CLTS will eliminate open defecation and contribute significantly to reducing the burden of diseases caused by poor sanitation.

WaterAid Nigeria had other interviews with top media organisations in the country – Channels TV, African Independent Television, National Television Authority International and Capital FM. We recorded media hits from over 20 media outlets in Nigeria during World Toilet Day.

Sensitising at a market rally

A rally was also held at Wuse Market Abuja to sensitise people on the importance of making good use of the public toilets and keeping them clean. The event was led by the Environmental Health Officers Registration Council of Nigeria and supported by other members of the National Task Group on Sanitation such as UNICEF, Federal Ministry of Health, Nigerian Centre for Disease Control and WaterAid.

WaterAid Nigeria collaborates for World AIDS Day 2013



Left:

WaterAid Nigeria at the youth event talking about how safe water, sanitation and hygiene improves every aspect of a person's life. *WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi*

Below:

The play: A health worker gives hygiene education to the primary caregiver of a person living with AIDS. *Photo Credit: WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi*

Jenchat Bishen

World AIDS Day in 2013 provided an excellent opportunity for WaterAid Nigeria to integrate health (specifically HIV and AIDS) and WASH and deepen highlight the important linkage between safe water, sanitation, hygiene and improved health outcomes.

WaterAid Nigeria collaborated at a youth event organised at the National Stadium by the National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA), United Nations Population Fund, Nigeria (UNPFA) and the Institute of Human Virology (IHVN). It was an interactive question and answer session with a short comical presentation brought to the audience by WaterAid in collaboration with the Youth WASH Network drama troop.

The drama portrayed the importance of not stigmatizing



against Persons Living with HIV (PLHIV) and why access to safe water, improved sanitation and good hygiene are essential for ensuring that PLHIV live healthy and productive lives.

It was also an opportunity for us to continue to deepen our partnership with various youth

groups we had been engaging with and build their capacity to disseminate WASH and health messages with others. Working with volunteers from the HIV/AIDS Community Development Service Group of the National Youth Service Corp, WaterAid Nigeria also conducted health talks – linking WASH and health



Above:

The interactive outreach sessions included demonstrations and teaching of proper handwashing. *Photo*

Credit: WaterAid Nigeria/Jenchat Bishen

Right:

Some of the youth volunteers at an outreach event



Below:

The youth visited schools at Kubwa community, Bwari Area Council of the FCT and also spoke with people who had come for HIV and AIDS counselling. *Photo Credit: WaterAid Nigeria/Jenchat Bishen*

as well as proper handwashing demonstrations. During the three-day outreach, the volunteers worked with relevant primary health care centres and visited remote rural districts on the outskirts of Abuja where free HIV testing and counselling was already taking place. They explained that people living with HIV and AIDS were more susceptible to opportunistic infections and therefore it was especially crucial for them to wash their hands with soap at critical times after going to the toilet and before eating as well as maintain good hygiene and sanitation practices in order to improve their general health and wellbeing. The group shared factsheets on handwashing and WASH and HIV/AIDS at the youth forum and at the various districts they visited.



World Water Day: More voices for everyone everywhere

Oluseyi Abdulmalik

WaterAid Nigeria used the opportunity of the 2014 World Water Day to intensify its advocacy for the realisation that ending world poverty is only possible if everyone everywhere has access to safe water, adequate sanitation and improved hygiene. Our priorities, which were reflected and highlighted in the various activities we carried out, were to:

Advocate for prioritisation of WASH beyond 2015 and encourage improved access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene for everyone, everywhere by 2030

Continue to push for the integration of water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) and health and highlight how much people's lives (especially marginalised and vulnerable groups such as people living with HIV or AIDS) are affected by a lack of access to safe WASH

Encourage Government to keep their promises (MDGs, eThekweni, SWA); prioritise attention to WASH; increase budget allocation to WASH and better target funds for WASH

Think big and mobilise, in a way we've not done before, the voices of citizens and provide a platform for them to be heard and engage in WASH governance

The global theme for this year's World Water Day was 'Water and Energy' It stresses further the inequalities that exist in the world, especially for the 'bottom billion' who live in slums and impoverished rural areas and survive without access to safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, sufficient food and energy services. Statistics show that it is often the same people who lack access to improved water sources and improved sanitation who also lack access to electricity. Today those

numbers are unacceptable and need urgent attention. These inequalities must be overcome for sustainable socio-economic development.

Our biggest and best World Water Day yet!

In the lead up to this year's Walk for Water & Sanitation, we sent out bulk text messages to about 50,000 people in Abuja. Staff members did their part by contributing at least 10 numbers of family, friends and professional contacts each to the campaign. We produced eye-catching flyers which we distributed all over town (through colleagues and youth networks) and reached out to all our friends and other stakeholders via letters and emails. As a result, this year's

commemoration was the biggest; loudest; most colourful and the best we've had in a while.

On Thursday 20 March 2014, we walked for water and sanitation together with the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and the Federal Ministry of Power. The 7km walk was attended by nearly 500 participants including various youth groups, Oxfam, UNICEF, Ministry of Health, Institute of Human Virology, Nigeria and members of Nigeria's National Assembly. We also had friends and families of colleagues, service providers and even passersby's join the walk. The walk ended at Africa's largest television Network – the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)



The 2014 Abuja World Walk for Water & Sanitation



Photo gallery

Photo Gallery from
Abuja's 2014 World
Walk for Water &
Sanitation. *WaterAid*
Nigeria/Elekolusi/Baiye



where we had the opportunity to speak to decision makers. The large press turnout ensured that even relevant decision makers not present heard our call.

There was a lot of radio and social media buzz; our followers and likes on Twitter and Facebook increased by over a hundred each during this period and continue to rise even after.

Heating things up with the Sound Sultan

Our collaboration with Nigerian rapper, singer-songwriter and recording artist Olanrewaju Fasasi – better known as Sound Sultan – raised the bar this World Water Day in calling for improved access to safe water and sanitation for all Nigerians.



Below:
WaterAid Nigeria with Sound Sultan on a Capital FM radio show on World Water Day. *WaterAid Nigeria/ Sozo Films*

our campaign on Twitter (of which he's an active user), helping raise awareness to his over 300,000

citizens the opportunity to be heard and demand their rights from political leaders - who want their votes!

Below:

WaterAid Country Representative, Dr Michael Ojo, Sound Sultan and WaterAid Head of Governance, Tolani Busari at the press conference held after the Walk for Water and Sanitation. *Photo Credit: WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi*

This focus on WASH and electioneering is a strategic collaborative initiative between WaterAid Nigeria and the Youth WASH Network to leverage on Nigeria's upcoming general elections in 2015. The political parties were challenged to include and prioritise the provision of improved access to WASH in their manifestos and ensure that they kept the promises they made. They promised to take the issues back to their campaign headquarters and initiate an ongoing dialogue.

WaterAid Nigeria's Country Representative, Michael Ojo, gave a presentation on the importance of WASH for development, highlighting the right to WASH and the importance of ensuring a standalone goal on water and sanitation in the post 2015 development framework. He added:

"WaterAid Nigeria has a strategic focus on engaging the large Nigerian youth population on WASH and has been supporting AMCOW (the African Ministerial Council on Water) in developing its Youth Strategy. With a view to the upcoming elections in Nigeria, this was an opportunity to increase awareness of the key issues, to inspire and galvanise our young people into action and to begin to set the tone for what we hope will be more challenging engagements for aspirants who put themselves forward for elective office. It was great to see so many people turn up this time and to have the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Youth Issues in attendance."



The collaboration made our World Water Day awareness campaign even more exciting and impactful. The super talented and multi-faceted Sound Sultan is considered one of the leading trend setters of modern hip hop and contemporary Nigerian music.

Sound Sultan joined WaterAid staff and the Network of People living With HIV and AIDS in Nigeria (NEPHWAN) on the panel for a press conference attended by over 20 media houses. Along with WaterAid, he also participated in numerous radio engagements.

The artist continued his support for

followers.

No water, no vote?!

For World Water Day, the Youth WASH Network in Nigeria organised a crisis and solution talk on 'Voting for Justice: Making election deliver the right to water, sanitation, health, education and food security'

The event brought together representatives of two major political parties, the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Youth Issues, development stakeholders and community members to discuss issues on water, sanitation, health, education and food security. It gave

WaterAid builds staff capacity for strategic communications at regional workshop

Abdulazeez Musa

A West African regional communications workshop was organized in October 2013 for about twenty various officers and managers in WaterAid country programmes in the West African region – Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and the transboundary programme in Liberia/Sierra Leone. The workshop was facilitated by a WaterAid UK team of communications, digital and photography colleagues.

In a bid to build capacity in communications, WaterAid Nigeria nominated three members of staff from its IT; Governance; and People and Organisational Development departments to attend the training workshop.

The 5 day workshop, which held in Dakar, Senegal, was aimed at ensuring that as many people as possible in country programmes are given the chance to learn and improve their skills across various areas of communications.

Participants presented a SWOT analysis of their various country programmes and a market place exercise helped them identify each other's strengths and areas in which they could support and learn from each other. Sessions included digital communications – social media and web; writing for different audiences, photography and strategic communications.

Here is what the participants from the WaterAid Nigeria country programme had to say about their experiences at the workshop:

“In my role as the Human Resource & Organizational Development Officer, I need to be able to easily navigate the organisation's Intranet to find information relevant to my

work. My role also requires me to write and generate numerous reports. The things I learnt from this workshop have certainly added value to the quality of the reports I write and taught me how to find my way round the Intranet more effectively. I now also see the importance of using social media, even in our recruitment process.” Victoria Chenge, Human Resource & Organizational Development Officer, WaterAid Nigeria.

“I have always struggled to come up with exciting and inspiring case studies and making effective use of the organisation's Intranet. Thanks to this workshop, I have been able to overcome those difficulties and the results are evident in my

Below:
WaterAid Nigeria staff with the workshop facilitators in Dakar, Senegal.
*WaterAid Nigeria/
Abdulazeez Musa*

work. Since the workshop, I have supported WaterAid Nigeria increase its Facebook likes and shares. I also share regular updates with WaterAid offices across the world through our Yammer platform. I particularly enjoyed the way the workshop was facilitated, very practical, participatory and fun. Apart from the new skills and knowledge that we gained, it was also an excellent networking opportunity for the regional staff in attendance.” Abdulazeez Musa, Policy and Research Officer, WaterAid Nigeria.

“I think effective communication is very necessary if we are to achieve our aims as an organisation. Investing in capacity building opportunities will certainly prove to be a wise and strategic decision for WaterAid. The training has opened up my eyes to fresh new ideas in communications and how I can leverage on my IT skills to support the organisation's communication strategy.” Adebayo Ambrose, IT Assistant, WaterAid Nigeria.



Building partner capacity to capture and communicate impact

Jenchat Bishen & Oluseyi Abdulmalik

Getting good quality reports from implementing local government and civil society partners in the field – those closest to the communities in which we work – has been a big challenge for WaterAid Nigeria. To address this problem, WaterAid Nigeria recently carried out a case study gathering and basic photography training workshop for partners implementing its HSBC Water Programme in Bauchi, Benue and Plateau States.

The two-day training workshop was held in September 2013 in Abuja to build the capacity of these partners to take good pictures and gather case studies that will showcase the water, sanitation and hygiene situations in the communities where we work and show the impact on the lives of people and communities.

The objective of the training was to strengthen partners' skills in effective documentation (case studies development and photography) of

key programme outcomes. The intended outcome of the training was to ensure partners have the needed equipment and skills to overcome current challenges they face in gathering case studies and incorporating these stories as a part of their monthly reporting. With these stories, we can ensure that we are able to capture pre and post intervention stories and community testimonies more effectively, using these stories to influence the wider WASH sector and demonstrate the impact of WaterAid's HSBC Water Programme in transforming people's lives by improving their access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene.

The training was facilitated by the WaterAid Nigeria's Communications and Campaigns Manager and targeted 22 Coordinators, Program

Officers and Monitoring and Evaluation Officers from amongst the local government and civil society organisations in the three states. These staff have the most interaction with communities through frequent field visits and are primarily responsible for sending project reports from the field.

Sessions included presentations on the basics of photography and case study gathering. The sessions helped participants get comfortable with their cameras and the workings of it and gave basic technical tips on how to take good pictures in varying environments and situations. It helped partners understand how to prepare for a photo case study gathering trip to the field and highlighted the powerful impact of a good picture and its significance in telling a story. The sessions also highlighted the significance of case studies and the various elements that make a good case study.

The highlight of the training was the practical exercise session in which participants embarked on a field visit to try and put what they had learnt to good use and gather case studies in a nearby community. Ido Sarki, a community on the outskirts of Abuja. The community, even though very close to the main Abuja city, faces major challenges with water and sanitation. During the visit, participants got the opportunity to speak with members of the community on their experiences as regards water and sanitation and they got permission. At the end of the day, groups put together their case studies and presented them to one another.

The gallery below showcases some photo case studies from the partners' day out in the field during the training workshop.

Below:

Participants at the workshop take a picture by a non-functioning borehole at Ido Sarki community in Abuja. *WaterAid Nigeria/Wale Elekolusi*





Left and below:

Ido community has a population of over 20,000 people and the water points provided by the government no longer function. Many settlers drink water from open wells or the stream and others have to buy sachet water or from water carriers. The only borehole that functions in the community was provided by the District Head and the people have to pay 30 Naira to fill a 25 litre keg. Photo: WaterAid Nigeria/Nyamve Matthew



Left:

One of the case studies gathered by the partners shares a story about Happy Zephania, a 15 year old physically disabled pupil in primary six who treks from home about a kilometer from school daily. Happy said she has to be absent from school whenever she has her periods because there is no water at the school. Photo: WaterAid Nigeria/Clyff Gai

Above:

The sanitation situation in the community is dire. There is no form of refuse disposal and people dispose of their waste in mounting rubbish heaps scattered all over the community. Photo: WaterAid Nigeria/Clement Dalut

Supporting civil society partners to advocate for change

Saheed Mustafa

WaterAid Nigeria also held a 2 day advocacy and participatory budgeting workshop for these same partners. The objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of civil society organisation (CSO) partners in participatory budgeting as well as advocacy and influencing in their respective states. The workshop was facilitated by WaterAid Nigeria's Advocacy and Partnership Manager – who provided technical support to the partners in developing advocacy plans to drive WaterAid's advocacy agenda in Bauchi, Benue and Plateau.

On of the ways in which WaterAid Nigeria works is through influencing other stakeholders to take action and make the decisions important for increasing access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene in the country. A big part of that work depends

on the ability of the CSOs to support this objective through effective advocacy to relevant stakeholders. This requires that the CSOs have knowledge and information necessary for advocacy at state level. The coordination of the advocacy activities through proper planning is also important in order to ensure effectiveness in implementation.

Our next step will be supporting the CSO partners in the implementation of the activities to meet WaterAid's advocacy objectives for increasing prioritisation of water, sanitation and hygiene. By training partners on participatory budgeting process, it is expected that their capacity in budget analysis and tracking will be strengthened and they will be empowered with the skills to engage in the state and national budgeting process for increased investment in sanitation.

Partner capacity built on community-based disaster preparedness and mitigation of climate change

Omolade Olalekan

A further one day workshop on disaster risk management was held to strengthen the partners and equip them to help educate, prepare and support local populations and communities in their everyday efforts to reduce risks and prepare their own local response mechanisms to address disaster emergency situations.

The workshop was facilitated by WaterAid Nigeria's Policy and Sector Support Coordinator and aimed to provide an understanding of what actions will be necessary in the event of a disaster. It provided insight for partners to identify relevant and practical activities to include in their programmes. The Nigerian Red Cross Society, the Ministry of Environment and the Emergency Management Agency all shared practical experiences and supported the workshop, helping partners to develop an action plan for passing down. The training in flood prone communities in their respective states.

WaterAid Nigeria held its annual staff retreat at Ikogosi Warm Spring Resort in Ekiti State from 22-25 July 2013. The theme for the retreat was 'Focussing internally to influence externally'. It was a great opportunity for team building as we focussed on learning more about and imbibing our values, why work life balance is important as well as engaging in very exciting extracurricular activities.

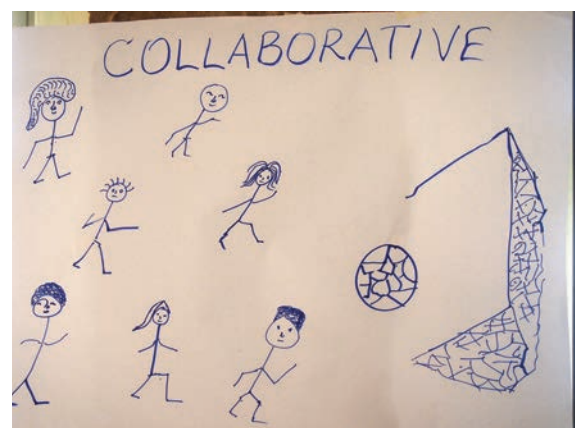
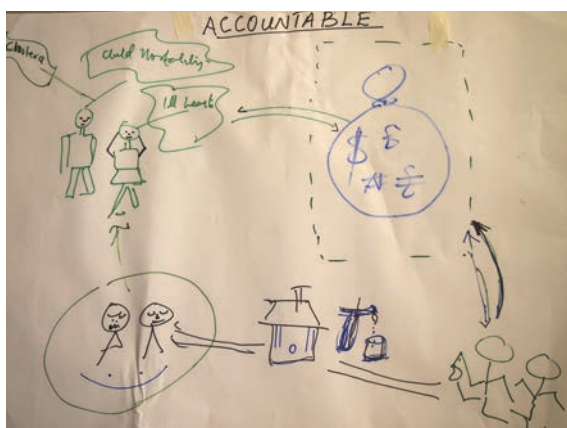
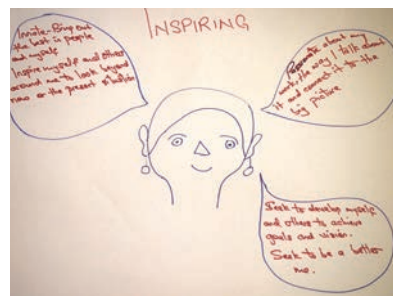
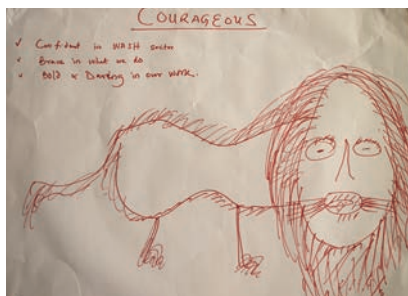
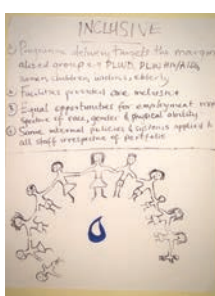
Michael Ojo, WaterAid Nigeria Country Representative said: “Our staff retreat this year gave us an opportunity to commit to transforming ourselves and working on having a

Coincidentally, Governor Kayode Fayemi of Ekiti State (one of our focal states) showed up at the same resort and we took advantage of the opportunity to have a chat with him about our work in the state and avenues for further progress.



Above: WaterAid Nigeria senior management with Governor Fayemi of Ekiti State. *Photo: WaterAid Nigeria*

Above:
WaterAid
Nigeria staff
letting loose at
the annual staff
retreat. *Photo:*
WaterAid Nigeria.



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