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Esteemed partners and colleagues,

On the 13th of June, 2023, we managed to launch our 2023-2028 Country Programme Strategy and celebrate 40 years of service in Tanzania, an event which was graced with the presence of Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania.

I would like to express my gratitude to thank Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania for making time to attend our strategy launch and 40 years anniversary celebration, we were truly privileged to have your presence at our event and I have faith that your insight will pave the way for a number of WASH sector reforms over the next five years.

I would like to thank all our partners including ministries, development partners, implementing partners, private sectors and other WASH stakeholders who attended our event. To us, this demonstrates solidarity and strong partnership between us, I believe that we can actively encourage collaboration so that many voices can be heard and ideas can spread and bring people together to address complex issues and deliver new solutions.

As we celebrate and mark 40 years of service in Tanzania, WaterAid has made significant strides in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sectors. Looking back, all this would not be possible without the people who held positions before me, I would like to thank them all for laying a solid foundation that has allowed WaterAid to maintain the position it does now.

I would like to thank our Chief Executive Officer Tim Wainwright, our East Africa Regional Director Olutayo Bankole Bolawole, the IPD support team and all the East Africa regional team for their bold leadership and guidance to WaterAid Tanzania Country Programme.

I am extending my gratitude to our donors and supporters. Your work sparks widespread and lasting change to what’s normal for people, communities and economies. You helped get clean water, sanitation and hygiene to 8.5 million babies, children, girls, women, boys and men for the past 40 years. In this new Country Programme Strategy, we will achieve even more together.

Finally, I would like to thank all WaterAid Tanzania staff, who have been at the forefront of executing the previous strategy and now looking forward to achieving this strategy. WaterAid Tanzania is nothing without each of your expertise. Let us keep our feet on the pedal towards ending the water, sanitation and hygiene crisis for everyone everywhere.

Yours,
Anna Tenga Mzinga
Country Director; WaterAid Tanzania
WaterAid began its work in the Dodoma Region through a partnership model that was shaped by a collaboration known as WaterAid, Ministry of Water {Maji}, Ministry of Community Development {Maendeleo} and Ministry of Health {Afya} (WAMMA) consisting water engineers, hygiene and education staff in the Dodoma Local Government. It has been developed over a number of years, as a result of close collaboration between WaterAid and the regional and district authorities in Dodoma.

WAMMA is a good example of an integrated approach to water supply, hygiene education and sanitation projects and how an evolutionary government/NGO partnership has helped Tanzanian communities to attain better access to water and sanitation services. From drilling boreholes through unrestricted funding to the integrated water, sanitation and hygiene (iWASH) service delivery model over blended finances, we are now implementing innovative project models with multiple funding sources including donor support and private sector engagement.

The Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Water, Ms. Nadhifa Kemikimba, and our Country Director, Ms. Anna Tenga Mzinga, presented this segment to Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania. Check out our River of Life poster below to read and learn more:
Prior to the official ceremony, WAT had the privilege of having Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania visit the projects models booth that consisted of WaterAid Tanzania technical staff, as well as representatives from our partners, Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA), Rural Water and Sanitation Authority (RUWASA), Tanzania Water and Sanitation Network (TAWASANet) and UMAWA. The project models sector-strengthening initiatives, innovative modelling -and water quality access.

These initiatives include a water treatment plant (Nalgonda in Hanang -Manyara), (Manyara-Babati Sangara-climate resilient WASH) and the initiatives for liquid wastewater management for modelling innovation of decentralization of faecal sludge management (DEWATS). Furthermore, other initiatives highlighted include accountability for WASH investment in the country. Through the Water Sector Budget tracking initiatives and Water Point mapping, the citizens has been sufficiently informed on the government processes for planning, designing and implementing the Water and Sanitation Projects.
Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

Infectious diseases caused by lack of clean and safe water, poor sanitation in our communities, health care facilities, schools and public places remain a threat to public health and pose a significant burden on our country in treating or responding to these diseases. The World Bank's 2023 report (Tanzania Economic Update Report 2023) shows that our country is losing 5.6 trillion shillings annually due to poor access to clean water and sanitation. This amount is so high that it is equivalent to 3.2% of the gross domestic product (GDP).

The Ministries of Water and Health constantly track the implementation of the National Water, Sanitation, and Personal Hygiene Guidelines in healthcare facilities. Ensure that all healthcare facilities in the country are connected to clean and safe water systems, have good toilets, equipped with hand-washing facilities, and burn chambers. I would like to let you know that the Prime Minister's Office is committed to coordinating and managing the One Health initiative at the National, Sub-national, District, wards, and village levels, with one of the priorities being to address Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). On that basis, my office will collaborate with the Ministry of Health to determine how to incorporate water, sanitation and hygiene in implementing the One Health Plan to achieve better results.

The Ministry of Water should collaborate with stakeholders to develop and implement the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) guidelines to strengthen investment in the sector. I urged Ministry officials to ensure there is effective collaboration between the ministries, RUWASA, councils and the private sector to achieve and accelerate investment in the sector. Today, I would like to congratulate the WaterAid Tanzania Organization on 40 years of good work in collaboration with the Government in improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene, which has resulted in significant accomplishments.

I thank all development stakeholders for recognizing the importance of working together with the government to implement various projects in the country, and I assure them that the government will continue to collaborate with them while adhering to all agreements, guidelines, and procedures to ensure that more projects in both urban and rural areas are implemented in Tanzanians' most beneficial interests. Read more of his speech in Swahili here.
From the global level to the country programme level, together with our partners and supporters, we will work with determination towards the day when our work is no longer needed as we anticipate reaching 400 million more people with sustainable and safe WASH by 2032. We will focus our resources and concentrate our efforts to deliver quality and impact at the highest level in the countries where we work as we will grow our income to a global target of £150–180 million per year within the next ten years. This will require us to be even more focused across our global organisation and to maximise resources and skill levels in our country programmes. Watch his full message here.

The new country strategy for WaterAid Tanzania, with our collective action, will ensure the most excluded persons in Tanzania have access to WASH in all spaces by 2030 as promised by the SDGs. Aligned with the Government of Tanzania’s strategies including the Water Sector Development Programme (WSDPIII) and National Vision 2025, WaterAid Tanzania’s country strategy aims to unpack critical challenges like these in the WASH sector, for both rural and urban areas. We are confident that with all our combined efforts and commitment, we can achieve our objectives with an approach focused on achieving sustainable impact, working through and with government systems and implementing partners and applying a human right-based approach for the recognition of WASH as a human right and strengthening voices within civil society.
While implementing our new strategy, we will build on the ‘kumtua mama ndoo kichwani’ (taking the water bucket down from a woman’s head) campaign together with the government to make women the centre of our work.. We all know that women are the main caregivers in the family and in most cases in Tanzania, the ones who are responsible for water availability at home.

We will integrate gender and women’s rights issues into our programming and conduct assessments of the impact lack of WASH has on gender equality. We will do this by focusing on women, girls and young people in project locations and responding to identified priority needs. Improved WASH services will increase the time available to women for economic activities and for participating in leadership and decision-making.

Read more of her remarks in Swahili here

There is a need to improve the quality of toilets to reach at least 85% of access in both household and public facilities which is very important as per the Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP III). Dynamic collaboration and working partnerships are important for key line Ministries to ensure comprehensive WASH services. There is a need to accelerate urban and rural challenges, further, there is a need to increase transparency and effective engagement of stakeholders for planning.
I have been told that implementing the previous 2016-2021 strategy cost 36 billion Tanzanian shillings in water, sanitation and hygiene in urban and rural areas as well as climate change mitigation. All these have led to the finalization of 73 projects including schools, healthcare facilities, and communities.

I commend WaterAid Tanzania and thank them for their good work and for preparing their new strategy for the years 2023-2028.

I thank and commend Hon. Jumaa Aweso for their efforts in the water sector to make sure it prospers. Our cooperation has propelled a lot of development for both Tanzania and Zanzibar and for people to enjoy clean water services.

I congratulate WaterAid Tanzania too for their efforts in the water sector. I believe that this strategy will be a defence in fighting against water, sanitation and hygiene challenges in Tanzania and Zanzibar.

I thank and commend Her Excellency Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan for her efforts in wastewater recycling projects, this will enable us greatly to face the wastewater infrastructures in this region at the moment.

We have a few requests that we can all digest, Dar Es Salaam is challenged with floods when it rains heavily, we have discussed with TANROADS to have a bigger drainage system but at the same time, we are also trying to get means of harvesting all the rainwater so that we can contain water from rain.
Session Topic: A critical look at our delivery practice; A step change to address the biological and practical WASH demands for women and girls.

Session Speakers:
Moderator: Dr Charles Sokile - Public Sector Advisor
A. Neema Lugingira (MP) – Member of Parliament and a WASH Champion
B. Anyitike Mwakitalima – Ministry of Health
C. Jane Mselle Sembuche - WaterAid Uganda
D. Johannes Msuya – Equity Bank

This panel discussion discussed and identified the interventions and opportunities to respond to challenges and opportunities for gender-inclusive WASH in Healthcare facilities and schools. It emphasized accountability for national WASH commitments and investments and target the specific needs of girls, women and people living with disabilities at all levels and provided a call to action for the Government, private sectors, and development partners to demonstrate commitment in terms of finance to accelerate scale-up on increasing access to water, decent toilets, and good hygiene through national plans, to achieve gender rights transformation.

As a result of this panel, Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania addressed “Why is it that condoms are distributed free and pads are not, this is an issue that we must address together; both the government and the private sector” and he also declared that he would issue a directive to the Ministry of Finance and Planning to restart plans to waive the taxes. Read more articles on the plea for sanitary pads tax exemption
Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa (MP), the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

A gesture of gratitude for the Guest of Honor's involvement in the strategy launch and the commitment he has shown to advance the national agenda of guaranteeing that everyone has access to safe and clean water.

His Excellency, Dr Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, former President of the United Republic of Tanzania (Accepted by Eng. Mbogo Futakamba on his behalf)

As the President of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT), HE. Dr Jakaya launched Tanzania's Water Sector Development Programme (WSDP) 2006 – 2025. His leadership remains outstanding in several international, regional, and national initiatives, such as serving as the Chair of the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa and Africa Coordination (GWPSA-Africa Coordination) and promoting the Zanzibar Water Investment Program that is currently replicating to Tanzania Mainland. His immense diplomatic skills have produced huge political dividends to Tanzania's profile to the world to improve access to water, sanitation, and hygiene in Tanzania, which ultimately contribute to human health and livelihoods.
RECOGNITION OF WASH ACTORS

Hon. Jumaa Aweso (MP), Minister for Water
(Accepted by Eng. Maryprisca Mahundi, Deputy Minister for Water on his behalf)

Hon. Juma Aweso leadership in the water sector has been key in supporting the country to realize the availability of adequate, clean, safe and affordable water and sanitation services as a key contributing factor to the improvement of the standard of living of people as well as enhancing productivity for economic growth. Hon. Juma Aweso's leadership has continuously and strategically attracted the engagement of implementing partners and fostering collective efforts in improving the water sector in Tanzania.

Hon. Ummy Mwalimu (MP) Minister for Health
(Accepted by Joseph Bilago on her behalf)

For her outstanding leadership of the health sectors and tireless efforts of ensuring Improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in healthcare facilities (HCFs) and its critical need in improving the provision of adolescent, maternal, and newborn, child health and the community at large to effectively prevent and control WASH related infections. Under her leadership Hon, Ummy Mwalimu has continued to put a special emphasis on disease preventive measures among them being the improvement of the Health Care facility's infrastructures to accommodate WASH services in turn adding to quality and safe care and minimizing cross infections among patients, their caretakers, healthcare workers and the communities around.

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Serengeti Breweries has been an entrusted partner in the WASH sector significantly continuing to support the country’s efforts of reaching everyone everywhere with safe and clean water.

As a private sector, SBL paves the way of building into more private sectors in WASH to support sustainable returns to the communities and enhancement of adequate water supply in rural and urban settings.
The WaterAid Tanzania Country Programme Strategy (2023-2028) outlines our strategic direction, looking at how we will achieve our two (2) aims:

- To attain sustainable, inclusive and safe WASH services in targeted geographic areas for wider change.
- To prioritise WASH across the health sector to improve public health

Our core approach will be system strengthening to address WASH challenges. We will balance our work on modelling innovations in climate-resilient WASH services, research and learning, building partnerships and alliances, influencing, gender equality, and empowering and supporting CSOs.

The strategy was officially launched by Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa in June 2023, The Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania.

Read more about our strategy [here](#).
WAT is working towards a time when everyone, everywhere has sustainable and safe WASH in Tanzania. This strategy will accelerate this process. Tanzania, like many other countries, believes in clean and safe water as the major pillar of sustainable development.

As such, sustainable WASH services are paramount. We strive to ensure that everything we do with our partners and allies has the greatest positive impact on the lives of marginalised communities.

Watch our 2023-2028 Strategy Film Here

Changing normal is what drives us. It’s our common purpose. We’re not here to provide aid over the long term. We want to bring about change that sticks and help change lives for good. It’s a massive goal and an incredible thing to be part of.

Making clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene a normal part of everyday life isn’t just a dream. Our supporters have already helped to change millions of lives. Now let’s finish the job
OUR STRATEGY LAUNCH MEDIA COVERAGE

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OUR STRATEGY LAUNCH IN PHOTOS

We would love to share all the photos with you here but you can view them all at your own time here and watch our event highlight video here.

A group photo of water utilities and the Chief Guest

Invited guests exchanging remarks before the ceremony

Chief Guest(right) and Deputy Minister(left) arriving at the venue before the ceremony

A group photo of Members of Parliament and the Chief Guest

WaterAid staff posing on the WASH selfie frame

Brass band

WaterAid staff posing on the WASH selfie frame
Hon. Kassim Majaliwa Majaliwa, the Prime Minister of Tanzania, cutting the 40 years anniversary cake

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