

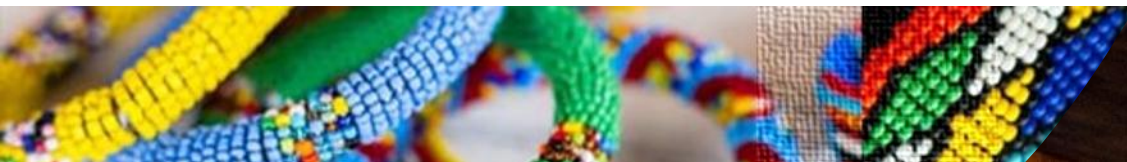
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Leveraging on the 2024 Ghana Presidential Compact on WASH for Accelerated WASH service delivery in Ghana

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Introduction

- WASH contributes significantly to:
 - preserving the environment,
 - promoting health,
 - ensuring increased and sustained school enrolment
 - promoting gender.
 - Enhance livelihoods
 - Improve economic growth and social development.
 - Etc, etc
- Delivery of WASH services, however comes with a number of constraints



Key Constraints in the WASH sector

Inadequate financing

Service not reaching the poor

Provision of and sustaining service in institutions

Capacity Gaps

Weak coordination

Poor Data Management

Poor Regulatory Environment

Poorly constructed and managed facilities that are not sustainable



Cause and Effect of the Key Constraints

INADEQUATE PRIORITISATION
OF WASH



- **“WASH is not a Political Priority** in most developing Countries. Only 1.2% of the National Budget is spent on WASH as compare to 12% in Transport and 20% in Energy”
(Mr. Saroj Kumar Jha, Global Director of Water Practice, World Bank, June 2024)
- In Ghana, 1.7% of the GDP is spent on WASH (*WASH Accounts, 2022*)



“Where there is political will and Leadership, great things can be achieved” - *H. E. John Agyekum Kufuor*

(Former President of Ghana and Former Chair of SWA)



Addressing the WASH Sector Challenges through effective Partnership

- Ghana joined the SWA partnership in 2019
- Developed its very first SWA Ministerial Compact in 2010
- The 2010 Ministerial Compact was co-signed by 3 Ministers at Washington DC in May 2010 at the SWA HLM: SMM and FMM
- As part of implementing the 2010 SWA Compact, MAF on Sanitation was developed in September 2011, as sanitation was hugely off track in achieving its MDG targets
- The MDG Acceleration Framework: Ghana Country Action Plan for Basic Sanitation (Go Sanitation Go) focused on 3 main commitments
 - Scaling up Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS)
 - Decentralised Anaerobic Digestion Treatment Systems
 - Micro-Finance Credit Scheme for Household Latrine Construction



Addressing the WASH Sector Challenges through effective Partnership../2

- The MAF was co-signed by Hon. Samuel Ofose Ampofo (The then Minister for Local Government and Rural Development) and Ruby Sandhu-Rojon (The then UN Resident Coordinator)
- Who supported the development of the MAF?:
 - **Naa Demedeme Lenason**, Director, EHSD/MLGRD
 - **Joseph Akwabeng**, Director, Finance and Administration, MLGRD,
 - **Kweku Quansah**, Programme Officer, EHSD/MLGRD
 - **Jonas Amanu**, Regional Environmental Health Officer, RCC-Greater-Accra Region,
 - **Patrick Apoya**, Chairman, Skyfox Ltd
 - **Peter Takyi Pepprah**, Statistician, Ghana Statistical Service
 - **Theodora Adomako Adjei**, Extension Services Coordinator, CWSA Head Office
 - **Adwoa Pabby**, Programme Officer, WaterAid Ghana
 - **Basilia Nanbigne**, Programme Officer, Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS)
 - **Lorretta Roberts**-WASH Specialist, UNICEF
 - **Dr. Carl Osei**, Deputy Programme Officer, Occupational and Environmental Health Unit, Ghana Health Service
 - **Lukman Salifu**, Consultant, Wastecare Ghana Ltd
- A good number of the commitments made in the 2011 MAF on Sanitation had been achieved and lessons learned had become blue prints for replication and scale up in the sector



The Ghana Presidential Compact on WASH

- Since the implementation of the 2010 Ministerial Compact and MAF on sanitation, the national and global contexts have experienced rapid changes requiring appropriate responses from the Government of Ghana to stay on course for achieving the WASH goals which have the potential of stimulating improvements in socio-economic development.
- It therefore became important to move a notch higher to galvanise the highest political commitment for the WASH sector in Ghana.
- The idea of Presidential Compact was mooted by discussions among SWA, MSWR and CONIWAS in 2022
- Pledge was made at the 2023 UN Water Conference in New York, under the Heads of State Initiatives



The Ghana Presidential Compact on WASH../2

- The Presidential Compact on WASH was signed by the President of the Republic of Ghana and co-signed by the UN Resident Coordinator on 28th August, 2024
- The document outlines the relevant commitments by government and the role of major stakeholders including DPs, CSOs, Academia, Private sector, Media towards the achievement of the objectives of the Compact.
- It is a result of collaboration between state and non-state institutions and agencies, private sector entities and an extensive consultative process with all major sector stakeholders.



The Ghana Presidential Compact on WASH../3

- The outcome is a result of efforts by Office of the President, Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources (MSWR) in collaboration with, and substantial inputs from the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Ministry of Local Government, Decentralisation and Rural Development (MLGDRD) and the Ministry of Health (MoH). The process was hugely coordinated and directed by the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC).
- Beside fulfilling national commitments, the initiative also responds to the Heads of State Initiative within the framework of the Sanitation and Water for ALL(SWA), a Global framework for Action. an international partnership of national governments, donors, civil society organizations working together to galvanise political commitments to increase global access to sanitation and water.



Objectives of the Presidential Compact

1. Provide visible and focused leadership at the highest levels to derive optimum outcomes from WASH and related investments in Ghana.
2. Strengthen institutions and partnerships necessary for the development of the relevant systems in the WASH sector for resilience and sustained improvements in the delivery of essential services.
3. Overcome any challenges militating against achieving of our SDG 6 targets and also accelerate efforts towards realising the other related SDGs.
4. Renew initiatives directed at responding appropriately to climate change, and the environment including concerns for the ocean.
5. Stimulate the flow of new and innovative financing mechanisms, technologies and approaches in addition to existing resources towards the last mile of achieving SDG 6.



Rationale for the development of the Presidential Compact

- The President and the Government of Ghana's urgent desire to improve WASH in Ghana (at UN Water)
- The constantly changing global trends and renewed commitments from MDGs to SDGs (2010 compact)
- Negative impacts of climate change and related weather variations.
- Lessons learnt from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Government of Ghana, through NDPC, identified five critical SDG targets including SDG-6 for accelerated actions.
- Intensified search for greener and renewable energies, where solutions lie in effectively managing the symbiotic relationship between WASH, Health and other connected outcomes
- The emergence of new and efficient technologies requiring an appropriate.
- Focusing on cross-cutting issues such as inclusion, pro-poor, gender, inequality, inequity and the growth of the informal sector, are essential to ensuring nobody is left behind in achieving universal access.



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The Commitments

Commitment 1: Political Prioritisation of WASH at All Levels of Leadership

- 1.1 Ghana maintains its membership of the SWA initiative.
- 1.2 Prioritisation of WASH as an essential service and catalyst for achievement of SDG 6, other SDGs and socio-economic development.
- 1.3 The necessary partnerships are further strengthened or new ones developed for sustained actions.
- 1.4 Private sector is strategically positioned to leverage the conducive policy environment and to invest in the WASH sector.
- 1.5 The direction of resources reflect WASH as a priority to enhance job creation and economic growth.
- 1.6 Effective mobilisation of the entire nation for coherence and sustainability.
- 1.7 A decentralised WASH service delivery in all MMDAs.
- 1.8 Hard to reach or hard to serve areas are deliberately targeted and services delivered.
- 1.9 That Ghana's national Climate Adaptation Plans and strategies incorporate climate resilient WASH infrastructure and services.



Commitment 2: Strengthen Capacity of Relevant WASH Sector Institutions and Take Actions to Facilitate Intersectoral Coordination

2.1 Enhance the capacity of sector institutions from the national, regional, and district levels and motivate same to commit resources for sanitation, water and hygiene programmes at the decentralised levels.

2.2 Expedite actions to establish the National Sanitation Authority and take steps to align activities of institutions and structures in the sector.

2.3 Issue a clear statement of its intentions of increasing resources to the environmental sanitation and water sectors.

2.4 Undertake the necessary behaviour change communication (BCC) assessments and develop interventions to effectively mobilise the entire nation for coherence. This will be guided by a BCC strategy.

2.5 Create a WASH research and innovation investment fund which public-private initiatives may tap into. These shall have a national and district focus and shall be managed to grow and expand in scope over time. The sources of this pool fund shall include syndication of green bonds (climate bonds) to finance low-carbon emission and climate resilient WASH infrastructure.

2.6 Direct resources to sectors that reflect WASH as a priority to enhance economic growth and based on the estimated cost of sanitation, water supply, hygiene infrastructure and services by the GWASHDP. Invest an estimated US\$1.7 billion annually in WASH to meet SDG 6 by 2030



Commitment 3: Adoption of circular economy approach as a systemic shift

3.1 Develop concepts, plans and guidelines to facilitate a systemic shift to deliver WASH services in a circular economy mode.



3.2 Provide the leadership and blueprints necessary to convert WASH sector expenditures into investments to unleash resources along the entire value chain of the various sub-sectors.

3.3 Identify and align existing sector policies, programmes compiled in the GWASHDP and develop relevant guidelines to promote effective and efficient delivery in the WASH sector and beyond.



Commitment 4 - Promote Concerns for the Environment Including the Ocean

- 4.1 Deliver WASH programmes in a manner which provides benefits to the entire population and some focus on the hospitality and tourism industries.
- 4.2 Implement remedial actions to address the menace of land degradation in all forms including the inimical repercussions of “galamsey”.
- 4.3 Promote the use of organic fertilizer and dissuade indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizer and other agro-chemicals, pesticides and other forms of pollutants.
- 4.4 Adopt the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to mainstream environmental sustainability measures in all WASH policies, plans and programmes.
- 4.5 Adopt and adapt strategies that design and deliver resilient WASH facilities and services to reduce the effects of Climate Change and global warming.
- 4.6 Publish the performance of sanitation and water projects which conform to minimum standards of effluent.
- 4.7 Establish a WASH system that ensures that all components of WASH deliver social and economic benefits effectively.



Targets and Timelines

These integrated plans have been linked to NDPC's national development framework and SDG indicators to ensure 'no one is left behind' and monitored along the outline in the GWASHDP 2021-2030.



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Theory of Change

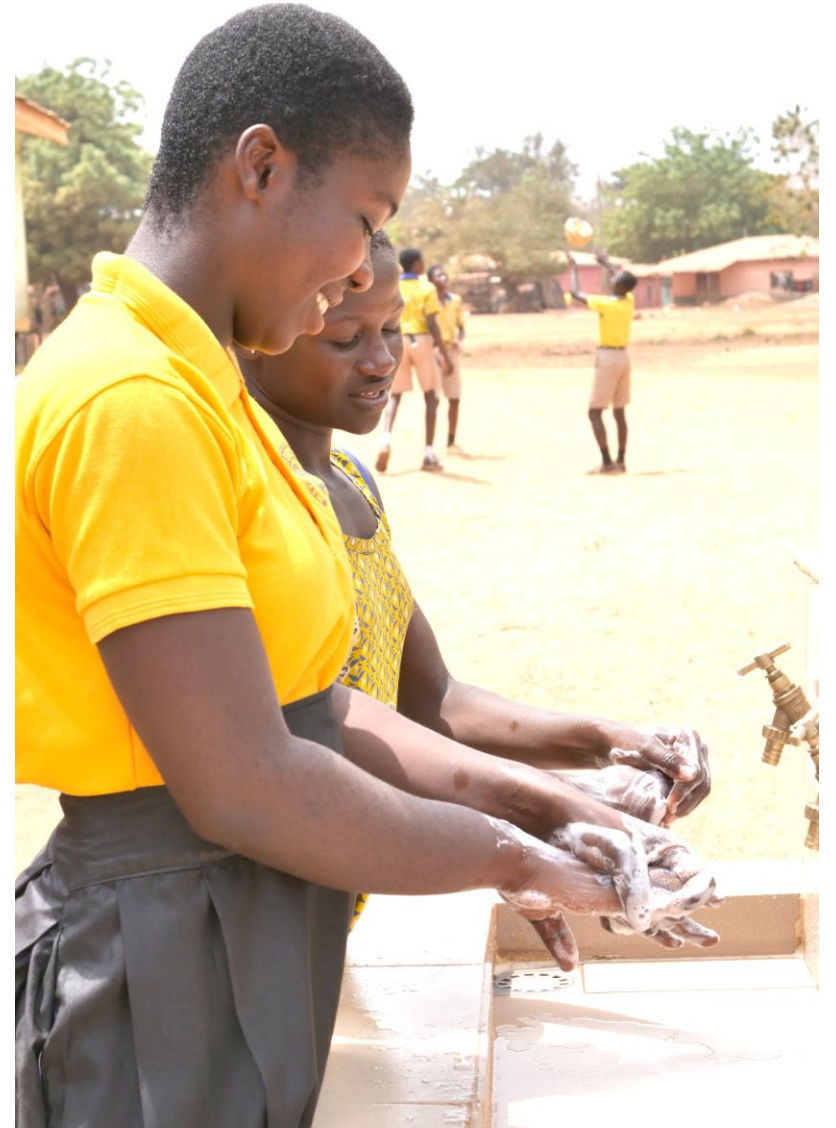
End Open Defecation and
Increase access to toilet
facilities



Increase access to
clean water services



Increase handwashing practices



Expected Outcomes

1. The entire population is practicing appropriate and voluntary hygiene behaviours in a healthy environment.
2. National Sanitation Authority (NSA) has been established, all WASH sector policies, strategies, plans and actions are aligned and synchronized
3. SDG 6 has been achieved and facilitated the realisation of other SDGs.



Proposed Roadmap

PROPOSED ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTING THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL COMPACT
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Role of CONIWAS In guiding the Implementation of the Compact Commitments

- **Develop:** roadmap for implementation
- **Serve:** on the PC Technical Committee to guide and shape effective implementation and ensure ownership of future governments
- **Watchdog:** holding relevant institutions to account, promoting transparency and accountability
- **Advocate:** raising awareness of the commitments made and advocating for support for its implementation
- **Expert:** bringing unique knowledge and experience to shape discussions on the Compact



Role of CONIWAS In guiding the Implementation of the Compact Commitments.../2

- **Capacity builder:** providing education, training and other capacity-building activities to members on the Compact
- **Representative:** giving power and voice to the citizenry especially the marginalized or under-represented to demand action on the Compact commitments
- **Citizenship champion:** encouraging citizen engagement and make champions to sustain the demand on the delivery of the commitments
- **Monitor:** report on the implementation of the commitments to members and the sector



Conclusion

- This is an opportunity to make a difference in positioning sustainable access to improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services to stimulate the achievement of SDG 6
- We all have a stake in making this a reality- find where you belong in the Compact commitments and the WASH Sector Development Programme and play your part.
- The Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources counts on your cooperation to build a country support package to drive the implementation of the compact.
- Through our collective efforts we will achieve the targets of universal Water and Sanitation and its related outcomes for every one in Ghana.



Photo Gallery











Thank you for your kind Attention

