In August, the department of Water and Health worked on Supporting Localized Governance and Rehabilitation for Sustainable Water Services (WASH) project in collaboration with WaterAid.

Under the programme, construction of 3 four seater KVIPs for 3 schools in Konta, Tampaala Primary and Luggu SHS in Wa East District is nearing completion. In addition, Rain Water Harvesting Tanks were constructed for Hand Washing in 3 schools in Wa East District. In the area of community empowerment, the Community-led Total Sanitation approach was used to address Sanitation and Hygiene in 10 communities, which are at various levels of self-initiated actions to address open defecation. Most of the communities are at the process of self-assessment in preparation for verification towards ODF. Also, 6 boreholes are expected to be rehabilitated whiles upgrading/expanding the facilities to reduce the burden of inadequate water for institutions, like Schools and Health Facilities to promote good health.

The project is expected to come to an end by September 2017 and all facilities will be completed to meet the project target, with adequate community awareness of water related issues.

Registration of Clients

After the distribution of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), women sprayed their farms for new farming season to sow Soya beans under Greater Rural Opportunities for Women (GROW) project. Field officers went rounds to offer on-field supports to clients for a better yield. Currently clients registration is ongoing in 3 Districts in the Upper West Region, Nadowli-Kaleo, Daffiama Bussa-Issa and Wa East, in order to clarify the number of clients sowing soya beans for this year.
CBE Cycle 5 Animation

District Stakeholders Orientation and Community animation were held in Complementary Basic Education (CBE) programme in August. This CBE cycle 5 animation was held in all 5 districts; 4 in Upper West Region and one in Brong-Ahafo Region, that include Nadowli-Kaleo, Jirapa, Sissala West, Sissala East and Nkoranza North. Key stakeholders from Ghana Education Service, District Assembly and ProNet staff attended the animation events. They shared updates of the progress in the programme in cycle 4, took through cycle 5 activities and gave rooms to make inputs.

Community Animation: After a successful stakeholders’ orientation in all the districts, various animation teams were formed in each district to start the community mobilization.

The teams facilitated communities to reflect upon their situation and opportunities in relation to out-of-school children and take action. The animation activated communities and individuals to take responsibility for their own affairs, with the aim of achieving their targets. In total, 200 communities were animated in August.

One of the major activities in CBE cycle 5, “facilitator initial training,” will start in September and run for 20 days in all 5 districts.

Final Debrief Organized by ICS Volunteers

The final debrief took place at the SMI sisters convent in Jirapa. The 18 Volunteers, ProNet and staff of Ghana Education Service, Jirapa discussed the achievements, challenges and way forward from the 3 months programme in 4 communities in Jirapa District.

ICS Volunteers in all 4 communities provided teaching and learning materials, fixed 30 broken desks, painted 18 boards and raised funds for rehabilitation of one school Kitchen and improved infrastructure in 4 schools. They were not only engaged in their volunteer activities, but also learned many things through the programme, such as how to coordinate with various stakeholders, mobilize community residents and build positive relationship with people in rural development.
Maayir Yelfaarduar from Sonne in Nandom District is one of the beneficiaries of the DPC project, as part of WASH activities, funded by UNICEF.

“Before the induction of the project, I used to go to the bush to defecate. However, thanks to UNICEF and ProNet North, I have a latrine of my own now,” she said.

She also said, “there are still many people in rural communities who have no access to their own latrines. I will continue to pray for continues efforts by good people like UNICEF and ProNet to save the Sanitation situation in our country.”