

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 OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO

Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis (CVCA) was the main theme of a workshop organized by USAID West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (USAID WA-WASH) on December 03-07, 2012, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The training was conducted by CARE International, with the collaboration of Florida International University and Winrock International. This workshop gathered representatives of organizations involved in the USAID WA-WASH Program implementation, representatives of academic and research institutions, as well as NGOs and governmental institutions working in the fields of meteorology, water, public health and animal resources in Burkina Faso.



Adamou Illiassou, the trainer from Niger

The main goal of the Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis CVCA workshop was to strengthen the capacity of partners involved in the implementation of the USAID WA-WASH Program, by enabling them to master concepts and tools of participative analysis of vulnerability and climate change adaptation. According to Mr. Adamou Illiassou, the trainer from Niger, the CVCA is a process of risk analysis designed to enable participants to engage with communities. The CVCA process uses techniques and tools for participatory learning and action (formerly known as rural participatory appraisal), as well as various analysis frameworks. It helps communities do their own analysis of existing risks, identify and

plan specific measures of risks adaptation and reduction.

During the training session, the participants did an excursion to the villages of Oueglega and Tama in the rural commune of Tanghin-Dassouri. In the field, they applied the lesson that was learnt during the training. The participants were organized into two groups and each of them met a village community and implemented the main tools of CVCA according to the local context. These tools included: the Hazard Mapping/Ranking, the Historical Timelines, the Vulnerability/Capacity Matrix, the Resource Mapping, Focus Group discussions, Transect walks, Seasonal Calendars, Social, and Gender Analysis, etc. The participants' interaction with the two communities allowed them to collect a maximum of data that were processed for risk reduction planning.



Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou USAID WA-WASH Regional Director giving attendance certificate to a trainee.

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At the end of the workshop, and for a better application of the CVCA process, the participants suggested that future training sessions last for more long time, mainly the practical session on the ground that took only one day. They also requested to have preparatory visits to the villages, before applying the method there. Participants recommended the extension of the method to a bigger scale area, instead of limiting it to a single village.

Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou, the regional Director of USAID WA-WASH, congratulated the participants for their active participation during the workshop sessions. He showed great consideration towards their recommendations, which go in line with the objectives of the Program. Dr. Boukerrou urged the participants to use the methods learnt through the workshop in their activities related to climate change and vulnerability analysis.



A view of CVCA workshop participants

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