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GHANA WATSAN JOURNALISTS NETWORK(GWJN)

REPORT ON GHANA'S WATERSHED PROJECT





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- To serve as the media outlet in communicating our advocacy messages as well as providing an interface for partners under the project and the targeted audience
- To assist in providing media platforms for discussions on major issues under the project
- To Lobby and advocate about the sector to draw attention from policy makers



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MAJOR PROJECTS FOR 2017

- To train members on key issues for the 2017 calendar year campaign
- To visit project sites of partners to tell their stories
- To set up a dedicated news website to publish all stories from our members and partners.



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Activity 1:

Training

Members benefited from a two day training on lobby and advocacy.

Objective:

The aim was to strengthen the capacity of WATSAN Journalists or Members for effective Lobbying & Advocacy activities.

Outcome:

- 1. The workshop was attended by 15 members
- 2. Four resources persons were invited to train the members



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Activity 1:

Resource persons:

- Dr. Doris Yaa Dartey----Communications specialist (She took members through lobby and advocacy by the media)
- Adwoa Paintsil from the Water Resource Commission (Integrated water resources management in Ghana: current status and future prospects)
- Kweku Quansah from the local government ministry (Critical issues in WASH)
- Patrick Apoya---WASH analyst (Integration of WASH and IWRIM)



Activity 2

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- Visit to project site of partners
- Members of the Network are yet to visit the partners to report on those projects as discussions are still ongoing on location and date.
- These trips are to be executed this month

Objective:

- Sending members to these project sites to engage these partners and what they do will project these activities.
- Equip members with better evidence of efforts being made to deal with WASH challenges
- Getting to policy makers with these findings and seeking answers



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Activity 3:

Setting up of a News website

The website is to be developed and launched by next month

Objective:

- The aim is to provide adequate avenue for stakeholders in the WASH sector to have their stories published apart from the traditional mediums
- Gives our members a guaranteed platform to publish their stories if there are limited spaces in their traditional media houses
- To project further the work of WATERSHED and partners.

ACTIVITIES SO FAR



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CHALLANGES



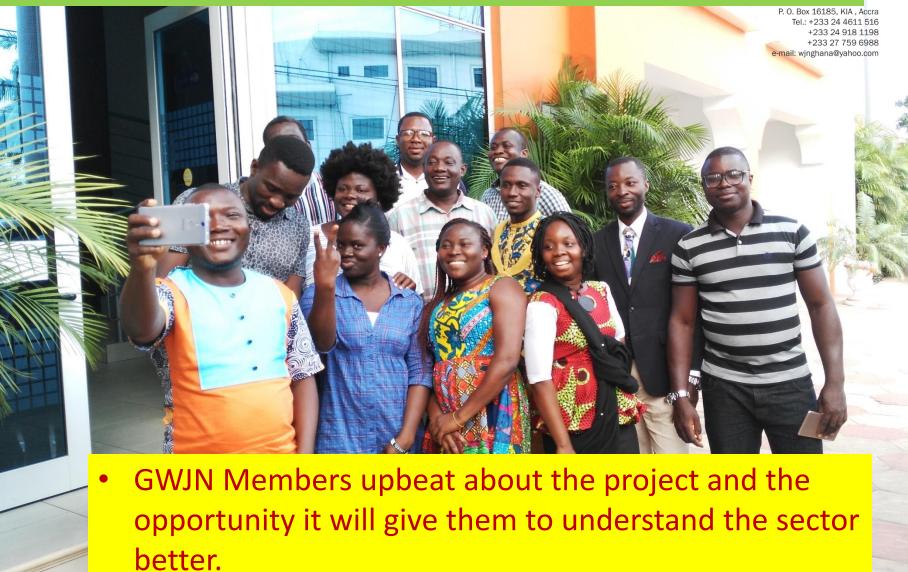
- Delayed start of implementation, due to administrative issues that are at an advanced stage of resolving
- Initial challenges in understanding the concept and the roles our members were to play
- Lack of proper collaboration between partners





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 Hoping better coordination between partners and the network will ensure smooth collaboration and execution of projects.

CONCLUSION

IT IS POSSIBLE TOGETHER

THANK YOU