



# Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

## Quest for 'equity' in WASH

*TAWASANET e-news letter*

*Note: This issue highlights mainly the work of some of TAWASANET members*

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## RIEFP: Health clubs in Secondary Schools

The Rujewa Integrated Efforts to Fight Poverty (RIEFP), a TAWASANET member, has a School WASH project in Mbarali District. This project facilitated establishment of Health Clubs at Rujewa Secondary School. These clubs helped students maintain well their refuse pits, reducing environmental pollution, and replicate the knowledge for their homes. The teachers (patron & matron) are supervising the clubs weekly. Some students did not have any knowledge of how to keep their environment clean and how to apply in their homes. The work is done by both girls and boys. They all want to know how to contribute to the national development. More trainings to these clubs will be organized to strengthen their capacity, increase their visibility and impact.



*Health Club at Rujewa Secondary School, left raising awareness, right preparing a refuse pit for their school*

## AFORD 2013: Combining technical WASH services and ICT

Action for Development (AFORD2013) pursues new, innovative approaches which combined technical WASH services with ICT, mobile phone technology and market-based approaches in order to facilitate changes in behaviours, attitudes and mind sets. In so doing, AFORD 2013 facilitates adoption of appropriate and relevant WASH products while finding ways of improving accessibility and affordability, without compromising quality, cash incomes for clients as well as the organizations.

### Ongoing WASH Activities:

- Supporting scoping study on governance issues in Urban Water Service Delivery; Linking the project to Councilors in Singida Urban.
- Training of Councilors in Singida Municipal Council; Water, Education, Health Committee on dynamics of Urban Water Supply.
- Baseline study on status of sanitation in Singida Urban.
- Training of Ward Development Committee on sanitation options in Urban and Peri-urban Singida
- Awareness creation and training of women groups in Singida, Ikungi and Manyoni on school based Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) options.
- Support three schools introduce MHM Day in their school calendar.
- Developing a supply chain for school girls menstrual wear options.





## BORDA - Support for DEWATS

BORDA supports the enactment of disposal and implementation standards for decentralised wastewater and faecal sludge treatment plants (DEWATS) alongside effective law enforcement, to lessen the social and environmental burdens of improved sanitation and improper disposal of human waste.

Ongoing Activities:

- Strengthening the capacities of governmental institutions, local authorities/municipalities and public utilities to make informed decisions on integrated sanitation solutions for livable cities (Develop the regional sanitation training hub in Dar es Salaam, Institutionalization of Kigamboni Training Center, equipping with necessary tools for monitoring).
- Implement marketable Systems and Instruments of “Integrated Sanitation Solutions for Urban areas” (Annual visit of BORDA sites for Monitoring & Evaluation, supporting sanitation business in Tanzania for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of DEWATS and implementing new technologies)
- Develop holistic solutions for inclusive and livable cities.

## KAESO - Capacity building Workshop and Radio Education Sessions

A capacity building workshop on sanitation and hygiene was conducted on 7th-9th September 2017 in Sumbawanga Municipal Conference. The target was set that the baseline survey on sanitation and hygiene should be conducted to 7 wards which in total have 105 streets so that the clear actual situation of sanitation and hygiene can be found and enable the intervention. Having Chairpersons involved on the whole exercise of data collection was a guarantee of success as well sustainability of the project.

The raw data collected from the households through the questionnaire shows the name of ward surveyed, surveyed population in every ward, type of latrines used by the community, latrine construction materials, latrine privacy, hand washing facilities and drinking water storage facilities.

KAESO also conducted a radio education session. A total of five radio education sessions were conducted through radio Ndingala FM which has coverage of 90% of the Rukwa region. Sensitization through

radio was provided in a form of interview which was later aired on the radio as part of the special health program. Apart from interview, education on sanitation and hygiene was aired on a live show which took an hour on each session. It involved dialogue between the radio presenter and the project team as well as receiving comments, questions and recommendations from the audience. The education was provided by KAESO WASH coordinator, Administrator and Municipal health officer.







# MAMADO - Sanitation and Hygiene Programmes

## Intensive Follow ups for Latrine Construction

Intensive follow ups were conducted by Maji na Maendeleo Dodoma (MAMADO) staffs' team, the team from the District Health Office, village government leaders and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) committees for attaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) level 2 at Chifutuka, Mnkola, Mkakatika and Chidilo villages within the Bahi District that have a number of 34 sub-villages with the 3624 households in total.

Despite existence of some challenges that happened during the exercise, the teams managed to influence villagers/households to construct latrines and utensils' racks to large extent, as well as the installation of tippy taps was done in some extent in all four villages.

Meanwhile, the team sat with the Bahi District Health (DHO) Officer and came up with the strategy of having District Commissioner (DC) visits to these villages in order to speed up the rate of behaviour change and hence attaining ODF status in the villages.

In connection to that, MAMADO also conducted follow ups exercise to attain ODF level I in Chali Igongo, Chali Isanga, Chali



*Process of constructing improved latrines started*

Makulu and Chikopelo that have 37 sub-villages. From the total of 2714 households in these villages that had no improved latrines, then 243 improved latrines were constructed due to the follow ups done by the team during the period from July to September 2017. The below picture displays the construction of the improved latrine.



*MAMADO staff distributed jersey to the youths and children in Chali Isanga Primary school*

## Youth and children engagement on promotion and monitoring of community sanitation and hygiene practices

In this quarter also MAMADO managed to make identification of football teams for competition known as *Usafi wa Mazingira Cup*, the exercise was done in four villages. The teams were composed of the youths from the respective communities in order to participate in latrines construction campaign. MAMADO distributed materials like footballs and jersey to these youth teams for competition.

Also, the school children were influenced in delivering the sanitation and hygiene messages to the communities through School Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH) clubs and participating in various games and sports. This exercise took place in the schools within the Bahi District.

The aim of the whole exercise is to use both football teams and school children as 'Changing Agents' for influencing their community on sanitation and hygiene behaviours.

As a result, the exercise led to increasing number of improved latrines and hand washing facilities in all mentioned villages.

Based on the achievements obtained during the exercise, despite the challenges experienced, MAMADO has learnt that:

- Intensive follow up is very important element for attaining ODF.
- It is easy to attain ODF in areas where leadership is very strong and committed.
- Youth and children engagement are very crucial agents in changing sanitation and hygiene behaviors.

### The way forward:

- To conduct intensive follow ups to Ikumbulu, Mpalanga, Mapanga, Chibelelela, Mtitaa, Nkhome for attaining ODF level 1.
- To use both youth and children for sanitation and hygiene promotion.
- Conduct sensitization and mobilization meetings with government leaders on sanitation and hygiene promotion.
- Continue rollout institution triggering in the remaining wards.



## INDIGO - Needs Identification

Indigo Women Links (T), operates in close partnership with local communities and local government in the areas of needs identified by the communities themselves.

The activities conducted by Indigo involving the development of safe drinking water supply systems, sanitation facilities, hygiene, health education, trainings, campaign rallies, advocacy meetings, mobilization activities and local recourses.

They further runs various empowerment programs for women, children and backward class peoples such as education, skills

development trainings, handicraft production, micro-finance and capacity building.

Indigo has been continuing with promoting transparency and accountability in water and sanitation in Moshi District Council, whereby:

- 74 Village Official leaders participated in the meetings
- Enhanced knowledge and capacity of community leaders in their roles and responsibilities that impact on transparency and accountability.

- Erection of Notice board in Six wards and 54 villages with up to date information.

The organization further focusing on Sanitation and Hygiene promotion in order to have access to reliable sanitation facilities in the district. It aims to contribute to:

- Increasing access to improved sanitation from the current coverage.
- Increased participation of community in WASH activities including budget and governance.

## SAWA - Equity and inclusion in School WASH

Sanitation and Water Action (SAWA), has been investing on School Water Sanitation and Hygiene (SWASH). The program has brought a new world to 'Sara' by addressing gender, equity and inclusion issues. Sarah has physical and vocal disabilities. She comes from Mbela village and enrolled at Mbela primary School and is currently in grade II. Because of her disability, Sara was kept in the house always but she was discovered by one of the teachers from Mbela Primary school who convinced Sara's grandma to take her to school. She was first enrolled at the age of 14. In the initial days, the grandma used to drop and pick her daily from school. Sara could only crawl or be carried by her grandma since she did not have any mobility aid during rain. The real test for Sara ahead was the school infrastructures, especially latrines which were not user-friendly for children with disabilities. Initially, one toilet room was reserved for Sara but she had to crawl through a wet ground/floor with waste water and urine to access the toilet. She frequently missed school when it rained.

One day her grandma came to school to report that her granddaughter has had her first menstrual period so will not be attending school during this period for she feared that it might leak and expose her to ridicule and stigma from her fellow pupils.

In 2015 things changed totally for Sara when Mbela Primary school became a beneficiary through **'Accelerating access to quality and equitable WASH Services in institutions and households for most vulnerable children and women in Makete District'** project, implemented by SAWA through UNICEF funding. Through this project a special toilet room was built with facilities to cater for needs of pupils



Sara in the new constructed toilet

with physical disabilities as stipulated in the National SWASH guidelines. The room has wide door to allow a wheelchair, seating rails, hand washing

facility, ramp and water tap to support the user. To Sara this is a new world. Currently Sara doesn't miss classes due to available friendly infrastructure which enables her to access a latrine with much comfort. She said: *"I can move with ease into the toilet with my bicycle. I also get sanitary pads in school which helps me manage my periods in privacy and dignity"*.

SAWA has implemented SWASH project at Mbela primary school in which 2 blocks each with 5 drop holes (DH) to support boys and girls, 1DH for pupils with disabilities, 1DH for adolescent girls and 2DH for teachers were constructed. Also, water supply system and installation supported by 5,000L tank and 5 Group hand washing facilities to support and reinforce behavior change of pupils were provided. Finally, capacity building through awareness creation and trainings were conducted to SWASH teachers, school committee, LGAs staff and Mbela community on SWASH management for effective and sustainable program.



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**Quest for 'equity' in WASH**

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TAWASANET is a network of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working in the water and sanitation sector, established in 2008 with the aim of ensuring equitable access to safe water and improved sanitation to all citizens.

**VISION STATEMENT:** "A strong and vibrant Tanzania Network in which all citizens have equal access to safe water and improved sanitation".

**MISSION STATEMENT:** "To **strengthen coordination, networking and building capacity of Tanzania's Civil Society Organizations and other stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector through education promotion and advocating for good practices**".

### OBJECTIVES:

- i. To provide a forum for collaboration and the interchange of ideas and knowledge among Members in the provision of services in water and sanitation sector.
- ii. To promote partnership between civil society and other stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector.
- iii. To encourage and foster public, government and industry understanding of water and sanitation and its contribution to socio- economic development, quality of life and the environment.
- iv. To contribute to the development and implementation of sector policies, strategies, standards and guidelines in the water and sanitation sector.
- v. To increase the knowledge and skills of people working in the water and sanitation sector.
- vi. To strengthen the overall human and institutional capacity of the water and sanitation sector in Tanzania in order to contribute to the wise use of water resources and sanitation facilities.
- vii. To serve as an important Tanzanian link to the international water and sanitation network.
- viii. To promote the protection of environment/water sources and ecosystem.
- ix. To establish and maintain a water and sanitation resource centre.
- x. To do all related things necessary for and incidental to the advancement of its objectives from which it was formed.

### PROGRAMME FOCUS:

- Coordination and Networking
- Documentation and Dissemination
- Policy, Research and Advocacy
- Capacity Development
- Resource Mobilization

## Other updates:

- *The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017 will take place 30st October - 1st November 2017 in Dodoma.*
- *This years AGM will be linked with Institutional Governance Training on Monday, 30th October 2017 to all attended members. New Board Members will also be elected to serve a period of 3 years. Those who are interested to contest for these posts, should fill in the nomination form and return it to TAWASANET Coordinator not later than 27th October 2017.*
- *The equity monitoring study is in progress and will be published and shared once completed.*

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