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ENHANCING WASH ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

The Enhancing WASH (E-WASH) Activity aims to facilitate access to and use of sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene services as well as financing and governance in Northern Ghana.

Employing a systems strengthening approach, successful implementation of E-WASH through September 2026, will result in:

- The Government of Ghana, through the Metropolitan/Municipal/District Assemblies (MMDAs), efficiently and effectively planning, budgeting, implementing, and monitoring water and sanitation services;
- The Government of Ghana, through MMDAs and other actors, improving the enabling environment for private sector participation in the WASH sector;
- Citizens adopting and sustaining improved WASH practices; and
- WASH service providers adopting improved management, operational and finance model products in target districts.

E-WASH anticipates 300,000 people will gain access to a basic sanitation service and 250,000 people will gain access to basic drinking water services. In addition, E-WASH will support MMDAs to enable 70 percent of target communities to be certified as Open Defecation Free (ODF) and 60 percent of households to adopt and sustain improved WASH practices, including the transformation of gender roles and norms.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2022 WORKPLAN

The E-WASH team will conduct a landscape analysis to help guide implementation, variety, and intensity of activities. The results of this analysis will be the baseline for measuring future changes and

the adoption of desired behaviors. Enhancing WASH Activity will enter at least 20 districts in the first year to start assessing capacities and existing planned WASH interventions. In the first year, the team will start re-orienting partner MMDAs into using a behavior-led approach to planning for sustainable change. MMDAs will then lead implementation activities by collaborating with all consortium members to absorb new skills and start responding to WASH demands in their administrative areas.

The private sector will be presented to MMDAs as viable partners in development and a major source of investment in the WASH sector once the space and environment are congenial for their operations. MMDAs will prepare and market WASH investment plans.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

As of May 2022, E-WASH has engaged and sensitized implementing partners and Metropolitan, Municipal, and District Assemblies on the Behavior Integration Approach through Igniting Behavior Change Workshops in the Upper East, Upper West, Northeast, and Northern Regions. In addition, implementation consortium member organizations have integrated behaviors into planned activities and stakeholders from five regions have been sensitized to the behavior-led approach to better understand programming. Lastly, District Environmental Health Officers are collaborating with WASH officers to help households gain access to safe sanitation through the construction and use of 80 household latrines.

SUSTAINABILITY AND OWNERSHIP

The shift in implementation from intervention and output has led to a behavior-led approach in which communities and institutions are at the center of all activities, effectively engendering ownership of the activity and sustainability of outputs and outcomes into their hands. Capacity building of lead and supporting actors in the management of WASH services ensure E-WASH’s gains can be sustained in the medium to long term.

ALIGNMENT WITH USAID/GHANA CDCS

Enhancing WASH Activity aligns with both USAID Ghana’s Country Development Cooperation Strategy and the Development Agenda of the Country, which aims to transition the country to self-reliance with an emphasis on changing behaviors to desirable ones. E-WASH is ushering individuals, communities, and institutions into a new era that focuses on systems strengthening and institutionalizing desired processes.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Duration: October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2026	Contact Information		Geographic Focus
Implementing Partners: Global Communities, Afram Plains Development Organization (APDO), Aquaya Institute, Be Girl, Delloitte, Safe Water Network, The Manoff Group, Total Family Health Organization (TFHO), Water4, WaterAid, Ghana, and World Vision	USAID No. 24 Fourth Circular Road, Cantonments, Accra P.O. Box 1630 Accra	Global Communities No 7 Tripoli Street, East Legon, Accra. P.O. Box CT1762, Cantonments Tel: +233540122313/4	Northern Region North-East Region Savannah Region Upper East Region Upper West Region Oti Region
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