



REGIONAL WASH DISPATCH

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A MONTHLY REVIEW OF REGIONAL AND DISTRICT-LEVEL LEARNING ALLIANCE PLATFORMS

CWSA LUNCHES REGIONAL AND DISTRICT-LEVEL LEARNING ALLIANCE PLATFORMS IN THE UPPER WEST REGION

The Community Water and Sanitation, Upper West Region (CWSA,UWR) with support from Resource Centre Network (RCN), Ghana has launched the Upper West Regional-Level Learning Alliance Platform (RLLAP) under Conrad N. Hilton founded Strengthening Local Government Capacity for Effective Water Service Delivery Project. The RLLAP which was launched on 27th August, 2015 at the Sem B Lodge, Wa was aimed at the following;

- introducing and sharing information and strengthening local government capacity for effective water service delivery project.
- creating a common understanding on knowledge management and sector learning
- sharing information on Learning Alliance (LA) approach
- discussing the process and method for strengthening the initiative

The stakeholder who participated in the launch of RLLAP were drawn from CWSA. Environmental Health and Sanitation Department (EHSD), Ghana Education Service (GES), Municipal/District Chief Executives, Political Parties, Media, Civil Society organization, Partner Organisations and Non Governmental Organisations. Others included students and lecturers from University for Development Studies (UDS), staff of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Zoomlion.

The Chairman of the launch , the Regional Director of CWSA,UWR, Mr. Worlanyo K. Siabi in his opening remarks emphasized on the need to use the LA to solve problems in the region. He added that there is the need for sector players to shift from strategies that increases the mere numbers of WASH facilities to approaches that ensure quality and sustainability . Mr. Siabi added that the sector is drifting from the over reliance on the existence of water facilities in the determination of wa-



Mr. Abu Wumbei, IRC Gh/RCN

ter coverage to the service level that the facilities provide. He added that in this drift more attention will be paid to the functionality, reliability, quantity and quality of service that the water facilities provide in a given region, district or community. He concluded that the RLLAP provides a lot of opportunities that can be explored to attain sustainability and other desirable outcomes in the WASH sub sector, hence, the need for stakeholders to embrace it.

INFORMATION SHARING

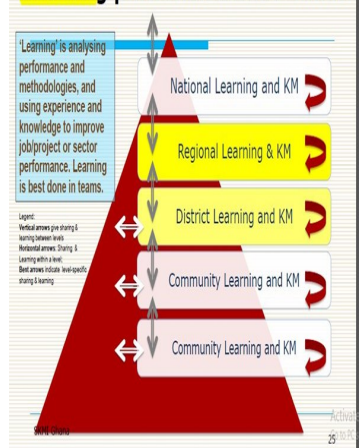
Mr. Abu Wumbei, the IRC Ghana Communications and Learning Lead shared with the stakeholders the LA concept, its significance and how the concept can be sustained to solve WASH problems and improve service delivery. Mr. Wumbei emphasized that the LA is a platform that;

- address the challenges of weak culture of leaning, sharing and networking
- improve capacities of stakeholders
- ensures application of agreed actions to-

wards sustainable implementation at scale and

- deals with problems with integrated and holistic approaches.

Learning platforms across Ghana



Source: RCN– Ghana

IDENTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE ADVOCACY PLATFORMS

In a working session, Mr. Wumbei led stakeholders to identify existing platforms that can be explored to promote WASH advocacy. A total of thirty four (34) common platforms were identified, but in all cases documentation of experiences and processes left much to be desired.

INAUGURATION OF REGIONAL-LEVEL LA TEAM

In order to sustain the LA initiative, a seven (7) member core team was selected and inaugurated to steer the affairs of the platform to meet its objectives. The team included Mr. Emmanuel Ato Quansah (CWSA, UWR-H Head), Mr. Simon Anso-gletuo (GES SHEP), Mr. Henry Bagah (REHO EHSD), Mrs. Emma Kpeno (Pronet North), Mr. Walid Adams (WASH Focal Person RCC) and Mr. Abdullai Issahaku (Zoomlion Ghana).

The team is expected to identify stakeholders for LA, facilitate content development, lead dissemination of information, advocacy, reporting on the provision of logistics and led organizational arrangements for the platform. They are also expected to make follow ups on all agreed actions of the platform.



Regional-Level LA Core Team inaugurated

DISTRICT LEARNING ALLIANCE LAUNCHED IN THE WA EAST DISTRICT

Following the regional launch of the LA platform, CWSA launched the LA platform at the Wa East District at Funsu on 10th September, 2015. Stakeholders who participated in the launch were drawn from GES, EHSD, Department of Community Development, members of WSMTs, Chiefs, Budget Officers, Planners, Administrators and Finance Officers of the Wa East District Assembly.

The Extension Service Specialist of CWSA, Mr. Ato Quansah explained the concept of the LA, its significance and sustainability. Mr. Quansah led the participants to identify common platforms that can be use for WASH advocacy at the district level. In all, twenty two (22) platforms were identified for WASH advocacy.

INAUGURATION OF WA EAST DISTRICT LA CORE TEAM.

District core team to steer the affairs of the LA was inaugurated at the Wa East District. The team members included : Mr. Suraka Alhassan (EHSD), Mrs. Rafikata Mohammed (Gender Desk Officer), Mr. Olantunji Amuda (Department of Community Development), Mr. Saaka Awuro (Chairman, WSMT-Funsi), Mr. Nwadi Ernest (GES-SHEP), Mr. Abdulai Osman (Works Department), WEDA, Mr. David Anabiga (Deputy District Coordinating Director, WEDA).



Wa East District-level LA Core Team inaugurated

The Core Team pledged their commitment towards the sustainability of the initiative in their district.



A section of participants at the lunch of the Upper West RLLAP