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Dear colleagues, partners, and donors,

I trust you are all well and enjoyed the year-end holidays. This new year is especially important for WaterAid Tanzania as we are expecting to launch our new country strategy for the years 2023-2028. We expect some changes to happen to cater for the new strategy, but I assure you that the purpose, ambition, and vision still remain the same. As we work into shifting in a new direction as a country programme, we thank each and every one of you who has been a part of our former strategy be it by providing funds, expertise or time, it means a lot to us.

Last year (2022) we completed 4 projects in Dodoma, Singida, and Manyara among many other big achievements, taking us a step closer to reaching everyone everywhere by 2030. We endeavour to declare that this is not about us but more on collective efforts. I hope you continue to understand what we do and learn through our quarterly newsletters. Thank you, very much and Happy new year.

Anna Tenga Mzinga
Country Director; WaterAid Tanzania

A 1000 people with clean and safe water in Dodoma



After years of fetching water in unsafe local wells, clean and safe tap water felt like a dream to the Ndachi community in Dodoma region. However, for WaterAid, the mission and vision stood the same and through funding from Hilton Effect Foundation, it only took us few months to construct 2 waterpoints, a 100,000 liters water tank and a pump house that are currently saving 1000 people in Ndachi directly and 8,042 indirectly. The water scheme has reduced the distance of water collection from 8 km to and from Ndachi village to the water source in the army area to 5 to 30 minutes in water DP in Ndachi village (reduced water collection time from 5 hours to 30 minutes for the households which are near the DPs, it has been reported that the time served tricked down to use in other social economic activities. Madina Swai said she used to pay 600 shillings for 20 litres and the amount was exclusive of the transport cost from the local well to where she lives. Now, Madina is resting and assured to have water at any time. Read Madina's story [here](#)



Rehabilitation of water dams in Handeni for clean and safe water



Handeni District has many water dams most of which are non-functional which forces residents to hand-dug and get water from local wells which don't provide clean and safe water and are also unsafe. After a thorough study, it was found that the dams have insufficient storage capacity and unsafe health environments for human consumption. WaterAid Tanzania launched a dam rehabilitation project with funds from Serengeti Breweries Limited to rehabilitate 3 dams at Kwamaizi, Bangu and Konje. These dams are the main sources of water for more than 20,000 people who are producers of maize.



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In Handeni, women have no choice but to walk several kilometres in searching for water and sometimes, with no hope of getting water at all, healthcare facilities are struggling to have clean and safe water because of salinity and girls in schools walk long-distance missing studies in searching for water which makes hygiene a myth. WaterAid Tanzania is expecting that after the implementation of this project 20,000 people will have clean and safe water. Watch our short pre-intervention documentary [here](#)

WASH infrastructures in 30 schools and 15 healthcare facilities



Through Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) funding, WaterAid Tanzania is implementing a project in Kisarawe from October 2021- April 2024 in research and construction of WASH facilities in 30 schools and 15 healthcare facilities. We are happy to report that we have completed 95% construction works of the facilities and some of the facilities are already being used especially by students in schools. The WASH facilities include the infrastructures for rainwater harvesting, rehabilitation of toilets, handwashing facilities and water tanks. We expect to begin a hygiene behaviour change campaign in all schools and healthcare centres with nudges to remind students, teachers and healthcare workers of the importance of hygiene.

BEFORE



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AFTER



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Marui Mgwata Primary school before and after toilet rehabilitation

Improving hand hygiene through mass handwashing facilities



Global Handwashing Day in Tanzania came at a time when the Ministry of Health was advocating for Ebola prevention, especially in regions that are at high risk at the border of Uganda and Tanzania. This GHD we conducted media advocacy in Dar Es Salaam at the Regional Commissioner's Office and Mwananyamala Hospital which are some of the places WaterAid Tanzania constructed handwashing facilities for COVID-19 prevention in 2020. With a team of journalists from national Television stations, reputable newspapers, online platforms and bloggers. In the spirit of uniting together for universal hand hygiene, WaterAid Tanzania supported the Dar Es Salaam region with handwashing soap and supported the Ministry of Health with hygiene-related supplies such as 45 dozen of handwashing soap, 24 dozen hand sanitisers, 5 dozen gloves and 10 dozen of masks for Ebola prevention in high-risk regions. Read a published article [here](#)



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Arusha and Manyara regions shined on sanitation



WaterAid Tanzania celebrated and participated in World Toilet Day which in Tanzania was linked to the National Sanitation Week celebrations organized by the Ministry of Health. WAT and PCD staff were among the participants at the culmination of Sanitation Week, held in the capital city of Dodoma, where sanitation winners from across the country were announced and given prizes. We were very happy to see Arusha city as the overall winner and Babati Town Council as the leading Town Council in environmental health and sanitation for the year 2022

As part of efforts to promote key hygiene behaviours in these regions, together with partners, WAT launched a large-scale hygiene campaign in January – April 2022 called **'Ipe Usafi, Ikupe Uhai'** – in English 'Keep them clean and they will give life'. Under this campaign, WAT turned 104 Bajajis into key communication vehicles across Arusha and Manyara (where Babati TC is located) regions. Messages and hygiene behavioural reminders in the form of stickers served as visual nudges to the public in the Swahili language. This campaign reached around 433,099 people in Arusha, and 119,093 people in the Manyara region. We are happy that this campaign contributed in positive and visible results. Read our press release on world toilet day [here](#)



Programme design in our strategy development



As the strategy development process is coming to an end, one of the crucial stages of the process was the programme design. With the assistance from the WaterAid UK team, this stage took full 5 days of designing between the strategy core team from Tanzania and the UK team. The design stage consisted of brainstorming a clear understanding and consensus about the context/situation for the programme, discussing and started to map out the causes/drivers/ barriers

of the situation, decisions about which causes/drivers/barriers the programme should focus on (its scope), given the situation, discussed and started to map out the programme's response to the situation in a Theory of Change. In February 2022, WaterAid global launched a new 10 years strategy. The strategy made it clear that over the coming decade, we will focus our efforts on areas where we will have the biggest impact and persuade others to act. [Read our Global Strategy 2022-2032](#)



Wellbeing Day: Prioritizing mental health

Spending 40 hours a week to deliver an organization's vision and goals can be quite challenging without proper well-being and mental health assistance to a human being/staff. Knowing that WaterAid Tanzania used the global wellbeing day platform to conduct different activities from five (5) kilometres of jogging, physical exercises in the office and joining a Global wellbeing webinar. We had a well-being session regarding work-life balance with an expert in philosophy and psychology. In this session, we learned about work-life balance, parenting and family issues that offered a lot of reflections and 'aha' moments. Also, for us to balance our work and life, we need to find love within ourselves. We believe that both mental health and well-being issues need to be an intentional effort to make it a continuous process



WaterAid Tanzania new hire.

We are happy to welcome on board our new Head of Programme, Dr Happiness Willbroad who joined WaterAid Tanzania in January 2023. We are very excited to have been able to attract this talented, medical doctor by profession and public health specialist with vast experience in project management, strategic planning, business development, and strategic partnership. Dr. Happiness 'Happy' has accumulated more than 10 years of experience having worked within various organizations including Public and Non-for-profit organizations. Dr Happy has keenly developed an interest in working in the public and health portfolio and has managed multi-donor-funded projects and has covered different thematic within health sector, response to emergencies at the community, health facilities, and National level WASH cross-cutting area. We Trust that Dr Happiness will be of great support to the organization in delivering WAT strategy direction.

Happiness statement "I believe that joining WaterAid will support me on my journey of career growth, developing new skills and realising untapped talents within me"



Our story of the quarter

Hoping for the best and letting water do the rest

Miriam Juma, a resident of Bangu ward, is a victim of water scarcity, where she walks for two hours to search for water every day so that she and her family could share the little water she manages to get. Where she fetches water used to be a dam before it was destroyed by heavy rainfalls and left the residents of Bangu ward without hope. Miriam gets water from a very deep hole where someone else in the hole gets her water on the surface for the price of 200/= tzs per 10 litres bucket. What you see in this background photo is a woman in 10 feet hand-dug well pulling up a bucket of water [here](#)





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