



KIWASH supports sanitation enterprises (like the one pictured here) with business development trainings and connections to local suppliers. Photo: USAID

KENYA

KENYA INTEGRATED WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

Access to clean water, adequate sanitation, and nutrition remain a challenge for most Kenyans. By 2021, the Kenya Integrated Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project (KIWASH) activity will enable more than one million Kenyans across nine counties to gain access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene services, and increase access to irrigation and nutrition services. KIWASH partners with water and sanitation providers to increase their capacity to create business plans, improve operations, and access finance. In parallel, community-led behavior-change communications work to stimulate demand for improved household WASH and nutrition. KIWASH builds effective partnerships with county governments, the private sector, and civil society actors to achieve locally-sustained results in strengthening county-level knowledge management, improving sustainable service delivery, and ensuring fiscal responsibility, governance reforms, and increased budget allocations for WASH sector.

OUR WORK

The KIWASH project has seven program objectives:

- Scale up market-based WASH service-delivery models
- Increase sustained access to finance for WASH
- Improve integrated WASH and nutrition services
- Increase production and consumption of nutrient-dense, diverse foods
- Increase environmental sustainability of WASH
- WASH services and water-resource institutions strengthened and appropriately governed
- Advance targeted policy reforms

To improve water services, KIWASH assists water service providers (WSPs) in expanding household water connections and extending their networks to underserved communities. In rural areas, KIWASH works with counties, WSPs, and private entrepreneurs to expand and improve the operations and the management of existing community drinking water systems.

To improve access to sanitation services and reduce open defecation, KIWASH works with counties to apply the community-led total sanitation (CLTS) approach and engage with private sector providers to make access to household latrines and toilets more affordable. KIWASH also works on WASH and nutrition initiatives with public health clinics and local organizations, such as farmer and community groups in areas with high percentages of malnourished or stunted children.

In 2020, KIWASH responded to the COVID-19 pandemic through a phased approach: an immediate response for scaling up community approaches to slow the spread of COVID-19; a short-term plan for recovery through expanded disease surveillance and detection; and long-term plan for resilience by supporting strategies that address second order impacts (e.g. economic, security, and stabilization) and by mobilizing capital for WASH sector investments, especially for service providers hard hit by the pandemic.

ACHIEVEMENTS (2015-2020)

- 713,531 people gained access to basic drinking water services in target counties.
- 121,836 people gained access to a basic sanitation service in target counties.
- \$44,281,612 sector funding mobilized to expand or increase efficiency of WASH services.

BUDGET: USD \$59 million

DURATION

2015 – 2021

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Busia, Kakamega, Kisumu, Kitui, Makueni, Migori, Nairobi, Nyamira and Siaya Counties

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

DAI

KEY PARTNERS

Government

Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of Health, Water Services Regulatory Board, Water Resource Management Authority

Private /Public Sector Partners

Counties, WSPs, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of Health, Water Services Regulatory Board, Water Resource Management Authority, Water Services Trust Fund, private sector

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