

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

### AGREEMENT SIGNING BETWEEN USAID WA-WASH AND LONAB

USAID West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (USAID WA-WASH) signed a partnership agreement with the National Lottery of Burkina Faso (LONAB). The signing ceremony was held Friday 22, 2013 at 10:00, at the Joly Hotel in Ouaga 2000. The signing ceremony was presided by Mr. Dramane KONE the Technical Advisor of the Burkinabe Minister of Economy and Finances in the presence of Mrs. Janet TRUCKER, USAID Director; Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou, USAID WA-WASH Regional Director; and Mrs. Amelie TAMBOURA/SAWADOGO, LONAB General Director. It was also attended by many representatives of USAID WA-WASH international and local partners as well as representatives of government institutions and NGOs.

It is the first partnership agreement signed by USAID WA-WASH in the course of the implementation of the Program activities. Through this agreement, LONAB is dedicating \$700,000, the equivalent of 350,000,000 CFA to collaborate with USAID WA-WASH, under the Global Development Alliance/Partnership (GDA/P) for the implementation of its activities related to water supply, sanitation and hygiene, climate change, food security and gender.



Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou, Regional Director of USAID WA-WASH and Amélie Tamboura, General Director of LONAB signing the partnership agreement

The agreement between the two organizations goes in keeping with the implementation of USAID WA-WASH GDA/P main activity derived from one of the Program's results which targets to strengthen regional enabling environment and capacity for WASH to achieve WASH MDGs in West Africa.

The agreement was signed by Dr Lakhdar BOUKERROU, Regional Director USAID WA-WASH on behalf of FIU/GLOWS, and Mrs. Amelie TAMBOURA, Director General of the National Lottery of Burkina Faso on behalf of the National Lottery of Burkina Faso. The main objective of this agreement is to provide more impact to USAID WA-WASH Program interventions in favor of the disadvantaged populations of Burkina Faso.

On behalf of Florida International University (FIU) and all the partners involved in USAID WA-WASH

implementation, Dr. Lakhdar Boukerrou thanked all attendees for participating in this agreement signing ceremony. He stated that the actual agreement targets three main sectors which are: (1) food security and water supply for an amount of 250,000,000 CFA; (2) water treatment at households for 350,000,000 CFA, and (3) training of graduate students for 100,000,000 CFA.

These interventions are of concern to the US Government because, as mentioned by Mrs. Janet Trucker USAID Director, "they contribute to Burkina Faso's Government fight for the population to get access to water, sanitation hygiene, food security, the adaptation to climate change and the participation of women in the country development. It is in this course that the American Government finances under the leadership of the United States Agency for International Development, WA-WASH Program for an amount of \$28 million to help solve this crucial need". The USAID Director also stated that Barack Obama bound himself to dedicate an important share of US aid towards Africa to sectors related to public health, food security and adaptation to climate change.

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In her speech, Amelie TAMBOURA/SAWADOGO General Director of LONAB expressed her pride to concretize a promise which had been made during the launch ceremony of USAID WA-WASH July 16, 2012. To her, involvement in this partnership with USAID WA-WASH goes in keeping with the social responsibility of her institution to support the Burkinabe Government and all the development stockholders in developing Burkina Faso and fighting efficiently against poverty. The General Director thanked the USAID WA-WASH Regional Director for his initiative to tie a partnership between their two institutions.

All the speakers at the ceremony praised the initiative of the agreement signing and invited other public and private organizations to follow the example of LONAB.

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**The stakeholders of the partnership agreement signing:** from left to right: Mr. Dramane KONE the Technical Advisor of the Burkinabe Minister of Economy and Finances, Mrs. Amelie TAMBOURA/SAWADOGO, General Director of LONAB, Dr. Lakhdar BOUKERROU, Regional Director of USAID WA-WASH, Mrs. Janet TRUCKER, Director of USAID; and Ousseini YEYE, USAID WA-WASH Deputy Director in charge of GDA/P