

Annual Report of the Water and Sanitation Media Network, Nigeria

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Report from the states

Nigeria has chapters of the WASH Media Network in 12 states. The state chapters are involved in following activities:

- ▶ Increased Publication of WASH stories–All states.
- ▶ Advocacy for WASH policy in Enugu state
- ▶ Marking of WASH milestones– Walk for Water in FCT– World Water Day 2013

Report from states

- ▶ Advocacy to scale up Community Led Total Sanitation–Plateau
- ▶ Access to WASH radio programme–Lagos

Access to WASH



A Water Supply, Sanitation, and Hygiene Radio programme

• *Radio 1, Lagos (Choice FM 103.5)*

• *Every Tuesdays 4.30 pm – 5.00pm*

Access to WASH is produced by the
Water and Sanitation Media Network
with the support of **WaterAid** in Nigeria
through **UKAID Governance and
Transparency Fund** programme.

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WASH-JN Small Grants Project

- ▶ The country proposed to publish pro poor WASH stories and a Primer.
 - Publication/Production of 26no. compelling and Investigative Pro poor WASH features/documentaries
 - Publication/Production of 10no. Super exclusive Pro poor WASH stories
- ▶ The sum of \$10,000 was approved for the network. \$5000 received so far

WASH-JN Small Grants Project

- ▶ 1000 copies of Primer on WASH News sources in Nigeria printed and distributed to Journalists giving them news sources and aiding their ability to source relevant news.
- ▶ Well received in and outside Nigeria as a pioneering landmark document

Pro poor WASH stories

- ▶ Ekiti state: Open defecation in Governor's office!
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/10/23/ekiti-state-open-defecation-in-governors-office/>
- ▶ Ado Ekiti: workers defecate in the open..as offices, houses
www.assemblyonline.info/?p=16276
- ▶ In Jalingo: safe water is scarce like petrol, and expensive as gold NIGERIA NEWS SERVICE: 12/07/12 Ayodelenews.blogspot.com/2012_12_07_archive.html -
- ▶ EnviroNews Nigeria » Water & Sanitation
www.vironewsigeria.com/category/water-sanitation/
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/10/23/in-jalingo-safe-water-is-scarce-like-petrol-and-expensive-as-gold/>
- ▶ Flooding and its effects on WASH in Nigeria
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/10/29/flooding-and-its-effects-on-wash-in-nigeria/> Water related diseases ravage Taraba town
- ▶ 2015wash.blogspot.com/.../new-post-water-related-diseases-ravage.html
washjournalists.wordpress.com/.../water-related-diseases-ravage-taraba-town

- ▶ WASH situation in Zamfara state
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/10/29/wash-situation-in-zamfara-state/>
- ▶ We are dying of water borne diseases : residents of Ikola–Ilumo and Iju communities cry out <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/10/29/we-are-dying-of-water-borne-diseases-residents-of-ikola-ilumo-and-iju-communities-cry-out/>
- ▶ Ewohimi: where residents are expecting ‘Gods intervention’ to access safe water
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/10/29/ewohimi-where-residents-are-expecting-gods-intervention-to-access-safe-water/>
- ▶ Unsafe water, root cause of most diseases– Medical Doctor
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/02/unsafe-water-root-cause-of-most-diseases-medical-doctor/>
- ▶ Laaniba: where residents defecate, bath, and drink in River Ajibode
<http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/02/laaniba-where-residents-defecate-bath-and-drink-in-river-ajibode/>
- ▶ Jos: urine polluted water turns to ‘burkutu’ beer <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/02/jos-urine-polluted-water-turns-to-burkutu-beer/>

- ▶ Gangare community, where the only option is open defecation <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/02/gangare-community-where-the-only-option-is-open-defecation/>
- ▶ WASH in School in Nigeria: findings of a Journalist <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/06/wash-in-school-in-nigeria-findings-of-a-journalist/>
- ▶ Water scarcity may hit ekiti state, Nigeria <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/06/water-scarcity-may-hit-ekiti-state-nigeria/>
- ▶ Abuja residents in search of water, good sanitation <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/07/abuja-residents-in-search-of-water-good-sanitation/>
- ▶ Cholera epidemic looms in Ekiti, as health workers strike enters eighth week <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/09/cholera-epidemic-looms-in-ekiti-as-health-workers-strike-enters-eighth-week/>
- ▶ Impacts of flooding on WASH in Nigeria <http://washjournalists.wordpress.com/2012/11/15/impacts-of-flooding-on-wash-in-nigeria/>

WASH–JN Small Grants Project

Challenges

- ▶ Journalists were not used to writing pro poor WASH stories. Most of the people that contributed stories were non members of the WASH media network.
- ▶ The quality of news writing also very poor, and a lot of effort was made to rewrite the stories to make them publishable.

Achievements

- ▶ 16 WASH stories were published with this grant, two of them in audio formats.
- ▶ Several of the stories submitted were not used because they did not fulfil the criteria.
- ▶ The publication of the HANDBOOK ON WASH is a remarkable achievement as it is billed to increase the visibility of the network.
- ▶ For the remaining part of the project, it will be more fruitful to commission investigation of specific pro poor WASH issues, rather than an open invitation for submission of stories.

WASH-JN Small Grants Project

- ▶ Pending activities
 - a. Distribution of the WASH Media Handbook to Journalists and stakeholders
 - b. Publication of more pro poor WASH stories
 - c. Printing to Flyers

WASH-JN Small Grants Project

- ▶ Purchase of Nikon DX5100 photographic



Partnership with NEWSAN / ANEW

- Office space in Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN) Head office in Abuja
- WASH Network commissioned to conduct study on *Monitoring Nigeria's progress on high level WASH financial commitments*
- Report prepared with the support of Society for Water and Sanitation in Nigeria (NEWSAN) / ANEW, February 2013

Media Advocacy

- ▶ Flyers
- ▶ WASH hour on Radio–Access to WASH – a programme on WASH issues, running since December 2012. Every Tuesday on 103.5 fm Lagos Past editions accessible at:
<https://www.youtube.com/washjournalists>
- ▶ Press statement–World Water Day– WASH Media Network calls on FG to fulfil WASH promises
<http://assemblyonline.info/?p=16520>

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Past activities

- *1st Annual General Meeting in Abuja, February, 2008.*
- *Organisation of activities to mark WASH milestones-the World Water Days, World Toilet Day, Global Handwashing*
- *Visits to project sites*
- *Reporting WASH events- Hand washing campaigns*
- *Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the WaterAid in Nigeria*
- *Signing of Memorandum of Understanding with the Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN)*
- *Production of WASH radio programmes*
- *Advocacy visits to service providers- Government agencies and Development partners*
- *Capacity Training workshops for members on reporting WASH and disseminate WASH information.*
- *Organisation of monthly media roundtables on water and sanitation issues in Lagos Nigeria*

Partners

WaterAid Nigeria
Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
UNICEF
European Commission
Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN)

Bankers: Skype Bank Plc



Water and Sanitation Media Network comprises journalists reporting the water and sanitation sector for various media outlets in Nigeria. The body was formed on October 25, 2008, in Abuja, and registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission-CAC/IT/NO: 33682 in July 2009.

Today it boasts of over 100 registered members from Newspapers, Television Stations, News Agencies, Radio Stations and Online media in several states of the Federation.

Objectives

- *Increase the quality of media coverage of the water and sanitation sector.*
- *Increase the technical capacity of Journalists to effectively report and analyze water and sanitation issues.*
- *Advocate for the essential role of safe water, improved hygiene and sanitation in the wider human development agenda.*
- *Highlight the challenges of poor, marginalized, and vulnerable groups in accessing WASH services ensuring the voices of the urban and rural poor are heard.*

Core Principles

Access to safe water and sanitation as a human right. Equitable and Inclusive WASH services that accommodates the needs of disabled group, women, children, and the poor.

Strategies

Media advocacy
Capacity building
Networking
Publications

Governance

Board of Trustees
National Secretariat
State Secretariats

National Secretariat

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Meetings / Trainings

- ▶ Inclusive WASH– by WaterAid 2012
- ▶ World Water Forum 2012
- ▶ Dry Toilet 2012 – 4th International Dry Toilet Conference, 22 – 25 August 2012, The University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland on *Media for WASH– The Mass Media as a tool to solve the WASH challenges of the Urban and Rural poor*



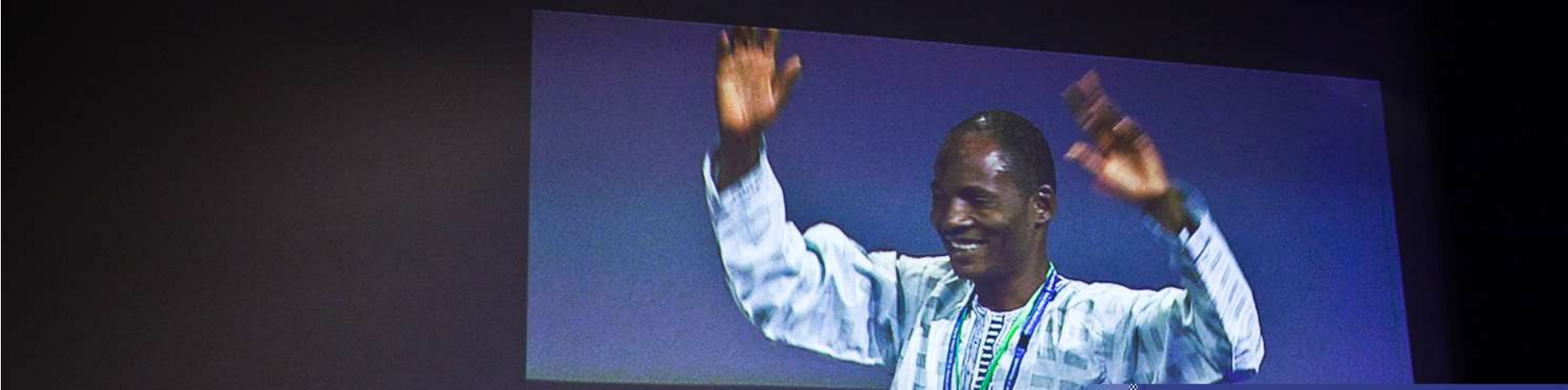


WASH reporting

- ▶ Ameto Akpe of WASH media network Abuja one of the grantees of the Pulitzer centre grant for reporting WASH stories in West Africa
- ▶ A Nigerian Journalist, Francis Umendu Odupute one of the winners of “*WASH Media Awards*” 2012 competition
- ▶ Coordinator for Lagos state, WASH media network Nigeria– Mr. Michael Ohioze SIMIRE started a web site for environmental reporting–
<http://www.environewsnigeria.com/>

...REMEMBER THE 'TERMS
AND CONDITIONS':
**ONE BUCKET...ONE
VOTE!**





Thank You