The tripartite project, Supporting Localized Governance & Rehabilitation for Sustainable Water Services in Ghana project, is a CHNF Funded project through Water Aid Ghana (WAG). The project period which was extended provided greater relief for the school pupils at Bulenga primary. ProNet North together with the Wa East District Assembly saw the need to upgrade the Bulenga water system provided by WAG in 2010. The Director of ProNet North visited the upgraded facility at the school to interact with the PTA, Water and Sanitation Management Team (WSMT) and Pupils. The visit was also to understand the challenges faced/envisaged so far in upgrading the facility. The discussion revealed a very proactive management of the facility in the past. They recounted that WSMT did replace the poly-tank originally provided by WAG after the tank developed cracks and could no longer hold water. They also indicated, the community was able to replace a new pump after the earlier one broke down. They were, however, concerned about sustainability of the pump given the increase in pumping needs following system expansion. The Director commended their effort and stressed they should keep up the good work.

ProNet Director and Programme Head having dialogues with Assembly men in Bulenga in Wa East

WASH Team Visits Beneficiaries

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As preparatory work for future project activities in GROW, a capacity building training was organized by MEDA and ProNet North field officers were in attendance. This was to enable field officers to transfer learned knowledge and skills on alternative livelihoods to GROW clients. Field officers engaged in moringa nursery and utilization as a new income resource for rural women. Also, participants learnt the processes involved in soap making during the training. In addition, to ensure that GROW clients make use of their time during the dry season, field officers have started planning activities on alternative livelihood, such as sensitizations on dry season gardening, key hole gardens, soya utilization, soap making and so on. These planned activities are to start within the first quarter of 2018.
SanMark Conducts BPM

A Business Partnership Meeting (BPM) was held in SanMark (Sanitation Marketing) Districts (Daffiama-Bussie Issa, Sissala West and Wa East). In the meeting, emphasis was on programme stakeholders (District Field Facilitators and Latrine Artisans) to share the progress of project activities and the challenges they faced in their operational communities. It was revealed that organizing community meetings was a challenge. To abate this problem it was suggested that community meetings should be organized at night and the introduction of video shows and musical interludes could also be used to attract community members for meetings.

ICS Q11 Successfully Ends

The 11th quarter of International Citizen Service (ICS) came to an end on 15th December with Final Debriefing held in Jirapa. Before the debriefing, Volunteers organized a Community Action Day (CAD), which is a session between volunteers and the entire community to educate them on issues related to education for pupils, in all 3 communities; Mwofo, Tizza and Nimbare-Kompore. Volunteers in Mwofo and Tizza focused on children’s career development and parental support while in Nimbare-Kompore, the key issue was on parents provision of basic school needs, like uniforms and learning materials; which remains a key challenge for pupils.

In the Final Debriefing, Volunteers and stakeholders concluded that this ICS quarter was successfully completed. Every effort by volunteers led to community enlightenment in the field of education, and community members showed great appreciation for the project outcomes.
Farmer’s Day celebration was held throughout Ghana in December 2017. Some GROW clients were awarded various prizes at District or Regional level in the celebration. Abass Jalla (aged 52, from Goripie in Wa East) living with her husband and 8 children is one of the GROW clients that was awarded as Best Soya Farmer in the celebration.

She said, “GROW taught me best agronomic practices, such as planting in rows, preserving farms or cultivating soya efficiently. Also, my VSLA contributions enables me to operate more farms. Although before joining GROW, I had only 3 acres of farm, it expanded to 10 acres now. In addition, I learnt the nutritional value of soya through the project which I practice in my house now with amazing benefits.”