

Building capacity for strengthened WASH delivery systems

Case Study - Babati District Community Led Actions to Foster Climate Resilient WASH



▼ Climate Change Champion planting trees during World Environment Day in 2021

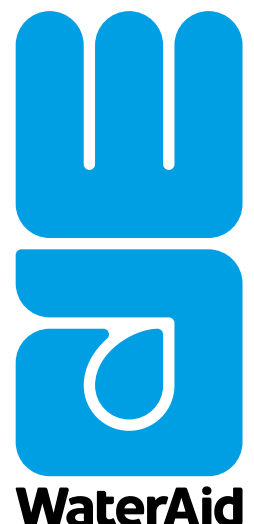


▲ A group photo of Climate Change Champions during one of the capacity building training conducted in Sangara Village.



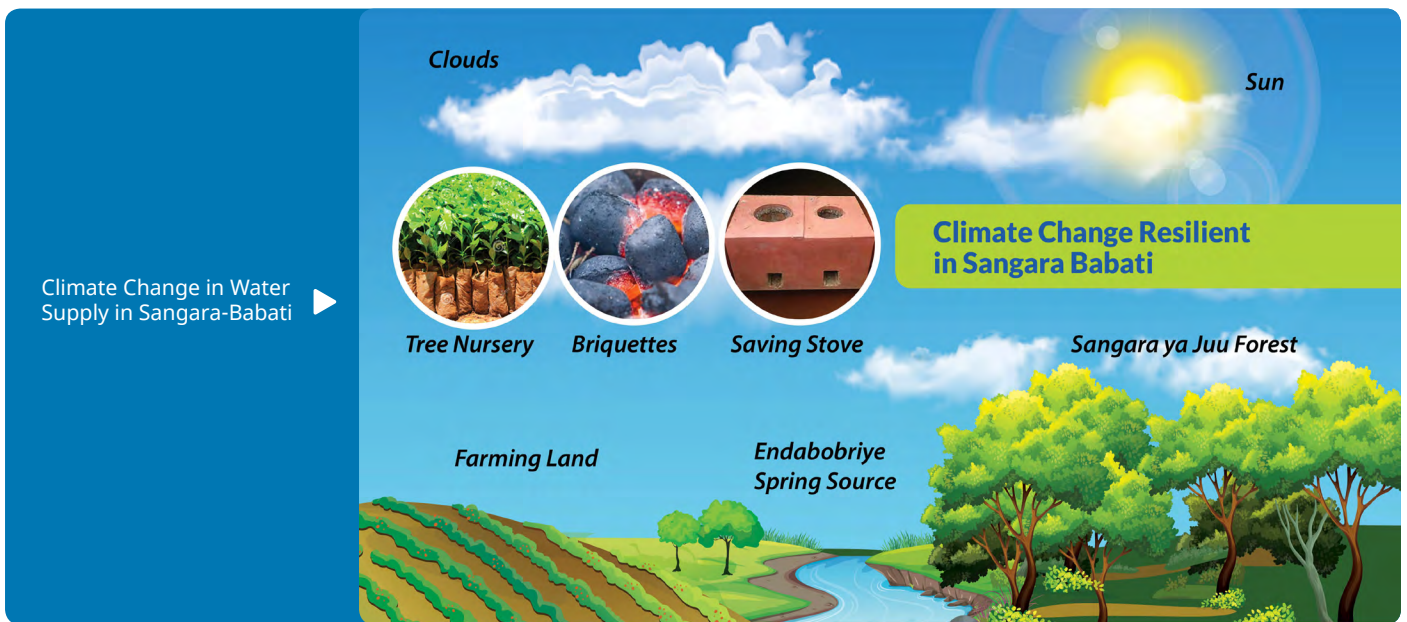
Introduction

In Babati District, Manyara region there is evidence of excessive drying of water sources in the natural springs and great water loss in Lake Babati which has resulted into great water shocks and stress in most communities, like Sangara village and nearby villages. WaterAid combines WASH service delivery with disaster risk reduction and management to increase preparedness to cope with threats to water security and WASH services. WaterAid aimed to increase advocacy and coordination of water security and climate resilient WASH activities and practices in Sangara village.



Approach

- Supported the functionality of gender-inclusive community level climate change committee, including training (through village and sub-village meetings) on the impact of climate change variability on water resources.
- Created climate change variability champions, trained, and mentored at community level to promote community participation to respond to water shocks and stress.
- Facilitated learning exchange visits of VEMC, CBWSO and RUWASA to observe sustainable, climate resilient WASH best practices in the Country.
- Engaged in the Sub village meetings to educate communities about drought resilience, source protection, water conservation, and rehabilitation to climate change impacted areas.



Results

Through the change champions, the cutting of trees has reduced significantly; citizens are now switching to using fuel efficient stoves, a welcome addition in efforts to safeguard and manage the natural resources. This year, climate change champions from Sangara village commemorated the day at nearby Riroda village and set action plans to conserve their environment. On the day, participants planted 600 trees on various water sources and further committed to planting 6,000 trees between November 2021 and April 2022.

About WaterAid

Since 1983, WaterAid has been working closely with global and local partners to put access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) at the center of national development to transform lives of the poorest and most marginalized people by improving their access to WASH in communities across Tanzania. Our work focuses on programmatic work that is innovative and sustainable, with an emphasis on using lessons and experiences on the ground to advocate for key policy issues and influence national level change. To date, WaterAid has directly reached more than 8 million Tanzanians across 11 regions of both the mainland and Zanzibar with access to WASH. We make a bigger impact because we bring people together, actively encouraging collaboration so that many voices can be heard, and ideas can spread. Together, we will change millions of lives for the better – and change normal for everyone, everywhere within a generation.