



*A young girl gets safe water from a water kiosk that is part of the Alema water project built under the KIWASH project in Busia County.
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KENYA

KENYA INTEGRATED WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE PROJECT

Access to clean water, adequate sanitation, and nutrition are a challenge for the health of Kenyans. The Kenya Integrated Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Project (KIWASH) program enables more than one million Kenyans across nine counties to gain access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene services and increase access to irrigation and nutrition services. KIWASH partners with water and sanitation providers to develop bankable business plans, improve operations, and facilitate access to financing. In parallel, behavior-change communications linked to community-led total sanitation and hygiene will stimulate demand for improved household sanitation, hygiene, and nutrition.

OUR WORK

The KIWASH project has seven program objectives:

1. To scale up market-based WASH service-delivery models
2. To increase sustained access to finance/credit for WASH
3. To improve access to integrated WASH and nutrition services
4. To increase production and consumption of nutrient-dense, diverse foods
5. To increase environmental sustainability of WASH services
6. WASH services and water-resource institutions strengthened and appropriately governed
7. Targeted policy reforms advanced to stimulate and support access improvements

To improve water services, KIWASH will assist water service providers (WSPs) in expanding household water connections and extending their networks to underserved communities. In rural areas, KIWASH works with counties, WSPs, and private entrepreneurs to expand and improve operations and management of existing community drinking water systems. KIWASH also works with the Water Resource Users Association to improve catchment area protection and water access and improve sanitation and multi-use services that reinforce KIWASH interventions in nutrition.

To improve access to sanitation services and reduce open defecation, KIWASH works with counties to apply the community-led total sanitation approach and engage with private sector providers to make access to household latrines and toilets more affordable.

KIWASH works through public health clinics and local organizations already active in the agricultural and health/nutrition sectors (such as community savings groups, farmer groups, and community care groups), prioritizing locations with high percentages of malnourished or stunted children and where there are opportunities to coordinate with other USAID activities working in this area.

BUDGET: \$50.9 million

DURATION: 2015 – 2020

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Busia, Kakamega, Kisumu, Kitui, Makeni, Migori, Nairobi, Nyamira and Siaya counties

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

DAI

KEY PARTNERS

Government

Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of Health, Water Services Regulatory Board, Water Resource Management Authority

Private/Public Sector partners

Counties, WSPs, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of Health, Water Services Regulatory Board, Water Resource Management Authority, Water Services Trust Fund, private sector

ACHIEVEMENT SNAPSHOTS (CUMULATIVE SINCE 2015)

- **621,317** people gained access to basic drinking water services in target counties as a result of USG assistance.
- **106,440** people gained access to a basic sanitation service in target counties as a result of USG assistance.
- **\$17,923,519** sector funding mobilized to expand or increase efficiency of WASH services
- **218** sector stakeholders received Technical Assistance for improved monitoring & evaluation, reporting, and accountability

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