

Project information sheet: AfRICap Program

Project title	WASH-African Water Association (AfWA) Capacity Building Program (AfRICap)	
Goal	Strengthening of AfWA to enable it improve regional coordination and collaboration for WASH initiatives, WASH policy harmonization, capacity building of WASH stakeholders, and enhance dissemination of best practices and innovative knowledge products in order to improve WASH services in West Africa	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To build the capacity of AfWA to formulate, coordinate, adapt and harmonize WASH policies across West Africa in order to improve performance of the sector ▪ To develop/ implement improved knowledge sharing and public awareness in the WASH sector ▪ To develop the capacity of drinking water quality laboratories in West Africa jointly with US EPA 	
Expected outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthened capacity of AfWA to coordinate, formulate, adapt and harmonize WASH policies across Africa region ▪ Enhanced knowledge sharing of best practice, creating awareness and advocacy in the WASH sector across Africa ▪ Improved capacity of drinking water quality laboratories in West Africa to ensure effective water quality services, and adequate laboratory resources for water quality monitoring and analysis 	
Long term impact	Improved health and well-being of African dwellers through increased access to sustainable and quality drinking water supply and sanitation services, as a result of improved efficiency of utility operations and better regional coordination of sector policies	
Main activities	<p>Component A: Capacity building of AfWA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff trainings on financial/procurement procedures ▪ Procurement of key program products ▪ Development of internal management manuals ▪ Review and adoption of statutes/by-laws ▪ Promotion of a network of African Women professional of the WASH sector ▪ Implementation of research projects in the WASH sector based on small grant approach using the network of Young Africans water professional ▪ Review of AfWA business plan and development of new program/project proposals ▪ Elaboration of a new AfWA strategic business plan (2018-2022) 	
	<p>Component B: Knowledge development and sharing, and public awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Production and dissemination of AfWA communication materials (newsletters AfWA News magazine, white papers...) ▪ Production and dissemination of films on best practices on WOPs ▪ Organization of training courses on WASH ▪ Organization of virtual learning events ▪ Advocacy sessions/meetings at high level events 	<p>Component C: Development of the capacity of drinking water laboratories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification and evaluation of the capacity of drinking water quality laboratories in Burkina Faso and Ghana ▪ Procurement and installation of necessary equipment, products and silverwares ▪ Training of technicians in the equipped laboratories on water quality control ▪ Identification of 06 laboratories for peer-to-peer partnerships learning process ▪ Implementation of WOPs between laboratories for better drinking water control
	<p>Component D: Program Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recruitment of program key staff ▪ Organization of program Kick-off workshop ▪ Organization of annual planning and review workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organization of midterm review workshop ▪ Reporting on the program ▪ Auditing the program management

Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ October 2015 - September 2019 (4 years) 	
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Direct beneficiaries (in the short-term): AfWA Executive Office, National regulatory agencies for water quality, water quality laboratories in West Africa ▪ Indirect beneficiaries (medium and long-term): African practitioners in the WASH sector (policy makers, utilities professionals, civil society, youth & women associations...), African inhabitants 	
Technical partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USAID WA-WASH (USAID West Africa – Water Sanitation Hygiene) ▪ FIU (Florida International University) ▪ US EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) 	
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