

# National Level Learning Alliance Platform (NLLAP)

## SPECIAL INVITATION

To participate in a learning and sharing meeting on

### **Citywide Inclusive Planning for Sanitation Improvement in Ghana: Case of Greater Tamale**

**9:30 am prompt**

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Coconut Grove Hotel, Accra

The Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and Tamale Metropolitan Assembly in collaboration with the Resource Centre Network are hosting the learning and sharing session on the theme, *Citywide Inclusive Planning for Sanitation Improvement in Ghana: Case of Greater Tamale*

CRS, together with Tamale Metropolitan and Sagnerigu Municipal Assemblies, and partners developed citywide inclusive sanitation (CWIS) plans with the aim of achieving safely managed sanitation in the Greater Tamale Area. These plans seek to ensure overall leadership by the assemblies in coordinating the operations of sanitation sector players and promoting collaboration among actors in improving sanitation in these areas. The plans provide a situational analysis of the WASH issues as well as propose carefully thought-out interventions to improve WASH in Greater Tamale. Also, they serve as a framework within which all sector actors must work to ensure the accelerated improvement of sanitation in Greater Tamale Area. Field assessments, existing reports, technical studies, and inputs from WASH sector stakeholders operating within the Greater Tamale Area were critical inputs for the development of these CWIS plans. The CWIS plans also build on and align with the annual action plans from the medium-term development plans, which set out Assemblies target for the period.

The approach for developing these plans and the implementation strategy could serve as key reference for MMDA's and institutions that are supporting duty bearers to deliver WASH services in several districts in Ghana. It could further prevent duplication of efforts by WASH actors operating in same districts.

CRS and partners will lead the discussion and share information on the use of citywide inclusive sanitation planning approach for providing a situational analysis of the sanitation challenges within the urban areas and trigger collective actions to be taken to address them.

This session would seek to create awareness and engender sector-wide discourse on the approach used. Additionally, the team would share on the Water Fund Approach to addressing water security challenges in Tamale as captured in the plan.

***Join multi-stakeholder sector professionals for a vibrant sector discourse***

Find below the brief and programme

Time	Activity	Responsibility
08:30-9:30am	Registration/ Networking	All
09:30am	Opening/Introductions/Purpose of meeting /comments	Facilitator /MSWR/CONIWAS
10:00am	<b>Presentation 1</b> Overview of Citywide Sanitation Planning in Greater Tamale	- Waste Management Director, Tamale Metropolitan Assembly - CRS
10:30am	<b>Presentation 2</b> Addressing Water Security through Source Water Protection: Tamale Water Fund	CRS
11:00	Coffee Break	All
11:20	Q&A  Discussions	All
12:30 - 13:00	Wrap up on the way forward/ Launch/ Close	CRS/ Facilitator

## Session Brief

### Citywide Inclusive Sanitation Planning for Sanitation Improvement in Greater Tamale

#### Background

Each city is organized in a unique way and faces unique sanitation challenges that affect its inhabitants. There is therefore the need for local actors (Local Government Authorities, CBOs, NGOs, FBOs, IDPs, etc.) to acknowledge the shared responsibilities and work collaboratively to chart their own path to providing urban sanitation to all. Acknowledging this, CRS, together with Tamale Metropolitan and Sagnerigu Municipal Assemblies, together with key stakeholders, developed citywide sanitation plans to guide planning and implementation by all sector players to achieve safely managed sanitation in the Greater Tamale Area. These plans seek to ensure the 2 Assemblies assumes overall leadership in coordinating the operations of sanitation sector players and promote collaboration among key stakeholders such as, sanitation service providers, civil society, and local and international NGOs and other WASH focussed development partners in the 2 areas. These plans also provide a situational analysis of the WASH issues in the Greater Tamale Area as well as propose carefully thought-out to improve the WASH situation in Greater Tamale. The plans build extensively on field assessments, existing reports and inputs from various WASH sector stakeholders operating within the Greater Tamale Area. The Medium-Term Development Plans of the two assemblies also served as guiding documents in the development of the plans. The plans also take stock of the various interventions being undertaken by sector players within Tamale in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

The plan focuses on 6 thematic areas.

1. **Resource Mobilization:** Leveraging on resources and existing interventions of sector players (government, private and NGOs) working in the Greater Tamale Area.
2. **Solid waste management:** Providing the necessary logistics, services and enforcing regulations for sustainable management of solid waste across the sanitation service chain
3. **Enhanced Coordination:** Streamlining activities of sanitation sector players along the sanitation service chain from containment through transport to treatment and reuse
4. Eradicating open defecation and promoting improved hygiene and sanitation behaviours in Tamale (Including Public Places).
5. **Institutional WASH:** Improving WASH services in schools (SHS, JHS and Basic Schools).
6. **Addressing Water Security:** Source Water Protection and management of water points.