

Accelerating WASH in Ethiopia

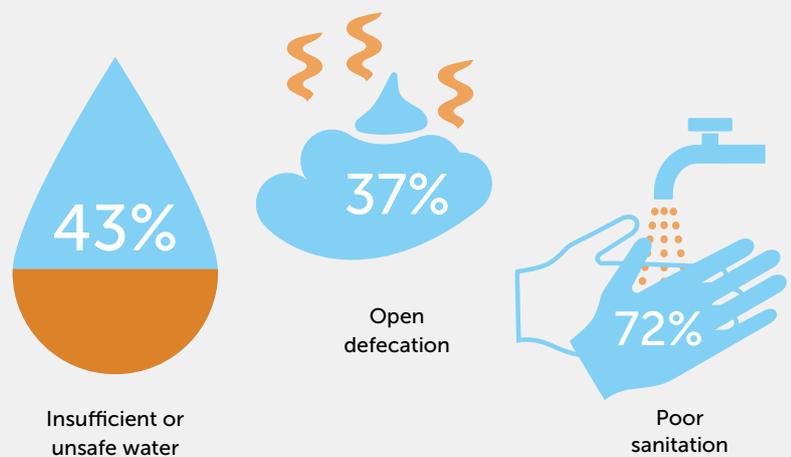
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The WASH Alliance Ethiopia envisions a world in which all people have sustainable access to WASH services. To realise this, we need to drastically change the way we approach this challenge. Traditional solutions with a major focus on building infrastructure are not sustainable and cannot meet the needs of a growing population.

It is our mission to change mindsets and create systems for sustainable and affordable WASH services that can accelerate. This is the only way to adapt to newly emerging challenges such as the fast population growth. A guiding principle in our work is therefore facilitating the development of a system in which all stakeholders, such as businesses, governments, citizens and NGOs work effectively together.

WASH in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia the number of people with access to safe water has improved over the past 10 years. The country has reached the Millennium Development Goal on water: 57% of the population has improved access to clean drinking water. At the same time, almost three-quarter of all residents in Ethiopia do not have access to improved sanitation. They use traditional latrines either by individual or shared household either or shared latrines where the majority (34 million people, JMP, 2012) still practice open defecation. The lack of safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation facilities is strongly influencing the wellbeing and health of the Ethiopian people.



60,000

Additional persons have gained access to and are using improved water

98,596

Additional persons are using improved sanitation

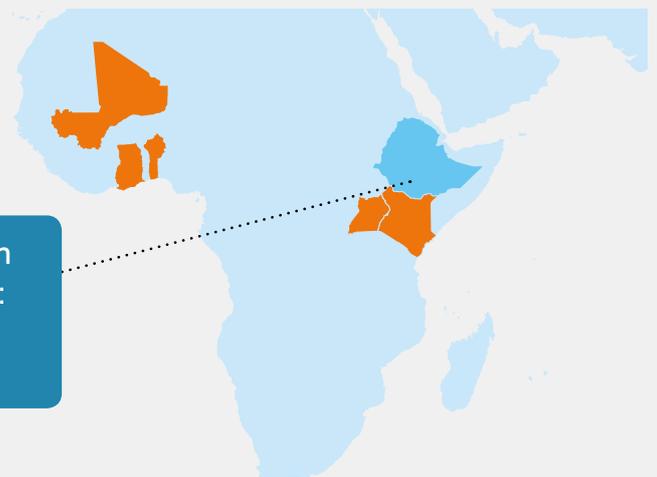
€25

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Our work in Ethiopia

As a result of our work in Ethiopia between 2011 and 2015, 60,000 people use improved sanitation facilities and more than 40,000 use improved water resources. The outcome for sanitation has been reached mainly through the combined efforts in Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), hygiene & sanitation education and Eco-san technology demonstrations. The large number of people with access to improved drinking water were mainly realised by establishing and training water committees in the local communities. In a period of 5 years we have reduced the costs per person to get access to WASH from €63 to €25.

The WASH Alliance Ethiopia works in 2 regions and one Autonomous city: Afar and Oromiya regions and Dire Dawa Administrative City.



How we do this

To realise sustainable access to WASH services for all, we contribute to a shift from a hardware-construction approach towards a WASH sector development approach. This approach will not only sustain results after our programs stop, it will also accelerate to meet the needs of a growing population. Our work is built up in three areas:



Developing a functioning and enabling WASH market, in which businesses provide quality WASH products and services and financial institutions facilitate access to finance for both businesses and consumers.



Developing an enabling public sector for WASH, in which the government creates a supportive policy and regulatory environment for sustainable WASH services and allocates sufficient budget for WASH.



Empowering, informing and organising citizens for sustainable WASH. These citizens will demand and pay for sustainable WASH services, practice healthy behaviour and engage with government for delivering quality WASH services.

Accelerating WASH in Ethiopia 2016 – 2020

Strategic focus areas of the WASH Alliance Ethiopia for the 2016 – 2020 programme comprise improving the access to and use of water supply, sanitation and hygiene services, enhanced dialogue, policy initiatives and change of practices and improved programs for quality and effectiveness.

These plans are expected to be achieved by institutionalizing and deepening our sustainability framework, promoting the empowerment of women and girls, strengthening the partnership with various WASH sector actors along with increasing the engagement of private sector and capacity building of partners and other stakeholders and communities.

The following five key programme priorities have been identified:

- Improved access to sustainable safe water supply
- Improved sanitation and safe hygiene practices
- Improved livelihood of the communities through use of water supply for multiple purposes and greater integration with other sectors
- Improved dialogue, policy initiatives and change of practices
- Improved programme quality and effectiveness



Sustainability

Our work is always focused on achieving sustainable results. In order to realise these goals, we have developed the FIETS sustainability principles: financial, institutional, environmental, technological and social sustainability. Special attention within our sustainability approach is given to the recognition of the interdependencies between water, energy, food security and climate change.