

Report: Legacy challenge fund activities

Submitted by HFFG – Ghana

1.0 Introduction:

Hope For Future Generations, implemented the following activities under the legacy challenge fund to tell successes of the watershed programme, the strategies used and shared knowledge and products of the Watershed programme on different WASH platforms and media in Ghana. The activities were implemented with the support of all Watershed programme partners in Ghana.

2.0 Details of activities implemented:



2.1 Conduct 1-TV and 2-radio discussions at National and district level to promote success made on the watershed programme and call for government commitment to WASH financing

HFFG conducted one TV discussion at Ghana's biggest and national Broadcasting Corporation. The national media house, which has a nationwide coverage and also run a programme dedicated to *Women's Voice* was used to project the Watershed programme achievement in Ghana, especially of women and citizens involvement in Water and Sanitation management as well as Water Resources Management at community levels. One other TV and radio activities have been scheduled to take place on 17 December on GTV programme called **WASH Hour**. The topic will be on how the Watershed programme effectively did WASH and IWRM integration to achieve the needed result. Below is the link to the TV discussion:

<https://www.facebook.com/gbcghana/videos/774872076394701/>

2.2 Participate in Annual WASH Conference in Ghana to showcase outcomes harvested under the watershed programme and lobby national stakeholders for continuation

During the first week of November 2020, CONIWAS organized annual Mole XXXI WASH conference in Ghana where IRC Ghana, CONIWAS and HFFG shared the general principles and findings of social inclusion survey and other outcomes of the Watershed Programme products with the WASH sector, government representatives and the media in Ghana. CONIWAS, RCN and HFFG also mounted an exhibition center to share WASH and IWRM product and outcomes harvested on the Watershed empowering citizens programme in Ghana; and WASH products from other Watershed Work Packages. Though the programme has ended, the data on social inclusion will continue to drive the WASH sector because, most stakeholders who participated and listened to the programme strategies admitted that how the Watershed programme carefully involved community groups and marginalized groups in social accountability is the surest way for the sector to emulate.



2.3 Conduct community interface meetings among local government stakeholders, media, CSOs/CBOs, private WASH operators and Person's with Disability to promote disability friendly WASH designs.

HFFG conducted three community interface meetings with different groups to discuss and promote WASH inclusion and provision of friendly WASH facilities and designs. The meetings took place at Tarkwa in the Western region of Ghana. The activities were supported by CONIWAS and the Ghana Journalist WASH network representatives from Accra. The PWD groups and their leaders were grateful to the Watershed Programme and the donors for the advocacy on social inclusion. They claim their needs have been ignored for far too long but through the Watershed programme, they have gotten the opportunity to discuss the unfriendly nature of WASH facility for the issues to be addressed.



2.4 Conduct District Town hall meeting for stakeholders, citizens and communities to highlight the contribution of Watershed to hygiene promotion and Covid-19 prevention.

In November 2020, Hope For Future Generations conducted a Town Hall meeting at Tarkwa to highlight contributions of the Watershed programme on hygiene promotion and COVID-19 prevention in the Area. The work of Ghana Work package of the Watershed programme was also presented to the over 100 citizens from different part of Tarkwa Municipal area who participated in the event. The beneficiary Community members used the Town Hall meeting to called on government and the Tarkwa Municipal stakeholders to adopt the Watershed programme strategies to involve communities in programme designs and implementation. Beneficially communities of the Watershed programme and the Tarkwa Municipal Assembly were however not happy that the watershed programme has ended, but they promised to adopt all the strategies to ensure inclusion for citizens voices to be heard. *The activity was reported online by Today News Paper. Find the link below: <https://www.todaygh.com/mix-feelings-greets-announcement-of-watershed-project-exit/>*



The new Works and Housing Manager of Tarkwa addressing participants and also congratulating communities for their active involvement on WASH discussion.



Mr. Coleman from a community called Israel at the extreme back, called on government to adopt Watershed programme strategy to involve communities in programme implementation.

Activities yet to be implemented:

- One feature article for publication is yet to be completed
- A tweeter storm on Social media is yet to be launched, the messages are developed

Additional information:

A product of the Watershed programme was cited by another WASH partner for WASH advocacy in Central region of Ghana. Find the link below:

<https://www.modernghana.com/news/1045209/prudent-management-of-wash-facilities-vital-for.html>