

# WaterAid Tanzania Quarterly Newsletter

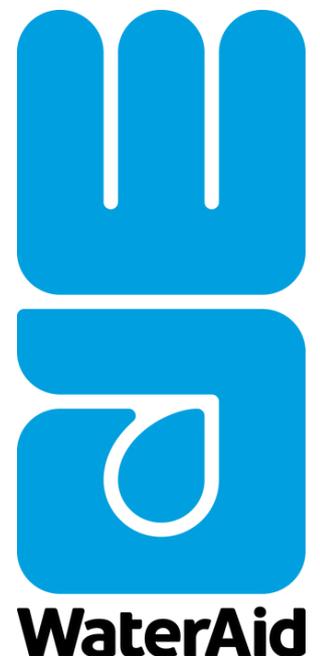
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# Remarks from our Country Director

## **Our esteemed donors, partners, and colleagues,**

Our work sparks lasting change to what's normal for people, communities, and economies. It starts with installing taps and toilets – and it goes much further from educating people on the importance of good hygiene, to changing policy at the government level. Our rights-based and district-wide approaches spark chain reactions that shift people's habits and expectations, transform how countries, not just villages and communities, work, and deliver lasting change in people's lives. We make a far bigger impact than we could by acting alone. We all know that taps and toilets are relatively simple to install. The bigger challenge is changing how people live and communities' work. This is the key to unlocking lasting progress. WaterAid Tanzania always seeks to network with key players in other sectors such as health, education, nutrition, and gender equality, because national WASH targets cannot be achieved in isolation. Investing and partnership with WaterAid Tanzania is never a drop in the ocean. Our work sparks widespread and lasting change to what is normal for people, communities, and economies around the world. We appreciate the confidence that all our donors, partners, members, and readers have placed in us and our work.



## **Anna Tenga Mzinga - Country Director, WaterAid Tanzania**

## **Our Work in Tanzania**

WaterAid operates in Tanzania since 1983 under the name "WaterAid Tanzania," (WAT) which is registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (N.G.O.) in The United Republic of Tanzania. It works as a Country Programme (CP) and a functional office of WaterAid U.K. within the East African Region. Since 1983, WaterAid Tanzania has contributed to increasing access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services across the country, working closely with the Government, civil society organizations and other international NGOs. Over the years, WaterAid Tanzania focused on delivering basic water and sanitation services to communities but since 2016 it has shifted to increase emphasis on major roles of facilitating institutional capacity building, influencing as a knowledge broker, and as a catalyst bringing together different sectors and partnerships to achieve access to WASH.



## 2000 people benefiting with clean and safe water in Itigi

After years of using local wells which are not safe and requirements of massive physical strength to pull the water bucket from underground, residents of Kihanju village now have safe and clean water. This water supply project was officially handed over to RUWASA and Kihanju villagers in September 2022 after 7 months of implementation. The handing over event was attended by the Singida Regional Commissioner as a Guest of Honor, project donors Serengeti Breweries Limited along with other local district council representatives. The project will supplement the government's efforts under the Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP 2025 framework, which aims at ensuring 100 per cent of Tanzanians have access to safe water supply and improved sanitation services. Read more on the blog link [here](#).



## Leaving no one in the dark in menstrual hygiene

An estimated 1.8 billion people across the world menstruate yet 1 in 5 have no access to the decent toilet facilities they need to manage their periods safely and many struggles to access suitable materials – an issue that is exacerbated during times of upheaval. In that manner, WaterAid Tanzania provided Arusha district council with menstrual pads that were distributed to 8 secondary schools in Arusha. The chief community development officer Ms. Angela Mvaa said that the distributions of pads will go hand in hand with the delivery of self-identity education to girls to tackle social challenges and myths that comes with adolescence. WaterAid is committed to working in schools and communities globally to ensure people have practical information on menstrual health and hygiene as well as access to decent toilet facilities and safe, affordable products Read more about what Arusha District Council says about menstrual hygiene [here](#)



## Sanitation workers technical report launch

The working conditions of sanitation workers have recently been assessed by WaterAid Tanzania (2021) in a technical report focused on the health, safety, and dignity of sanitation workers in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma, and Arusha. The findings of the assessment showed that sanitation workers (particularly informal workers) are exposed to physical hazards and biological hazards from unprotected contact with excreta. Injuries and illnesses included diarrhoea, cut wounds, acute skin itching, bone fractures, loss of extremities-body parts, breathing difficulties, and loss of physical strength. The illegal status of manual emptier also increases other challenges such as stigma, discrimination, and social and financial insecurity. The report identified key issues and provided the recommendations including the need to formalize the informal groups and equip sanitation workers with appropriate models to support the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and innovative working tools. This assessment/report launch was attended by representatives from SNV, UNICEF, World Bank Tanzania, RUWASA, DUWASA, DAWASA, AUWSA, ministry of health, ministry of water and other representatives from regulatory authorities. The objective of this launch was to validate of the Assessment Report Finding, Solidify the Way Forward on the proposals and increase awareness of the problem intensity to raise appetite for other stakeholders to act on. Read the report in brief [here](#) and the assessment [here](#).



## The launch of Water Sector Development Plan III



The Water Sector Development Programme phase three (WSDP III) is the last phase of the programme and shall start from July 2022 to June 2025. The WSDP III is designed to achieve the programme development objective through initiatives and interventions to be implemented in five components namely; Water Resources Management and Development; Water Quality Management; Water Supply; Sanitation and Hygiene; and Programme Coordination and Delivery Support. The Government has finalized the development of Water Sector Development Programme phase III (WSDP III) with estimated financial requirements amounting to USD 6.47 billion. The WSDP III is the last phase of the programme starting from July 2022 and expected to end in June 2025.



WSDP III informs the objectives aims to ensure the nation's water resources are sustainably managed and developed, Water and wastewater quality improved, Universal access to adequate, safe and clean water, Universal access to adequate sanitation and hygiene services improved and Planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation; and institutional capacity and working environment improved. WaterAid Tanzania was a part of the launch along with other key players in the water sector. WAT believes, together with the government we can get there within a generation. That means building capacity in ways that last – prioritizing sustainable systems, institutions, and services that address local conditions and system-wide change.



## Progress in developing our Country Strategy



In February 2022, WaterAid globally launched its [Global strategy](#) (2022-2032) that focus on four aims. Achieve universal, sustainable and safe services in focused geographic areas to influence wider change; Priorities WASH across the health sector to improve public health; Strengthen the resilience of WASH to climate change; and increase the quantity and quality of financing. With these aims, the approach will be through services, capacity and influencing, partnerships and alliances, evidence, learning and innovation and gender equality. Since then, Country programmes have been engaging in developing their own strategies. The new WaterAid Tanzania country strategy will consider several evaluations findings including [previous country strategy](#), consulting our partners and key individuals in the sector and through recommendations in stakeholder's engagement meetings. Our analysis of local and national WASH barriers will inform how we balance these interventions to be mutually reinforcing to strengthen the WASH system. We believe that through delivering our strategy over the next five years, (2023-2028) we will make significant changes to equip ourselves to reach the ambitions we have set to end the WASH predicament.

# Safeguarding as an approach to strengthen values within the organization and in the community

Safeguarding means preventing harm to people – especially children and vulnerable at-risk groups. WaterAid is committed in its approach of ensuring that its programmes ‘do no harm’ to either the people in communities who WaterAid Tanzania is working with, or the staff and partners working with us to deliver programmes. WAT conducted a safeguarding training to its partners and staff to provide contextualized briefing on cultural practices within a community where WaterAid Tanzania is working, to including risk factors for Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH) and other harm toward country program participants and outlines safeguarding expectations and what to expect when they raise a safeguarding concern. All WaterAid representatives/partners are expected to be aware of, and understand, our Global Standard on Child Safeguarding and commit to ensuring that we do no harm to those most vulnerable members of society. Read our safeguarding policies [here](#)



## Farewell to our Head of Programmes

It was quite unfortunate that we had to say goodbye to our then Head of Programmes Eng. Humphrey Mwiombela at the end of August 2022. Engineer Mwiombela joined us from Arusha Urban Water and Sanitation Agency (AUWSA) and now he has been appointed to lead Igunga Urban Water Supply and Sanitation authority (IGUWASA). Throughout his time with us he was of extremely value and we will never cease to forget his sense of humor, hard work and humility. We will continue to remember and pray for his journey as a changemaker in the water sector. All the best Engineer Mwiombela.



## Our quarter story

### When hours turns to minutes, we bead the pain off our waists

Located at about 7 Km from the headquarters of Itigi District Council town is Kihanju village where almost 2000 community members reside. It is bordered by Sanjaranda in South, itigi Town in North, Songambebe in East and Kitaraka in west. Until two months ago, there was no reliable water supply in Kihanju. People in Kihanju depended on unprotected water supply sources mainly local dug shallow well. Along with the residents of Kihanju, Monica Gasper walks us through she went through before the availability of clean and safe water at Kihanju. As a married woman with 3 children, she is a stay home mother who spends her time in her little farm but not as much as she used to spend time walking to find water in local and unsafe wells. Monica used to wake up in the morning to prepare her children to school and there after starts to hunt for water for hours. Read the full story [here](#)



## Before you leave...



Investing in water, sanitation and hygiene paid off in Machochwe village, click the photo on the left to know how it happened

Brave men and women healthcare workers share their stories how WASH in healthcare facilities changed their lives. Click the photo on the right to know more



It is all or nothing when it comes to health without WASH. Click the photo on the left to know how healthcare facilities depend on WASH for an ideal patient care

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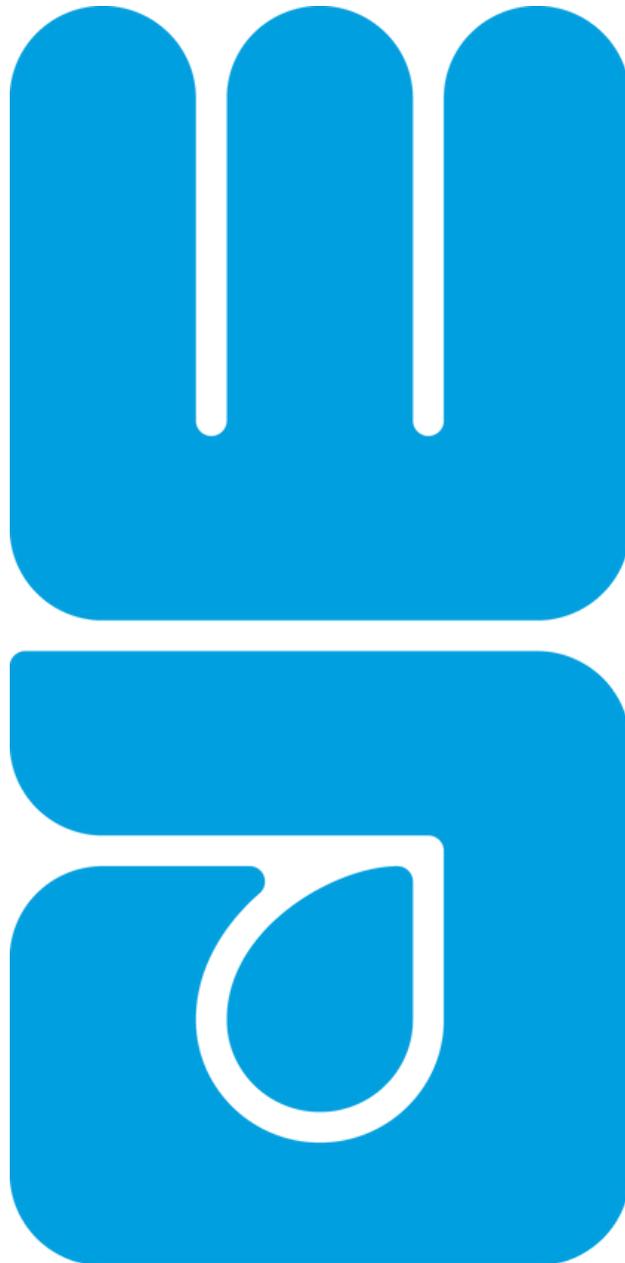
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