

West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (USAID WA-WASH)

USAID WA-WASH FOOD SECURITY OVERVIEW

OBJECTIVE

The goal of the USAID WA-WASH food security activities is to help communities increase their agriculture production through the adoption of new practices. Increased production will improve communities' livelihoods and generate extra income that can be invested in WASH. USAID WA-WASH also aims to promote climate smart farming techniques such as soil water management, soil erosion mitigation, and multiple water use services (MUS). Climate smart farming is a key component of the United States' Government's Feed the Future initiative.

ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Identification of ongoing food security activities that could be complimented by WASH investments.
- ◆ Development of a strategy on the nexus between WASH and food security.
- ◆ Mapping of national policies regarding food security.
- ◆ Financing of MUS services with specific focus on food/nutritional security.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- ◆ Synthesis of information gathered and lessons learned at the regional level on the nexus of WASH and food security.
- ◆ Establishment of learning and data on WASH and food security links.
- ◆ Identification of opportunities for enhancing existing food security approaches in Burkina Faso, Ghana and Niger.
- ◆ Rise of awareness within Burkina Faso, Ghana and Niger on the potential for improved food security outcomes through inclusion of WASH and MUS approaches.
- ◆ Creation of a menu of high potential options for integrating WASH and food security to strategically builds on existing and planned USAID investments.
- ◆ Identification of a WASH and food security implementation plan that could be used by USAID regional and bilateral missions as a basis for implementing promising options.
- ◆ Organization of field-tested practices for enhancing food security impacts of water productive use under MUS.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

