

## Hundreds of Ghanaians march to demand water rights in Accra



To help mark the 2009 World Water Day the **End Water Poverty Campaign Coalition (EWP)** organised a march through Accra's main streets to demand water rights.



Placards with different messages calling on the government and global leaders to take action were displayed by the over three hundred people who took part.

The placards, reading messages such as "Clean Water, My Right", "Water + Soap = Clean Hands" and "Water + Sanitation + Hygiene = 65% Less People Dying From Diarrhoeal Diseases", aimed at drawing attention to the importance of water, sanitation and hygiene.

As part of the day's programme the EWP Campaign Coalition launched a signature campaign calling for sanitation and water for all within the EWP Global Framework for Action.

As part of this framework, people are urged to sign a petition calling for the following:

- Developing countries should create national plans that deliver sanitation and water to all
- Donor countries should ensure that no credible plans fail for lack of finance
- International systems should be established to monitor and drive progress – including an annual review, a global task force and an annual high-level meeting

The EWP Coalition aims to collect thousands of signatures across Ghana between now and September 2009. 738 signatures were collected over a period of three hours during the street procession.



*Volunteers collecting signatures*



**Mr. Stephen Ntow- CR,**

**Water Aid Ghana,**

The Country Representative of WaterAid Ghana, Mr. Stephen Ntow says the response so far indicates how serious people truly identify with the need to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene for all. He said for WaterAid in Ghana, “the signature campaign is our humbly way of getting as many people as to identify with the need to End Water Poverty in the world”.