

PROGRAMME BRIEF

Towards a Strategic Framework for WASH and Climate Resilient Development



This situation demands that climate resilience approaches be integrated in WASH activities for sustainability of WASH services delivery.

Climate Resilient Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme

In 2014, the Global Water Partnership (GWP) in collaboration with UNICEF (The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) developed a Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilience Development. This strategic framework advances thinking around WASH, cutting across both development and emergency preparedness programmatic spheres and treating climate resilience as a cross-cutting issue encompassing elements of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation.

In August 2018, GWP and UNICEF signed an agreement to cooperate on the implementation of the Climate Resilient Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme that aims to build the technical capacity of the staff of GWP, UNICEF and partner institutions in implementing climate resilient WASH programmes and mobilising resources for climate-resilient WASH programmes from non-traditional sources. The programme is also expected to provide technical support to country offices that are in the early stages of implementing Climate-Resilient WASH Programming. This programme builds on previous cooperation between the two parties through which the concept and guidance documents on the Strategic Framework for WASH Climate Resilience Development were prepared.

The programme is being implemented from 1 August 2018 to 31 December 2021 with a revised budget of USD 336,407, 81% of which comes from UNICEF and 19% from GWP.

Key results of the programme are in three key areas elaborated below.

Key Results

Result 1: Capacity Building Initiatives on Climate Resilient WASH Development successfully implemented

Specific Result 1.1: An online course in English on climate-resilient WASH development successfully prepared and delivered to 80 staff members of GWP, UNICEF WASH and Partners.

Specific Result 1.2: Online English course on climate resilient

Name of the Programme	Climate Resilient Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Programme
Financing partner	United Nations Children's Fund, (UNICEF)
Duration	2018-2021
Implementing Agency	GWP Southern Africa

Introduction

Improving access to safely managed water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities remains a high priority in sub-Saharan Africa. Providing access to water and sanitation is critically important for ensuring human equality, protecting people's dignity, guaranteeing their well-being and ending poverty. Despite considerable progress made during the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) period, water, sanitation and hygiene access levels remain low across much of sub-Saharan Africa. Across the continent in 2017, only 51% of the population had access to safely managed water facilities; 42% had access to safely managed sanitation services and 39% had access to basic handwashing facilities¹. Poor sanitation and consumption of contaminated water have numerous social and economic impacts and place a huge burden on national economies. Up to 5% of the combined Gross National Product of Africa is estimated to be lost each year to morbidity and mortality resulting from poor sanitation and the consumption of contaminated water (UNECA, 2014).

Climate change, together with inadequate financing, rapid population growth and weak institutions, is one of several factors contributing to poor performance of African countries in the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene services. The impacts of global climate change have caused extensive damage on the continent and have affected water supply and sanitation services. Extreme climatic events are causing flooding and prolonged drought in various regions of the African continent. Flooding may cause:

- Damage to physical water systems;
- Widespread contamination of drinking water sources; and
- outbreak of waterborne diseases.

¹Data from the African Water Sector and Sanitation Monitoring and Reporting System accessed at <http://www.africawat-sanreports.org> December 20, 2018.



WASH development translated to French and Spanish and delivered in French to staff of UNICEF and Partners.

Specific Result 1.3: A pool of experts capable of assessing vulnerability of WASH services to impacts of climate change and variability, and conducting field training on climate resilient WASH development, created.

Specific Result 1.4: MS Excel-based Risk Analysis Tool converted into a simpler web-based Risk Analysis Tool and hosted on the UNICEF-GEF website.

Specific Result 1.5: UNICEF staff from the West and Central Africa (WCA), East Asia and Pacific (EAP), Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA) Southern Asia (SA) and Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regions, as well as staff of partner institutions trained through capacity building workshops on climate resilient WASH.

Result 2: Technical support for implementation of the strategic framework for WASH climate resilience development provided to at least 20 countries

Specific Result 2.1: A virtual help desk created for climate resilient WASH development for use by UNICEF Country Offices.

Specific Result 2.2: Country missions successfully conducted and additional technical support provided to UNICEF country offices as needed.

Result 3: Countries receive technical support to successfully apply for climate resilience funding from climate funding schemes, bi-lateral and foundations

Specific Result 3.1: Key opportunities for bi-lateral and foundation funding for climate resilient WASH programmes mapped out along with best practices.

Specific Result 3.2: Capacity of UNICEF WASH staff strengthened in accessing climate resilience funding.

Specific Result 3.3: Country Offices successfully engage with National Designated Authorities (NDAs), Accredited Entities (AE) and Direct Access Entities (DAE) of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) as well as WASH related national institutions to explore opportunities for financing of climate resilient WASH initiatives.

Specific Result 3.4: The development and submission by UNICEF Country Offices of Concept Notes on climate resilient WASH initiatives supported

The capacity building component prioritises West and Central Africa residents within the WASH sector, at least 50% of the beneficiaries being female.

Monitoring of the progress of the programme will be carried out monthly through teleconferences involving the head offices of the two partner institutions. Formal reporting on the progress of the programme will be integrated in the regular reporting system for the on-going collaboration between the two partner institutions.

More information on the programme can be found on <https://www.gwp.org/en/WashClimateResilience/>



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