

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

### USAID WA-WASH BUILDS CAPACITIES IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND CAPACITY ANALYSIS IN WA, GHANA

On February 18-21 2013, the USAID West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (USAID WA-WASH) organized a workshop in Wa, Upper West Region, Ghana. The main theme of the workshop was “Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis” It was conducted by CARE International, an implementing partner of the USAID WA-WASH Program, with the collaboration of Florida International University. This training was addressed to representatives of organizations involved in the USAID WA-WASH Program implementation, as well as local NGOs.



A view of participants in the CVCA training

A total of 17 participants attended this workshop held on Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis (CVCA) which took place on February 18-21, 2013 in Wa, Upper West Region, Ghana. They came from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Sustainable Integrated Development Services Center (SIDSEC), Irrigation Development Authority (IDA), Belim Wusa Development Agency (BEWDA), New Energy, PRONET North, CARE International, PRUDA and the District Assembly.

During the four-day training workshop, 14 presentations made by Mr. Romanus Gyang in areas related to climate change adaptation, differential vulnerability and capacity

assessment with focus on the Gender dimension, analysis of vulnerability ,CVCA Tools etc...

The workshop aimed to strengthen the capacity of partners involved in the implementation of the USAID WA-WASH Program by enabling them to master the concepts and tools of participative analysis of vulnerability and climate change adaptation. More specifically, the workshop sought to: (1) enhance knowledge and promote a common understanding of the WA WASH Project among all participants; (2) acquire knowledge and skills to conduct CVCA and analysis to develop adaptation strategies using the CVCA methodology and tools; and (3) facilitate learning and sharing of experience on climate change and livelihoods enhancement strategies.



A scene of demonstration of CVCA tools application on the ground

A field test on the CVCA tool in the Zambogo community in the Nadowli District permitted the participants to apply the lesson learnt during the training. This enabled them to understand the CVCA process at the field

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level. The tools used by participants in the field included: (1) seasonal calendar; (2) hazard mapping resource access; and (3) Vulnerability matrix venn diagram. About seventy eight (78) men and women from the community participated in this exercise. Community members were excited by the exercise which involved them to the processes of analyzing climate situation of their own community. The field test also permitted the participants to collect a maximum data that were processed for risk reduction planning.

Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou, the regional Director of USAID WA-WASH exhorted participants to make use of the knowledge acquired, for developing concrete climate change responsive projects at the community level in order to contribute to offer better living conditions to disadvantaged population in Ghana.

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