

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

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Nancy Kuwom in Isiolo County uses a tippy tap after a visit to the lavatory. Both the lavatory and tippy tap were constructed using locally available materials, a sustainable method for increasing the level of hygiene in the village.

## WASH Activities:

- \$2 million to support WASH activities in agriculture through Kenya Agriculture Value Chain Enterprises (KAVES) activity
- \$4.5 million to focus on water governance issues through Agile and Harmonized Assistance in Devolved Institutions (AHADI)
- Sustainable Water and Sanitation in Africa (SUWASA) is fostering the transformation of water and sanitation delivery services to achieve long-term financial sustainability through the application of market-based principles – Focus on urban areas of Embu, Kiambu, Kisumu, Meru, Muranga, Nakuru, and Nyeri, counties.
- USAID Development Credit Authority (DCA) guarantees mobilize capital for WASH services
- Sanergy is a Development Innovation Ventures sanitation project in the Mukuru informal settlement of Nairobi. It promotes a market approach to sanitation solutions by converting waste into fertilizer.
- Innovations for Poverty Action is a Development Innovation Ventures chlorine dispenser program in Western Kenya. It aims to reduce diarrhea prevalence by treating water with chlorine at the source.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Unsafe or inadequate access to water, sanitation and hygiene has a profound effect on public health around the world. Diarrhea alone kills nearly 2 million people each year, 1.5 million of them children. Nearly 90 percent of diarrhea is attributed to unsafe drinking water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygiene. WASH-related diseases are the number-one cause of hospitalization and mortality for children under five. More than 50 percent of all hospital visits in Kenya result from illnesses related to water, sanitation and hygiene.

USAID helped more than 2 million Kenyans access water, sanitation, and hygiene services over the past five years – and this support is trending upward with larger investments in water, sanitation, and hygiene in Kenya. Now, more than 1.1 million Kenyans have access to potable water and more than 900,000 have access to sanitation and hygiene services.

The USAID WASH program in Kenya works with the Government of Kenya and the private sector to foster market-driven solutions and reforms to support water supply and sanitation access, hygiene promotion, management, and environmental sustainability in rural areas, especially the arid and semi-arid lands. The program creates impact across sectors, including agriculture, environment and natural resources, health, and nutrition.

## KEY USAID WASH ACTIVITIES IN KENYA

### Kenya Arid Lands Disaster Risk Reduction – WASH Program

The Kenya Arid Lands Disaster Risk Reduction (KALDRR-WASH) activity increased access to clean water and improved sanitation and hygiene in Kenya's arid lands. The program was part of a larger effort to assist the Kenyan government and local communities to increase their resilience to droughts and flooding caused by a changing climate.

KALDRR-WASH helped more than 170,000 Kenyans gain access to safe water.

### AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Program

USAID supports an integrated service-delivery model to improve the health of Kenyans across the country. The AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Program, also known as APHIA<sup>plus</sup>, combines family planning, maternal/child health, malaria, nutrition, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment services to provide an integrated, high-quality, equitable approach to sustain services at the national, county, and community levels. Integrating these activities through one activity provides more effective communication and coordination with county health administrators. Seamless services and technical support at the local level ensure health workers address the unique needs of each geographic area across the country.

## WASH in Kenya

60% of the population has access to potable water

31% of the population has access to improved sanitation

(Source: Joint Monitoring Program of UNICEF/WHO, 2013 Report)

5% of the population washes their hands regularly with soap.

**WASH component Funding Level:**  
\$3.5 million per year

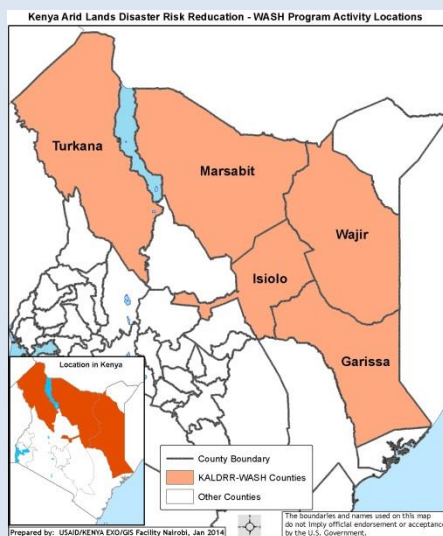
**WASH Funding Level:**  
\$9.83million – (\$4 million USAID/Kenya, \$4 million OFDA, \$1.83 million from implementing partner)

### Duration:

December 2012 – December 2014

### Partners

Millennium Water Alliance (MWA) partners (Care, CRS, World Vision, and Food for the Hungry)



APHIA *plus* provides technical assistance to improve delivery of health services and increase the demand for those services. It also addresses the social determinants of health by enhancing access to income-generating and economic-strengthening activities, improving nutrition and food security and access to safe water and sanitation.



*Water - a vital community resource. Young girls pump water from a well in Kiwanja Village, Isiolo County, Kenya. USAID's Resilience and Economic Growth in the Arid Lands - Improving Resilience project is helping the community map grazing and water resources.*

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