

About us

WASH Alliance Kenya (WAK) is a key non state actor that supports the government in the overall achievement of WASH sector goals. It comprises of local and International non-governmental organizations (NGOs) including **ICRAF, Dupoto e Maa, SASOL, AMREF Kenya, NOSIM Women Organization, NIA, NETWAS, KEWASNET, Practical Action** and **KWAHO**.

With support from the **Dutch WASH Alliance(DWA)** partners: comprising of **Simavi, RAIN, AMREF NL, WASTE, ICCO, Akvo**, the WASH Alliance Kenya has been a vehicle for improved, sustainable approaches over the five year program, 2011 to 2015.

The objective of the Programme is to reduce poverty through improved environmental health and economic conditions by empowering people and creating an enabling environment thus achieving increased sustainable access to and use of safe water and sanitation services and improved hygiene practices for the local community and particularly women and marginalized groups

Why WASH Alliance Kenya

WASH Alliance was born out of the realization that the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector requires greater synergy and complementarity to efficiently use scarce resources and avoid duplication of efforts.

WASH Alliance programming focuses on innovation and scaling up by employing strategies that ensure sustainability through the Financial, Institutional, Environmental, Technological and Social sustainability principles (FIETS) <http://www.washalliance.nl/sustainability-portal/>.

It integrates participatory approaches such as Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Recharge, Retention and Re-use (3R) approaches, among others.

Vision: "Access to Safe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All"

Mission: "Promote an enabling environment for provision of innovative and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services to the marginalized groups through alliance members"

What we do

WASH Alliance Kenya is currently supporting the county governments of Kajiado and Nakuru to realize sustainable WASH services through comprehensive WASH programmes:

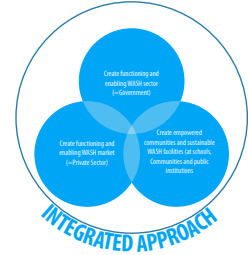
- Urban sanitation through the diamond approach (service and value chain)
- Rural sanitation and hygiene through Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS)
- Rural integrated WASH through rain water harvesting, spring protection, sinking of boreholes, capacity building and putting in place community WASH structures
- Comprehensive school WASH
- Sustainable WASH financing through sanitation marketing, local financial sector mobilization for WASH investments and setting up of a WASH guaranteed fund
- Reuse and multiple use of water with recognition of the interdependencies between WASH, energy, food security and climate change
- Advocacy for policy formulation and implementation, increased budgetary allocation for WASH, and accountability



Value addition

- Working in a Multi stakeholder approach: bringing to the sector a critical mass of combined outreach and impact, through increased learning and better focus.
- Maintains innovative sustainable solutions through the systematic adherence to the five key sustainability principles called the 'FIETS' principles.
- Facilitate system change to reach scale: a truly integrated programme covering the entire WASH chain from water supply to sanitation and hygiene promotion from community to the international level.
- An emphasis on in-country and cross-country linking and learning, by building networks and using innovative web-based ICT tools.
- Our track record and value for money

Theory of Change – our approach



Achievements

During the past four years (2011 – 2014) of the programme implementation in Kajiado and Nakuru Counties, the alliance has had great successes towards achieving sustainable WASH solutions for all.

The programme has so far supported access to safe and adequate water to 50,000 residents of Kajiado while also ensuring sustainable sanitation to 50,000 residents. Water provision has been facilitated mainly through construction of sand dams, drilling of boreholes, protection of springs, construction of rock catchments and also construction of water pans.

We have also contributed to the government initiative towards an open defecation free Kenya through employing the non-incentive provision strategy of Community Led Total sanitation. Additionally, over 800,000 residents of Kajiado have been reached with sanitation and hygiene messages.

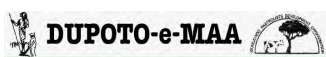
WAK has contributed to the development of various national and county policies; examples are the National Environmental, Sanitation and Hygiene policy, The Water Act 2014, National Jigger prevention and management policy, Kajiado Water policy and Water Act 2013.

In collaboration with K-Rep Bank (Kajiado Branch), we have also managed to stimulate increased local investments in WASH through setting up of a WASH guaranteed fund. So far, **Ksh. 14 Million** has been issued to **132 beneficiaries** as loan towards WASH investments.

In addition, the following has been facilitated by WAK.

1. Set up and capacity build local institutions to manage WASH in communities also called water and sanitation management committees.
2. Build the capacity of the local communities to influence and participate in WASH budget tracking.
3. Contributed to easing the student-toilet ratio in primary schools in Kajiado by constructing gender friendly sanitary facilities.
4. Has contributed towards Behaviour Change Communication for primary school going children through formation of WASH clubs and capacity building of School Management Committees.

Our Members



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