



Gender Transformative Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP-G)

“Achieving gender equality through climate resilience Investments”

INTRODUCTION

Women are the heaviest users of water – especially as end users – yet they are not part of the structures that manage this crucial resource. They are glaringly absent when it comes to decision making and management of water resource initiatives and labor-intensive activities ranging from walking long distances to fetch water to cooking and washing and yet they are rarely considered in the planning and management of water resources. Unless gender equity and equality is specifically targeted at the systemic level, the fast growing initiatives and investments in water security and climate resilience may not be inclusive and sustainable hence may significantly exacerbate gender inequalities.

In response to these challenges and questions GWPEA is implementing the “African Water Investment Programme” AIP-WACDEP-G, which seeks to transform gender inequalities and systemic barriers in institutional structures, systems and policy , specific power imbalances, access to services and control of resources and assets at local level by promoting gender-transformative planning, decision-making and institutional development for climate resilient water investments and job creation. The 530,000 Euros programme is implemented in the Eastern Africa Region, specifically the first phase targeting Uganda and Kagera/ Lake Victoria Basin while phase 2 will be upscaled to Somalia.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM



The programme goal is to ensure that the development and implementation of policies, strategies, plans and programs in water security and climate resilience building in Uganda and Eastern Africa strategically advance gender equality.

Specifically the programme sets out to transform gender inequalities at scale by promoting gender-transformative planning, decision-making and institutional development for climate resilient water investments and job creation in Africa.

PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES



This program is targeting mandated Government Institutions at national level, CSOs' community members

KEY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS



GW-PEA works closely with partners for support and creating synergies within the catchment. This ensures support in terms of resources especially technical input and sustainability after the project period.

These include;

- ◆ Ministry of Water and Environment
- ◆ Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development.
- ◆ Uganda Water Partnership
- ◆ Victoria Management Zonal Team/Maziba Catchment management Committee/staff
- ◆ Higher and Lower Local Government with in Maziba Catchment Management Committee-(Water, Natural Resource and Gender Departments)
- ◆ Kigezi Diocese Water and Sanitation Department
- ◆ Kabale Diocese/Caritas Uganda
- ◆ Kachwekano Zonal Research and Development institute (KAZARDI)
- ◆ Kigezi Women in Development
- ◆ Save a Child Uganda
- ◆ Mukirwa Women Conservation group
- ◆ Other CSOs and Private Sector

PROGRAM OUTCOMES



The expected outcomes of the program are:

- ◆ gender transformative structures,

institutions, policies and plans for climate resilient water investments and jobs are put in place and implemented.

- ◆ capabilities and knowledge of planners tonenable gender trnasformative planning amd and design of climate resolving developed.
- ◆ Embedded gender inequakities in accessing services' control of resurces and assets adressed at local level
- ◆ gender transfromatove projects implemented and inequalities of climate vulnerable groups addressed.

PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

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- ◆ 20,000 people are benefitting from improved water resources governance and management.
- ◆ The program provided technical support to the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development to carry out a regulatory impact assessment for the Gender Policy of Uganda.
- ◆ In support of the Ministry of Water and Environment, the program developed a Gender Action Plan for Maziba Catchment Management.
- ◆ Over 200 community leaders as well as female technical and political leaders at subnational level have been capacitated in gender transformative issues through community trainings. Other capacity building trainings were conducted to enhance knowledge and skills among women, women based organizations and service providers to effectively enhance decision making power, agency and choices in access to water and climate information.
- ◆ The program designed and is implementing a pilot project that entails the construction of an innovative rainwater unit, while training women local artisans to construct tanks for the communities in order to invest in safe water
- ◆ Design and implementation of gender transformative local pilot project with aim of addressing gender inequalities in accessing services and control of resources.