Successful End of Programme in WASH

The programme, Supporting Localized Governance and Rehabilitation for Sustainable Water Services, which was funded by Conrad Norman Hilton Foundation and partnered with Water Aid, is expected to end in September. ProNet North has been implementing the project for the past one year, so that people in the community can increase their capacity, in terms of knowledge and skills, implementation and management of facilities and sustainability of project intervention.

Under the project, ProNet North supported communities improve their access to safe water and sanitation by construction of facilities, such as Institutional latrines, as well as to enhance their maintenance skills, while seeking to generate community awareness on the importance of hygiene and sanitation through Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) approach. About 3,000 people in Wa East District are experiencing great improvement in their water and sanitation situation through the implementation of the project.

Facilitator Initial Training Held

Under Complementary Basic Education (CBE) programme, initial training for facilitators was organized in all 5 operational Districts; Nadowli-Kaleo, Jirapa, Sissala West, Sissala East and Nkoranza North District, in September.

Beneficiary in Banungoma building a household latrine

Facilitator training in Jirapa District

Training conducted by ProNet North aims at introducing facilitators to CBE teaching methodology, as well as the concept of the programme. In CBE cycle 5, we have 152 community-based facilitators full of motivation. Participants, during the training, worked hard and demonstrated high enthusiasm, learning in the models that were used. These facilitators will start teaching CBE learners from October.
VSLA Training for Sanitation Launches

Sanitation Marketing (SANIMARK) programme, a collaboration with GoG and UNICEF is on-going in 3 districts in the Upper West Region; Sissala West, Wa East and Daffiama-Bussie-Issa District. The programme aims to increase sustained access to and use of improved sanitation among low-income populations, using social and commercial marketing approach. This September show case is a very important activity in the project. ProNet North, the Business development partner, is training the District SANMARK team on VSLA for Sanitation throughout all 3 operational districts. VSLA share-out in sanitation issue is a new experiment for people in the community. However, the experience of the organization in the VSLA share-out activities in other project, will contribute to the successful outcome in the project. The VSLA training is one out of the targeted capacity building in the programme which will be carried out under the project. Community artisans will receive various kinds of business related supports, such as Business Partnership Meetings (BPM) and Business Expo.

GROW after Client Registration

Field officers in the Greater Rural Opportunities for Women (GROW) project completed client registration in the beginning of September. A total of 5,046 women were registered as GROW clients, that is women who cultivated soya beans this year. Currently, field officers are working on preparation, such as gender sensitization and PPE training, before moving on to next phase of the project. A next step after the registration of clients is monitoring of certified seed fields. Field officers and MEDA staff visit the project communities in each operational area that includes Nadowli, Wa East and Daffiama-Bussie-Issa District, and confirm the field condition to ensure better harvest.
Here is a voice from the participants in sanitation VSLA training in SANMARK project. While they work with ProNet, they will benefit indirectly from the project. “VSLA have greatly improved our lives in many ways, aid in paying school fees, renewal of national health insurance and the acquisition of agricultural inputs, and we are very positive, it would impact greatly in sanitation activities”