The WASH SDG Programme responds to the Dutch commitment to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 6, with the aim to reach an improved WASH situation for all. The programme will be implemented in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Nepal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. The WASH SDG Programme aims to sustainably deliver access to, and use of, safe drinking water for at least 450,000 people; and improve access to, and use of, sanitation and improve hygiene behaviours for at least 2 million people. It is built on three core strategic objectives, namely: (1) increasing demand for improved WASH facilities and practices; (2) improving the quality of service provision; and (3) improving governance of the sector. Gender and social inclusion (GESI) will be an area of specific attention in each of the three strategic objectives as well as climate vulnerability and resilience. Funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the 5-year programme will run from July 2017 to September 2022.

Uganda WASH SDG programme

In Uganda the number of people with access to safe water and sanitation has improved over the past 10 years, although there are still many communities that rely on contaminated water sources, such as streams and open wells. More than half of all residents in Uganda do not have access to basic sanitation services, sharing overcrowded pit latrines or practicing open defecation. The lack of safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation facilities are strongly influencing the wellbeing and health of the Uganda people.

Uganda WASH SDG consortium partners

The WASH SDG programme in Uganda will be implemented by WASH Alliance International (WAI) with Simavi as the Lead Implementing Organisation (LIO) and Plan International Uganda (Plan), with WAI in the lead of the country programme. The two sub-programmes (SP) are:

I. Uganda WASH Alliance SP, implemented by the WAI in Agago district as part of Agago sub-catchment in the Northern Uganda

II. Uganda Kamuli Buyende Nebbi SP, implemented by Plan in Kamuli and Buyende districts in Eastern Uganda, and Nebbi district in Northwest Uganda.

Figure 1: Map of the intervention areas of the WASH SDG Programme in Uganda
Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme

The Uganda WASH Alliance started implementing WASH programmes in Uganda in 2011 and consists of Dutch WASH Alliance partners and Uganda WASH Alliance partners. The Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme (as part of the WASH SDG Programme) is working in Agago district in Northern Uganda, as part of Agago sub-catchment.

Agago district will be the focus for the first two years of the programme, thereafter the programme has intentions to expand to the rest of Agago sub-catchment (part of Pader, Abim, Otuke and Kotido districts) based on the experiences in Agago district.

Behavioural change:

This pathway will target community members, particularly focusing on women and socially excluded groups, and institutions within the intervention area. The focus will be on raising awareness among the community members on the importance of using safe water, sanitation and practicing key hygienic behaviours – including managing and using clean water responsibly; cleaning and maintaining WASH facilities; using improved sanitation; using sanitary pads; food hygiene, environmental hygiene; and hand washing with soap and water. This will be achieved through a series of community dialogues, evidence-based advocacy and research, awareness campaigns and capacity building activities in communities, schools and health centres. Once the awareness is raised, the community members will demand for WASH services to various service providers.

Livelihood integration will be a key factor to foster effective demand for WASH services and ability to invest in those WASH services.

WASH service provision:

This pathway is focusing on increasing the availability of sustainable and inclusive WASH products and services for households and institutional clients through establishing and/or strengthening the supply chain. This will be done through catalysing the supply of quality WASH services and products by facilitating the development and/or strengthening of WASH related credit products at its access among households, institutions and businesses; developing both technical and business capacities of Water Sanitation and Hygiene Nature Based (WASHNAB) entrepreneurs/Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to provide quality and affordable services/products; and building strong relationships among different supply-chain actors through establishing and/or strengthening WASHNAB associations as well as by linking to consumers and local authorities.

WASH Governance:

This pathway focuses on the involvement and the collaboration with government initiatives. This means that together with the government and other actors, the programme will be mainstreamed with the ongoing activities in various sectors of the government, for synergy and acceleration, but also for sustainability after the programme has come to an end. Working with the government, first there will be a focus on awareness raising on GESI, climate resilient WASH services, sustainability of WASH services using the FIETS sustainability principles and the link between WASH and other stakeholders and sectors. Multi-stakeholder dialogues will be facilitated on catchment and sub-catchment level and where needed supported in developing and implementing (sub-) catchment management plans.

In line with the WASH SDG Programme strategy, the Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme will be working on achieving sustainable and equitable use of WASH by all following the three strategic objectives below:

1. Financial, Institutional, Environmental, Technological and Social sustainability.

https://tinyurl.com/FIETSprinciples

Figure 2: The key results of the Baseline assessment of the Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme.

Population targets
(Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme)

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For the Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme, the following partners will be involved in implementation in Agago district as part of the Agago sub-catchment:

- RUAF, PRACTICA and Simavi are Dutch WAI partners that will give technical assistance to the local partners in Uganda.
- Amref Health Africa, Akvo, RAIN and IRC are Dutch WASH Alliance partners that are having local offices in Uganda, and will therefore directly implement the Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme in Uganda through their local offices.
- Agency for Sustainable Rural Transformation (AFSRT), Health through Water and Sanitation (HEWASA), Joint Effort to Save the Environment (JESE), Network for Water and Sanitation Uganda (NETWAS Uganda) and Water and Sanitation Entrepreneurs Association Uganda (WASEU) are the Ugandan partners that will be involved in implementing the Uganda WASH Alliance sub-programme.

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