Access to safe water and sanitation is vital for building healthy communities and developing economies. It is inline with this WaterAid Ghana is working to catalogue the intervention under the WHP project in the Wa Municipal Assembly. The tripartite agreement between Pronet North, Wa Municipal Assembly and WaterAid Ghana seeks to directly support 5 communities with access to appropriate, affordable, safe and sustainable water and sanitation services. It also seeks to strengthen capacities of local government authority and partner staffs in WASH service delivery, and Right-Based Approach (RBA) issues. Again, the project will contribute to a functioning Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) system to establish accurate baselines among others. The WASH in Health Facility project, funded by Hong-kong Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), started this January. The preparatory works which involves baseline data collection is currently ongoing in the selected communities to establish accurate baselines and track progress on outputs, outcomes and effectiveness in a systemic way by March 2018.

CBE Holds Refresher Training

ProNet North as an Implementing Partner of the Complementary Basic Education (CBE) programme held its First Refresher Training for CBE facilitators in January throughout its 5 operational districts; Sissala West, Sissala East, Jirapa and Nadowli-Kaleo in Upper West Region and Nkolanza North in Brong-Ahafo Region. The training aimed at re-enforcing the skills of facilitators in facilitating CBE classes. In addition the content and usage of Primer 2 (a textbook used in the programme) was introduced to the facilitator. Also, the training was an opportunity for facilitators to share experiences and challenges.

So far, a total of 152 facilitators were trained throughout the refresher training, and they demonstrated high understanding of the use of Primer 2 through group discussions and presentations.
Monitoring Progress in GROW

Under the Greater Rural Opportunities for Women (GROW) project, Client Monitoring Form (CMF) started in January and is still on-going. CMF is geared towards tracking yields of soya farms and measure the value chain impact of soya on GROW clients. ProNet GROW staffs are engaged in collecting valid information through personal interviews with GROW Clients.

In addition to CMF, ProNet monitoring team engaged in dry season gardening to gather information about the number of women into dry season gardening, the crops they cultivate as well as market opportunities they can expect.

SanMark Prepares for Next Phase

The Business Partnership Meeting (BPM) that started in December 2017 was completed in January. The activity was held in Fumsi in the Wa East District as part of SanMark project activities. Field Facilitators and Artisans were brought together to discuss the progress of work and confirm next line of actions. The process revealed that Field Facilitators and Artisans had various kinds of challenges. Some communities/households insisted on the use of locally available materials for construction of latrines which may affect the quality of latrines built. Even though the use of local materials may reduce the cost of construction for the household, it may not be counted as certified latrines as required by the SanMark Project. ProNet North is working hard through the field facilitators to get these issues resolved on the ground whiles undertaking next step for the programme. Project staffs are also currently visiting communities to provide technical support to Field Facilitators and Artisans to generate acceptable outcomes of the project. These include, building the capability of Field Facilitators to form VSLA groups and skills of Artisans to construct latrines in line with the requirements of the project. The monitoring is supposed to last until the end of March and data collected will be utilized to enhance progress in the programme.
A visit to WASH beneficiary community Tampala in Wa East District provided an opportunity to meet with Sankpe Yiri-Ara. The interaction with Yiri-Ara indicates that he lives in the next community known as Gonhi but visited his brother at Tampala. Seeing his brother’s household latrine which he funded himself at Tampala gave him different opinion. He said, “Am inspired by what my brother did, I planned to start a latrine at home and invited the field facilitator for technical support.” A Visit by WASH team to Gonhi moved Yiri-Ara to the next level. Three other community members have since started latrine construction and are at various level after seeing Yiri-Ara’s latrine.

“Having a household latrine has benefited my family and I”}

Voice from Beneficiary

ProNet staff interviewing a GROW client

Artisans making presentation at BPM in DBI