Tanzania

Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (WARIDI)

Working closely with local governments and communities, the USAID Tanzania Water Resources Integration Development Initiative (WARIDI) is helping Tanzania improve the management of its water resources, improve sanitation, create livelihoods in water and sanitation services, and promote resilient communities in the face of a changing climate.

Tanzania’s health, economy, and food security depend on sustainably managed water resources. However, water scarcity challenges are growing along with the impacts of climate change, while reliable access to safe drinking water and sanitation services remain beyond the reach of many people.

The WARIDI project promotes integrated water resources management and service delivery across multiple sectors. Specifically, in up to 20 selected Local Government Authority (LGA) areas of the Rufiji and Wami-Ruvu river basins, the project will:

- Increase access to sustainable multiple-use water, sanitation, and hygiene services (WASH);
- Strengthen governance for sustainable and resilient management of water resources and services;
- Improve livelihoods through supporting private sector opportunities in sustainable WASH services, agriculture, and natural resource management; and,
- Advance gender equality and engage youth and women in the governance and management of multiple-use water resources and services.

Through its USD $8 million Grants Under Contract program, WARIDI will engage a wide range of local partners in the two river basins to implement activities, build local capacity, and catalyze innovation.
EXPECTED RESULTS

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Services:
- 520,000 people gain access to improved water supply
- 750,000 people gain access to improved sanitation facilities
- Up to 365 villages, representing 900,000 people, verified as achieving universal sanitation, of which 25 villages to be certified as open defecation free Level II
- 100,000 people gain access to a dedicated hand washing station with soap in their household
- In up to 20 LGAs, village enterprises gain access to targeted financing to sell WASH products and services

Governance:
- Up to 50 Community-Owned Water Supply Organizations and 10 Water User Associations are operational with representative membership, regular meetings, and a record of water service and management decisions successfully made and enforced
- Rufiji and Wami-Ruvu River Water Basin Offices receive institutional strength index of 75 percent or greater based on the Performance Assessment Framework
- 40 institutions with improved capacity to address climate change
- 8,400 stakeholders with increased capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate change
- 1,000 people trained in improved water resource management

Private Sector:
- Up to 20 districts with access to business development services targeting WASH & multiple-use water services (MUS) and small-scale irrigation enterprises in two years
- 640 WASH and MUS service providers are assisted with technical, business capacity or access to finance
- New or improved commercially viable water and sanitation products and services introduced in up to 20 LGAs
- Up to 5,000 farmers apply new technologies or management practices
- 1,000 producers adopting climate smart water efficient practices or technologies
- 6 public-private partnerships established for water provision, sanitation, water resource management and/or stewardship

WARIDI will work to ensure women and youth are included in private sector activities as farmers, producers, or staff of WASH enterprises.

BUDGET $48 million (including $8 million for Grants Under Contract)

DURATION
January 2016 – January 2021

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS
WARIDI works in up to 20 selected Local Government Authorities (LGAs) in the Pwani, Morogoro, Iringa, Njombe and Mbeya regions, within the Wami/Ruvu and Rufiji River Basins in the Southern Agricultural Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT) area

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER
Tetra Tech ARD, with Winrock International and other subcontracts (Resonance -PPP; Iris Group -Gender and Youth inclusion; Water for Life Solutions -Decision support systems in WRM)

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