We are WaterAid Tanzania

Three goals:
Clean water
Decent toilets
Good hygiene
Who we are

We are WaterAid Tanzania, part of an international not-for-profit, determined to make clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene normal for everyone, everywhere within a generation.

Since we started in 1983, we have been working closely with partners to improve access to these three essentials. We believe that by placing Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) at the centre of national development, we can improve the health, education and economic outcomes of communities across Tanzania.

Our current Country Programme Strategy 2016-2021 focuses on programmatic work that is innovative and sustainable, and engagement with the WASH sector on key policy issues, to create national level change.

Hygiene promotion in Nyamalimbe, Geita, where WaterAid is working to improve access to WASH in healthcare facilities. Good hygiene behaviours help to keep us and our communities safe and healthy.
Our work focuses on:

- **Improving the sustainability of water supply through innovative technologies, approaches and management models**
  Data shows that around 35% of water points in rural areas are non-functional. This is due to a lack of appropriate technology, skilled personnel, and management of systems. We have piloted several technologies, including prepaid water systems, solar pumping systems, and rainwater harvesting schemes. We are also working with the private sector and microfinance institutions as a way to finance and improve the management of rural water services.
• **WASH in institutions (healthcare facilities and schools)**
  This key pillar of our work focuses on improving the lives of women and girls. Our projects include working to provide sustainable WASH infrastructure, proper waste disposal facilities, as well as female-friendly toilets. School WASH clubs and hygiene training for frontline healthcare workers ensure the benefits of water and sanitation are maximised.

• **Entrepreneurship for liquid and solid waste management in urban communities**
  Many unplanned settlements in urban areas lack WASH, especially liquid and solid waste services. Subsequently, the surrounding environment is often dirty, and water sources are polluted. We have worked with sanitation businesses in Dar es Salaam, and a microfinance institution to improve this. We constructed Faecel Sludge Treatment Plants which recycles waste into biogas and manure.

• **Strengthening WASH systems through improved town planning and capacity building**
  Tanzania is quickly urbanising, and towns need to ensure WASH is included in their planning. Our research in Babati contributed in feeding information into the sanitation chapter of the spatial master plan and provided key recommendations. Similarly a one-year WASH training programme in Babati and Dar es Salaam supported individuals to improve communication and coordination among stakeholders for better WASH planning.
The geographical focus of WaterAid in Tanzania includes water scarce areas and those with a high percentage below the poverty line. Our CPS aims to reach the bottom 20% of society, as they are often the ones most affected by a lack of access to WASH.

We are currently implementing projects in the regions of Manyara, Arusha, Geita and Dar es Salaam. However our policy work means that we work across the country, aiming to create national-level change.
Some of our key achievements

• Reached over 100,000 school children with water, sanitation and hygiene through our projects across five regions.

• Reached 29,160 mothers with access to WASH in healthcare facilities in Singida and Zanzibar

• Supported the Government of Tanzania to produce national guidelines on WASH in healthcare facilities, and schools

• Supported four sanitation businesses in Temeke Municipal to become legal entities and secure a loan from a microfinance institution

• Supported Babati Town Council to include a ‘sanitation chapter’ in the town’s spatial master plan

• Piloted innovative WASH technologies, such as eWATERpay, solar and fecal sludge plants for improved sustainability.