



KENYA INTEGRATED WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (KIWASH)

Improving the lives and health of people through an integrated, market-based approach to the development and management of sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene services in Kenya.

KIWASH is a \$51 million investment by USAID and the American people to improve access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services for one million Kenyan citizens in nine counties. To achieve this, KIWASH works collaboratively with local government agencies, dozens of private sector companies and hundreds of communities.

Our integrated approach contributes to the fight against extreme poverty by providing safe water. This helps to reduce illnesses that cripple productivity and builds household and community well-being and prosperity through economic productivity.

KIWASH APPROACH

We have a three-prong approach to achieve our goal of significant change within the Kenyan WASH sector:

- Strengthening operations and financial performance of water service providers (WSPs). This way, they can expand water service and delivery and effectively secure outside financing for network upgrade and expansion.
- Engaging diverse private sector actors in the delivery of water and sanitation services so that households benefit from improved and more affordable services and products.
- Improving hygiene practices in households, communities and counties through an integrated approach involving education and outreach.

KIWASH PROGRESS

SCALING UP MARKET-BASED WASH SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS

KIWASH provides coaching and mentoring support to **231** private sector WASH enterprises in order to professionalize and strengthen their business operations, financial planning, customer services, technical operations and administration. As a result, **119,307** people in the nine focus counties now have access to reliable clean water.

SUSTAINED ACCESS TO FINANCING FOR WASH

KIWASH provides tailored technical assistance to **13** partner WSPs to improve their performance and ability to qualify for financing that can expand and improve water services. The focus is to achieve greater cost recovery from users, increased efficiency in service, improved governance and access to financing. KIWASH has mobilized **US\$ 0.174 million** in new sector funding to expand the services or increase the efficiency of water service providers.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

KIWASH works with county governments and sector stakeholders to analyze, recommend and support the adoption of Kenyan policy reforms. The reforms help to remove constraints to business entry and operation along the entire WASH value chain. It also promotes an increased, sustainable and well-governed role of WASH businesses. We support institutional strengthening through training of **13 WSPs**, community water projects and relevant county departments. This has resulted into **554,609** people with access to basic drinking water.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO SANITATION

Our Community Led Total Sanitation and Sanitation Marketing approach encourages communities to take action to build toilets and observe hygiene practices. We support select models within the sanitation value chain to grow their business through a WASH enterprise incubation program. So far, project engagement with the ministries of health at the county level has helped to achieve **1,147** open defecation free villages. At least **94,020** people have gained access to a basic sanitation service.

PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

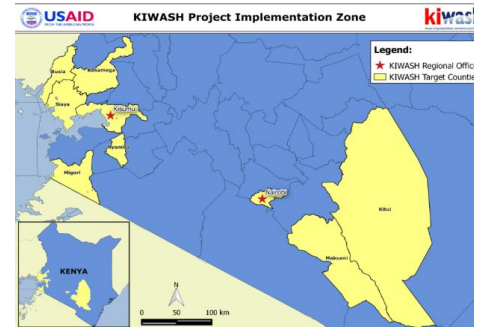
We promote the sustainability of the natural resource base upon which water supply services ultimately depend. KIWASH contributes to the quality of community water sources through catchment conservation and environmental awareness. The project supports sector institutions and 24 Water Resource Users Association (WRUAs) understand and plan for climate change risks and to date, has protected 68 springs and planted over **200,000** indigenous trees.

Implementing Partner:

DAI

Activity Locations:

Busia, Kakamega, Kisumu, Kitui, Makueni, Migori, Nairobi, Nyamira and Siaya counties



Key Partners:

Counties, WSPs, Ministry of Health, Water Services Regulatory Board, Water Resource Management Authority, Water Services Trust Fund, private sector

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