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Highlights from the training on budget analysis, advocacy and dissemination of SDG 6.2 targets, indicators & data collection tools



UWASNET Member organizations' representatives during a group discussion during the training held in Kamuli district from November 9th—13th, 2020 with support from the Sanitation and Hygiene Fund (formerly WSSCC) and Plan International, the Chair of the Hygiene & Sanitation thematic working group

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Collaborative Council (WSSCC), now Sanitation and Health Fund (SHF), UWASNET in partnership with Plan International, the Chair of the Hygiene and Sanitation thematic working group, conducted a

five-day work-shop for UWASNET members under the Good Governance, Hygiene and Sanitation, Women & Children thematic working groups. The workshop took place from November 9th – 13th,

advocacy for sanitation, hygiene & Menstrual Hygiene Health, dissemination of SDG 6.2 targets, indicators, data collection tools and a thematic working group meeting to come up with the action points.

2020 & included a training on budget analysis and

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Member representatives from (L-R) from Water Missions, CWAY, Jinja Area Communities, Build Africa and Christ the King deliberating during one of the group discussions/ assignments during the training

The meeting was held at Kyemba Sande Gar-

dens in Kamuli and included a total of 32 fully paid up member organizations of UWASNET.

The training focused on budget analysis and advocacy for Sanitation, Hygiene and Menstrual Hygiene Health and was spearheaded by Mr. Mitchell Ainebyoona, an Economist from the Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG), an organization that works towards ensuring that budgets at local government and central government levels are participatory and address the needs and aspirations of all Ugandans.

As part of the training Mr. Aine-

byoona, the trainer took participants through the definitions of advocacy and lobbying, why it's important, qualities, techniques and criteria for successful lobbying and advocacy. He also stressed the importance of communication and development of the advocacy messaging, strategies for advocacy and lobbying, delivery mechanisms for the advocacy messages and also shared some of the work done by CSBAG, what has worked and what has not worked.

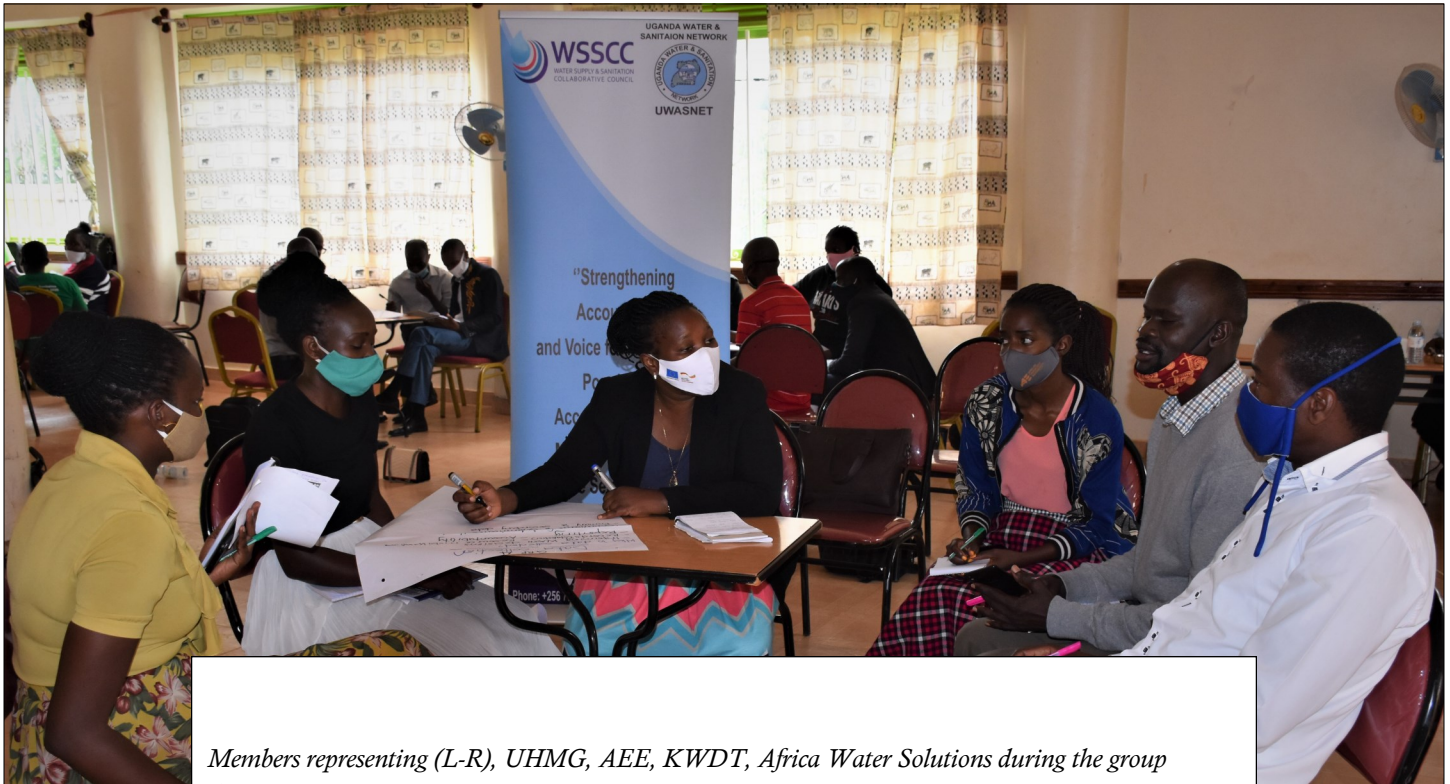
He encouraged CSOs to stay focused and be open to re-thinking and re-strategizing as they conduct advoca-

cy and lobbying because quite a number of times,

the successes take a long time to be harvested. The budget analysis sessions were practical and included an introduction to the budget process, its respective frameworks guided by Articles 155-158, Chapter 9 of the 1995 Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act 2015 which came into force on March 6th, 2015.

“Articles 155-158, Chapter 9 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda provide the legal basis for the preparation and approval of the national budget. Articles 190-197 provide for the finances of Local

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Members representing (L-R), UHMG, AEE, KWDT, Africa Water Solutions during the group discussions

of Local Governments. The

Act provides broad parameters for a systematic and efficient budget preparation process,” Mr. Ainebyoona said.

Governments Act, Cap 243 provides the legal basis for the local governments’ budget process.

He stated that it is imperative for CSOs to engage and participate in the budget planning processes.

The presenter also too participants through the programme-based approach to planning in the 3rd National Development Plan (NDP III).

Under the programme-based approach to planning in NDPIII, im-

plementation is focused on delivery of common results that do not neatly fall within any particular sector.

He stated that the programme-based approach is aimed at strengthening alignment and elimination of working in silos and enhancing synergies across sectors and other actors. It also provides a framework for the already existing programme-based budgeting.

“Budget analysis is a powerful tool to determine whether governments have allocated sufficient financial resources to fulfill their promises and commitments. It is important to understand that accessing information

on your government’s budget is not

only a right, but also an analytical tool that can inform advocating for changes to the allocation of public resources,” Mr. Ainebyoona said.

“CSOs must first of all analyze budget for effective monitoring to take place. Moreover, proximity to citizens enables CSOs to gather unique information on citizen priorities, and bring non-governmental perspectives on the budget,” he said.

The presenter went through the use for budget analysis saying that budget analysis equips stakeholders with facts and figures to effectively engage government in a more informed manner, so that their demands are

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are taken seriously. He said that stakeholders need the knowledge and skills to examine the budget so that their submissions and engagements will be constructive, factual, and valid.

Participants were taken through the different steps and types of budget analysis namely principle, content, output, outcome and impact budget analysis.

The trainer also shared the different reliable sources of information for budget analysis namely; Sector Development Strategic Investment Plan (DSIP), approved budget estimates, budget performance reports, Auditor Generals reports, national policy documents, departmental, sectoral and institutional work plans as laid down in their respective Budget Framework Papers and in the Ministerial Policy Statements

Using the Government of Uganda national budget website www.budget.go.ug, participants were shown the different ways of getting / downloading the critical information needed for engagement in the planning of the national budgets including analysis and advocacy using factual and referenced from the critical reference documents.

At the end of the training, participants were given practical assignments that included computing the share of Water and Environment sector budget to total national budget for FYs 2018/19 and analyzing the budget trends in allocations and performance of WASH related programmes in FY2018/19.

Participants were also asked to com-



Members from (L-R) YES Busia, Caritas HEWASA Fort– Portal, Evidence Action, Link To Progress and CCAYEF during the group discussions

pute the growth rate of Water and Environment sector budget to total national budget for FYs 2017/18 – 2019/20, go through the Education approved budget FY2019/2020 and analyze financing of WASH issues in education, go through the Health approved budget FY2019/2020 and analyze the WASH issues in Health

He shared the different opportunities for CSOs' participation in budget advocacy and analysis for FY2021/2022 through participation in the reviews of sector Budget Framework Papers, development of CSOs' sector position papers and CSOs' Every Shilling Counts,

He said that during the Parliamen-

tary approval of the FY 2021/22 National Budget Framework Paper (NBFP) in January – February 2021, CSOs have an opportunity to engage with the Budget Committee of Parliament and review the proposals in the NBFP. He mentioned that during the presentation of the sector Ministerial Policy Statements (MPS) to Parliament in March – May 2021, CSOs have an opportunity to participate in the retreats to review the sector MPS, develop the CSOs sector position papers and alternative budget, meetings with Committees of Parliament and review tax bills, National Planning Authority Certificate of Compliance and EOC Certificate of Gender and Equity.

Dissemination of SDG 6.2 targets, indicators & data collection tools



Members presenting highlights from their different group discussions

The dissemination of the SDG 6.2

targets, indicators and data collection tools was conducted by technical support from Ministry of Water and Environment's Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Regional Centre 3 (RWSSRC) represented by Ms. Christine Nsungwa and Mr. Joseph Okerenyang.

An overview of the SDGs was given including the different targets. They also shared the monitoring ladders for drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services.

Ms. Nsungwa gave an overview of sanitation and hygiene services in Uganda including the different definitions for sanitation and hygiene. She also gave an overview of the what has been done in terms of policy namely the enactment of the Environmental health policy, sanitation guidelines, standards and guidelines, ecological sanitation guidelines, food safety and hygiene, improved sanitation

and hygiene strategy etc.

"There has been a creation of the sanitation and hygiene budget line at Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, the Uganda Sanitation Fund and the district sanitation and hygiene conditional grant from Ministry of Water and Environment," she said.

She also highlighted the challenges still faced namely 75% of the national disease burden is related to sanitation and hygiene, non-operationalization of the memorandum of understanding between the Line Ministries of Health, Education, Water and Environment, inadequate enactment of the sanitation and hygiene related bye-laws and limited sewerage systems coverage.

Ms. Nsungwa noted that all in all, there is need to mobilize adequate resources for sanitation and hygiene, revise home improvement cam-

aigns, support enactment of the

sanitation and hygiene bye-laws and implement the Uganda Sanitation Fund in all the districts of Uganda.

Ms. Okerenyang shared the measurement frameworks for sanitation and hygiene with the participants and the data collection tools used by Ministry of Water and Environment to collect data for the annual Ministry of Water and Environment Sector Performance Report including the data collection forms for water point sources and piped water systems.

Participants were also grouped and given practical work including computing the coverage of sanitation and hygiene using the formula used by the Ministry of Water and Environment.

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Members attentive during the training sessions.

Key recommendations / action points from the training

- i. UWASNET to share the schedule of the budget planning process with members
- ii. UWASNET to share the soft copies of the simplified versions of the localized SDG 6 indicators
- iii. UWASNET to share with members sector indicators book from MWE (Soft and hard copies)
- iv. Plan and UWASNET to organize a post training work-shop
- v. Members to participate in the district level budget planning
- vi. UWASNET and Plan International to expedite the localization of SDG 6 Indicators and to disseminate them to member



organizations and District local governments through hard and soft copies. Upon dissemination, members CSOs to enhance the process by sharing widely with other members through their respective areas of intervention.

- vii. UWASNET will review and incorporate recommendations in regard to the online reporting tool for the annual CSO Performance report as per feedback shared by members.



- viii. UWASNET to hold orientation sessions members to effectively use the online reporting tool on Kobo to enhance reporting amongst CSOs.

- ix. CSOs through Regional Coordinators to identify a critical WASH related advocacy issue and develop a regional position paper.

Participants feedback on the training

“The workshop has been so educative and there has been lots of knowledge sharing. There has been good experience sharing from different CSOs aimed at improving sanitation and hygiene in the different districts. I have been able to learn the difference between safely managed sanitation and basic sanitation. The collaboration between Plan International and UWASNET shows that other organizations need to do the same in their respective areas of operation,”



Musisi Yosamu, Social Worker & Sanitation Monitor at Caritas

“The budget analysis information shared is very important to all CSOs and I also realized that localizing SDG 6 is easy. Therefore, this training has enabled me to understand the SDG 6.2 indicators and targets and further stressed the need to jointly plan and monitor service delivery,” said Denis Wangira from YES Busia.



“It was a great opportunity for me to understand better SDG 6 and how to calculate scores of the sanitation indicators on the sanitation ladder. As Chair of the Women, Children and other vulnerable groups thematic working group, it will be my target to interest other working group members in learning more about SDG 6 indicators. The aim is to ensure that they align their implementation and reporting with the SDG 6 indicators, targets and further highlight issues that are hindering us from attainment of SDG 6,” said Vaal Namugga, Programs Officer, Katosi Women Development Trust



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“Discussing the SDG 6 targets and monitoring indicators will help us to realign our activities and data tools to be able to report accurately to the districts and to UWASNET,” said Nantongo Claire, Water Mission Uganda



“What I have learnt in this training is on the importance of data collection, the different data collection tools and how CSOs can engage in meaningful advocacy. This information will help me as a Regional Coordinator for Karamoja region to inform both district local governments and CSOs on the importance of data collection, reporting and to actively engage in the critical WASH budget planning processes so that critical WASH needs

are not left out,” said Stephen Elilu, Project Manager – WASH, Welthungerhilfe

“I have been able to learn a systematic way of doing budget advocacy. With the knowledge, I can analyze any sectoral allocations and follow up on utilization as evidence necessary for advocacy. I have also learnt computation of SDG 6 indicators,” said Brian Tayebwa, Program Officer at Jinja Area Communities Federation.



Participants feedback on the training

“I learnt about budget analysis at national level. When the budget is analyzed and the importance of having our input as development partners in drafting of budgets at the district level. I learnt about the SDGs and how the parameter or indicators are calculated nationwide to provide information or data that eventually informs decisions. I have learnt the fact that NGOs face challenges that affect implementation in their different areas of operation and so it is important to collaborate to hold the districts accountable,” said *Marion*



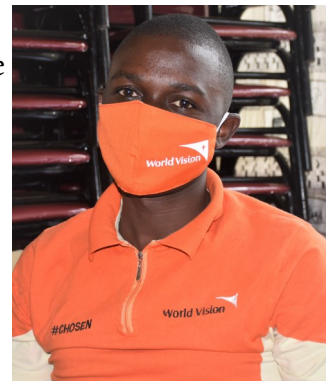
“I am very privileged to be part of this training. A lot has been covered and discussed including why we collect WASH data, how and when. It has helped me a lot to revise the personal data collection process and reporting process that we use back at my organization and whether data has been as utilized as necessary. The UN Environmental Assembly monitoring SDG implementation together with other international NGOs need to put into account the interconnectedness of other aspects of WASH. Lastly, I will organize a training session on localization of the SDG 6.2 indicators and targets in my organization so that we being reporting as per the indicators and targets shared,” says *Proscovia Nalwadda Kkonde from Child Care and Youth Empowerment Foundation – CCAYEF*



“I have learnt basic monitoring matrix for SDG 6.2 and this is going to help my organization align its reporting to the global targets. Therefore, I intend to use this knowledge to strengthen reporting and accountability mechanism at Wells of Life,” says *Pascal Olinga, Deputy Country Director, Wells of Life*



“Much appreciation to UWASNET for the preparation to make us understand more about SDG 6. It was a learning that will guide our future planning and monitoring our progress towards the achievement of SDG 6 indicators in our respective areas of operation and in Uganda as a whole. As World Vision Uganda, we are planning for universal coverage in a number of communities in Uganda by 2025. Therefore, with this training opportunity, it will help us to drive towards this objective. We call upon all other partners in these communities to join efforts so that we can achieve,” said *Daniel Lukooya, Technical Programme Officer – WASH, Eastern Region – World Vision*.



“I attended the workshop and learnt a lot namely budget analysis and how to utilize the key documents provided by Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to identify the gaps and offer recommendations. I also learnt through the localization of SDG 6.2 indicators and I will be following up closely to ensure that our organizational reports are submitted to the districts,” *John Moses Mubbale from Uganda Health Marketing Group (UHMG)*



Group picture of participants who participated in the workshop from November 9th — 13th, 2020 in Kamuli district

Organizations represented at the workshop

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| 1. Africa Water Solutions | 10. Community Integrated Development Initiatives | 19. Water Missions |
| 2. African Evangelistic Enterprise | 11. Christian Women and Youth Development Alliance. | 20. Wells of Life |
| 3. Alliance Water Solutions | 12. Evidence Action | 21. World Vision Uganda |
| 4. AVSI Foundation | 13. Hope 4 Kids | 22. Youth Environmental Services |
| 5. Build Africa Uganda | 14. Jinja Area Communities Federation | 23. UWASNET |
| 6. Busoga Volunteers for Community Development | 15. John Foley Well Works Africa | 24. Ministry of Water and Environment |
| 7. Caritas Fort Portal – HEWASA | 16. Katosi Women's Development Trust | 25. CSBAG |
| 8. Child Care and Youth Empowerment Foundation | 17. Link to Progress | 26. Partners For Children World Wide |
| 9. Christ the King Healthy Support Care Center for the Needy | 18. Plan International | 27. Uganda Muslim Rural Development Association |

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“I have learnt a great deal of what other UWASNET partners are doing especially with the Covid-19 pandemic alignment of interventions. I have got a chance to interact with WASH tools from other partners and government which I intend to integrate into our data collection and reporting frameworks on WASH. I have also been able to get updates in WASH activities in the country especially on the reinforcing of

WASH infrastructure. I will use this information for planning purposes for our own WASH projects and also share with key stakeholders,” said *George Lwanga, Program Manager, Build Africa/ Uganda.*

