

## FIRST MEETING OF MUNICIPAL LEARNING PLATFORM

### Introduction:

The Conrad Hilton Foundation is supporting the IRC and CWSA to build capacity and share experiences in Water & Sanitation delivery and Management. As a follow up to the Regional Learning Alliance meeting, a similar process with broader participation is to be established in the six (6) districts of the Northern Region.

The District Learning Alliance Platform for SNMA t will be a learning platform at the district level which is to help the Municipality address most, if not all challenges in the WASH sector.

### Introduction of District Learning Platform

**CWSA is supporting DA's to promote sustainability of safe drinking water.**

**They also assist and coordinate with NGO's in the water sector**

**What do we do to get a DWSP?**

**DESAP is always updated and also incorporated found**

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

NO	NAME	SEX	DESIGNATION	CONTACT

NO	ITEM	ACTION
1.0	<p><b>Opening:</b> The first meeting which was held at the Assembly Hall of the SNMA on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at exactly 10:30am with an opening prayer by Belinda Bukari.</p>	
1.1	<p>In his opening remarks, the Municipal Chief Executive , Hon. Alhassan Red, welcomed participants to this all important gathering which the initiative of CWSA to create such a platform to address Water and its related issues in the Municipality. He further went on to say, anything that will bring development to the people of Savelugu-Nanton, he will support it to the fullest.</p>	<b>MCE</b>
2.0	<p><b>Introduction of Members of the DLAP:</b> The members include;</p>	<b>MCD</b>

<p><b>3.0</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development Planning Officer</li> <li>- Team Leader, MWST</li> <li>- SHEP Coordinator, GES</li> <li>- Health Promoter, GHS</li> <li>- Rep from World Vision Ghana</li> <li>- RING Focal Person on WASH</li> </ul> <p><b>CWSA Team</b></p> <p>The CWSA Team then took their turn to express their profound gratitude to SNMA for organizing the first meeting of the DLAP and had them informed to participate. The team further threw more light on the core mandate of CWSA through its establishment Act 564, authorities it “to facilitate the provision of safe water and related sanitation services to rural communities and small towns”</p> <p>A key function of CWSA is providing technical assistance to MMDAs implementation of water and sanitation projects.</p> <p>This brief introduction set the tone for the discussions. A question was asked by the CWSA rep on how the DWSP is drawn?</p> <p>The MCD answered by saying it is drawn from the MTDP. Even though DWSP has not been updated, there are activities in the 2014-2017 MTDP of the Assembly which is being implemented</p> <p>How does Assembly fund activities in the DWSP?</p> <p>MCD answered again to say that, during the preparations of composite budgets for the Assembly, WS is budgeted for and also there is a Project in the Municipality called RING has one of her components on WASH. Some funds are drawn from that component to support the activities of DWSP.</p> <p>The CWSA Team then informed the house that, there was a baseline data collected for all the districts in Ghana. So anyone who needs data can contact CWSA offices in the Regions</p> <p>The MCD also said, the new DPCU has been expanded to include non-centralised departments. These include; Media, TA etc. he agreed that, this will make the DPCU very reach in ideas and planning</p> <p>CWSA Team suggested that, another meeting be held immediately after this meeting to get all the players in the</p>	<p><b>CWSA Team</b></p> <p><b>CWSA Team</b></p> <p><b>MCD/MPO</b></p> <p><b>CSWA Team</b></p> <p><b>MCD</b></p> <p><b>CWSA Team</b></p> <p><b>MCD</b></p> <p><b>MCD/DPO/CWSA</b></p>
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<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p>water sector in the municipality for the DLAP to know the various issues confronting the sector. They wanted the Assembly to do that before the next quarterly meeting of the DLAP.</p> <p><b>Water Board Issues</b> Diare, Nanton and Pong-Tamale are not functioning. They have rejected any support the Assembly offers them. An example is there recent recruitment of staff for Pong-Tamale and they rejected and threaten the staff. So they left their office for the dear lives. According to the Director as of the time of the meeting, their facilities are broken down but they cannot approach the Assembly for support</p> <p>It is only Savelugu which is working and has a good structure in place and seeks support often from the Assembly</p> <p>Savelugu Water Board Chairman then told the house that, due to their hard work he as the Chairman has participated in International Conferences on water and he had the occasion to host International Visitors from East Africa to come and learn how they manage their facility. He then went on the offer his support to Diare, Pong-Tamale and Nanton Water Boards.</p>	<p><b>MCD</b></p> <p><b>Savelugu Water Board Chairman</b></p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>WASH ISSUES IN Ghana Education Service</b> Access is very bad in our schools. Most of the schools do not water on the school compounds. Pupils will have to walk long distances to get water for Ghana School Feeding Programme. UNICEF contracted a private person to connect water to a few schools in Savelugu town without the knowledge of MA, GES. But all these have been disconnected.</p> <p>Water Board Chairman reacted by saying they were not informed of such an activity. So when it was detected, all the lines were disconnected.</p> <p>The meeting ended with a call again from the CWSA Team requesting that, another meeting be held immediately to get all the players in the Water Sector in the Municipality make a PowerPoint presentation on their issues. It is evident that, there are so many issues the Assembly is not aware.</p>	<p><b>SHEP Coordinator GES</b></p> <p><b>CWSA</b></p>

	<p>The meeting then ended with a closing prayer by Abdulsalm Tuhiru at exactly 1:20pm</p> <p>.....</p> <p>(Issaka B. Basintale)                      (Belinda Bukari)  Chairman    Secretary</p>	
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**Actions to be taken**

- 1. DLAP meeting to held immediately with all the players in the Water Sector in the municipality to address various issues that emerged during this maiden meeting**
- 2. CWSA Team want to pay a visit to Pong-Tamale, Diare and Nanton to interact with the Water Board Members**