WASH in School Symposium 2023

Unites Efforts to Improve Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Ugandan Schools.

A collaborative initiative aimed at addressing the pressing issues surrounding water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in Ugandan schools, the WASH Symposium brought together various ministries, UN agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The event, held recently, focused on the theme of "Re-imagining water, sanitation, and hygiene services: leaving no children behind," highlighting the urgent need for enhanced WASH infrastructure and practices.

Mrs. Museveni, the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, emphasized the importance of continued collaboration between the Ministry of Education and Sports and its partners to improve WASH conditions in schools. She urged the ministry's leadership to prioritize vulnerable schools and called for commitment from stakeholders at all levels. To support districts in enhancing their WASH infrastructure, Mrs. Museveni proposed specific grants for WASH in schools, to be allocated by the Government of Uganda with the support of the Parliament and the Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development.

Hon. Silas Aogon, the chairperson of the Uganda Parliamentary Forum on WASH, also lent his strong support to the symposium. Aogon emphasized the critical need for a budget allocation of UGX 600 billion to achieve comprehensive coverage of WASH in schools. He assured attendees that legislators would tirelessly advocate for this funding, demonstrating their dedication to addressing the urgent WASH needs in schools across the country.

The WASH Symposium provided a pivotal platform for stakeholders to join forces and tackle the disparities in water, sanitation, and hygiene services in Ugandan schools. With the backing of influential figures such as Mrs. Museveni and Silas Aogon, there is optimism for significant progress in improving WASH infrastructure and practices, ultimately fostering a healthier and more inclusive educational environment for all children in Uganda.

A word from the editorial Team!

Dear Reader!
With utmost pleasure, we are hereby presenting to you, UWASNET’s newflash. This piece presents an opportunity for UWASNET members to showcase their impact on the WASH interventions. As we begin the second half of the year, we take caution that every minute, someone is affected by the poor WASH service delivery orchestrated by limited financing and programming. We believe that the shared stories will serve as a springboard upon which knowledge and partnership shall be promoted for positive WASH systems/interventions.

We wish you a nice reading and hope the stories herein impact you to walk for change for better WASH systems.
As it is always said, "Information is Key". MHM Stigma remains a huddle for many to jump into, as a solution PaCT has embarked on raising awareness about the importance of menstrual health and Management to break the stigma around it especially in schools.girls of school-going age.

Partners for Community Transformation (PaCT) has thus focused on the inclusivity of both women and men including teaching and non-teaching staff. This should offer a panacea for girls of school-going age.

Visit the link for more information about PaCT
https://twitter.com/PaCT_Uganda/status/167732258598842374
A Child's Pursuit of Clean Water:

Africa Water Solutions' Commitment to Breaking Cycles of Poverty and Disease

In the unwavering pursuit of transformative change within communities, Africa Water Solutions staunchly upholds the belief that investing in clean water serves as a powerful catalyst in reversing the cycles of poverty and disease. With an unwavering dedication to this noble cause, the organization strives to create a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Africa Water Solutions recognizes that the provision of clean water is not just a basic necessity but a fundamental human right. It understands that access to safe and sustainable water sources is pivotal in establishing the foundation for thriving societies. By prioritizing the investment in clean water, Africa Water Solutions aims to break the shackles of poverty and disease that have plagued communities for generations.

Amidst this transformative mission, the organization sheds light on a poignant narrative of a child’s quest for clean water. This narrative epitomizes the profound impact that access to clean water can have on the lives of the most vulnerable members of society. Africa Water Solutions champions the notion that every child deserves the opportunity to lead a healthy, dignified life, unencumbered by the burdens of water-related hardships.

Through strategic interventions, Africa Water Solutions addresses the multifaceted challenges associated with water scarcity, pollution, and inadequate sanitation facilities. By implementing sustainable water solutions, the organization aims to uplift communities, empowering them to break free from the chains of poverty and the recurring cycle of waterborne diseases.

Africa Water Solutions firmly believes that investing in clean water is not merely an expenditure but a long-term investment in the prosperity and well-being of communities. By providing reliable access to safe water sources, the organization enables individuals to devote more time to education, economic activities, and personal growth, thus fostering the conditions for sustainable development.

In alignment with its vision, Africa Water Solutions advocates for increased awareness, mobilization of resources, and collaboration with stakeholders at all levels. By fostering partnerships, encouraging innovation, and leveraging expertise, the organization seeks to create a ripple effect of positive change throughout the region.

As Africa Water Solutions continues its unwavering commitment to this noble cause, it invites like-minded individuals, organizations, and communities to join hands in the pursuit of a brighter future. Together, let us unlock the transformative power of clean water, empowering communities and heralding a new era of prosperity, health, and dignity.

For more information https://twitter.com/awsorg/status/1681558049286751438
Partnerships for Improved WASH Systems

The global water crisis impacts much more than just drinking water. In places where safe water is scarce, sanitation and hygiene are greatly impacted. As such Water Mission partnered with charity water to bring solar-powered, piped water systems to the Luuka district of Uganda so to solve the safe water and sanitation issues the community was experiencing.

Consequently, the project resulted in the construction of healthy latrines, including special latrines for disabled students — for a primary school of more than 1,100 students. Additionally, the percentage of households in the community with usable latrines has increased to around 85 percent.

Read more at the link below:
JESE Utilises Media to Promote Water Resource Protection in Kamwenge District

In VOK 87.9FM studios are; Kamwenge Senior Environment Officer, Kassin Aliganyira.

The Joint Efforts to Save the Environment (JESE) has taken a proactive approach to safeguarding water resources in Kamwenge District. Recognizing the importance of raising awareness among local communities, JESE has embraced the power of the media to sensitize residents about water conservation, with a particular focus on protecting the vital transboundary resource, river Mpanga.

By leveraging various media platforms, including radio, television, and social media, JESE aims to educate community members about the significance of preserving water resources for present and future generations. The organization has collaborated with local media outlets to broadcast public service announcements, and panel discussions that highlight the environmental and socio-economic importance of river Mpanga.

Through these initiatives, JESE intends to shed light on the threats faced by the river, such as pollution and unsustainable practices, while emphasizing the role individuals and communities can play in its protection.

The media campaigns will showcase success stories, best practices, and practical steps that residents can take to conserve water and ensure the longevity of river Mpanga.

In addition to media engagement, JESE plans to organize community events, workshops, and training sessions to foster direct interaction between experts, community leaders, and residents. These initiatives will provide a platform for knowledge sharing, empowering community members with the necessary tools and information to actively participate in water resource protection efforts.

JESE urges all residents of Kamwenge District to join hands in safeguarding the precious water resources upon which their well-being depends. By working together and taking collective action, the community can make a positive impact and secure a sustainable future for themselves and the transboundary river Mpanga.
Defying the Odds; KWDT & Living Water International Change the Narrative of Access To Safe Water in Mbeya Island

Mbeya Island, a community in the middle of Lake Victoria, has long struggled to access safe drinking water. However, with support from arche noVa e.V., KWDT successfully installed a groundbreaking purification system, the first in Uganda, to provide clean safe water to the community. The Sky Hydrant water filtration system filters water from the lake and deposits it into the reservoir tank, which then distributes the clean water to the taps in the community. The water is safe for drinking without boiling or further treatment.

Visit the link for more details: https://twitter.com/katosiwomen/status/1679062287071619393
Dear reader, we are excited to present to you our forthcoming annual events- Can’t wait to meet you All!

THE WASH CSO FORUM:
Annually, UWASNET convenes its members under one platform dubbed the WASH CSO forum under a multisectoral framework. This convention is held to demystify WASH challenges. This platform enables the CSOs to directly table such challenges before the direct bearers.

THE WASH AWARDS:
We are delighted to present to you our intentions of appreciating the different players who have worked selflessly to improve Uganda’s WASH status. Such positive impacts have been realized through a joint effort from a multiplicity of players including CSOs, Academia, the Private sector, and media... who have designed and implemented different programs to change the status quo subsequently contributing to National development, WASH systems, and towards the road to 2030. See you All come October 2023!!!