

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

YAOUA LABELLE ARMELLE KOKO: THE FIRST INTERN OF USAID WA-WASH TO DEFEND HER THESIS FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Yaoua Labelle Armelle KOKO, the first intern of USAID WA-WASH Program to defend her thesis

Ms. Yaoua Labelle Armelle KOKO is one of 13 students preparing their thesis at USAID WA-WASH Regional Office. She has completed her internship at USAID WA-WASH in the Monitoring and Evaluation department. Ms. KOKO has come from Côte d'Ivoire and was attending a high school named the "Institut Supérieur d'Informatique et de Gestion" (ISIG) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Ms. KOKO joined USAID WA-WASH on November 26, 2012. And at the end of the four-month internship, she finalized a thesis to be presented in order to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Project Management. During the internship, Ms. KOKO's supervisor Mr. Abdoulaye SEMDE taught her the

concepts, principles, approaches and tools of Monitoring and Evaluation. She also received skills related to the implementation of developmental projects at the image of USAID WA-WASH Program.

On April 8, 2013, Ms. KOKO brilliantly defended her thesis, titled "*Analysis of the USAID WA-WASH Program Monitoring and Evaluation system*" and she received the grade of 16/20. She is the first undergraduate student to defend her thesis at the end of an internship at USAID WA-WASH Program.

At the end of this successful experience, Ms. KOKO expressed her satisfaction and her gratitude to the USAID WA-WASH Program: "*I thank USAID WA-WASH for giving me the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge I acquired during my academic training. I also commend the coaching I got for collecting and processing the required data to write my thesis*". The Ivorian student thanks went also to the American People whose investment permitted her to complete her academic training in Burkina Faso.

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