Consultations with the Leadership, CSOs and Community in Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (GKMA) in the development of the Water Security Action and Investment Plan; Experiences of UWASNET and ENR-CSO Network.

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1) Introduction

This initiative was implemented in the period February to December 2019 by Uganda Water and Sanitation NGO Network (UWASNET) and the ENR-CSO Network in collaboration with Leadership of Kampala City, Wakiso & Mukono districts; and with financial and technical support from GIZ through the International Water Stewardship Programme.

It involved participatory interaction and consultations with key stakeholders in GMKA including: Technical & Political Leaders; Members of the UWASNET & ENR-CSO network; Community; Private Sector; and Media.

This generated a lot of information, views – which were synthesized/analysed for integration into the Water Security Action and Investment Plan.

Source: GIZ, 2019.
2) Background/context -- Status of Environment and Natural Resource Management in Greater Kampala Metropolitan Area (Mukono, Mpigi, Wakiso –districts) – key statistical highlights

a) The GKMA has been earmarked in Vision 2040 as an economic and administrative hub, and a major investment destination for Uganda.

b) 10% of Uganda’s population resides in Greater Kampala

c) In 2019 the population in Kampala City is projected at 1,650,800 people (KCCA).

d) Kampala City has a daily transient of 4.5 million people, which presents huge pressure on the water, environment and natural resources

e) This population generates about 50,000 tones of waste daily, of which about 40% is collected, thus rest not properly managed or disposed off - blockage of drainage channels resulting into flooding and contamination of water bodies, creating of breeding grounds for disease causing organisms, and air pollution.

f) 46% of all formal workers are employed in Greater Kampala.

g) 10% of people reside in the GKMA are unemployed.

h) Kampala is the most industrialized city in Uganda, with 70% of Uganda’s manufacturing plants.

i) Greater Kampala contributes a third of Uganda’s overall gross domestic product (GDP).

j) Access to clean and safe water --- 70 and & 74 percent – in rural and urban communities, respectively (MWE, Budget Framework, Paper 2018/19).

l) Sewer lines in Kampala serve about 7% of the population, which is within the central business district and the surrounding areas. Thus, most sewerage not properly treated and or disposed off resulting in environment and health implication!
3) Inception meeting with CSOs leaders of selected members of UWASNET and ENR-CSO network

A) This engagement was used as an opportunity to introduce the project to the CSO Networks through UWASNET & ENR-CSO Network as the entry points.

B) Awareness was as well created among the CSOs in respect to the following:

* Concepts/principles on integrated water resources management;
* Water stewardship;
* Challenges of water security in GMKA;
* Need for stakeholder engagements through strategic collaboration to deliver water security;
* The approaches, tools and methodology to be applied;
* The role and contribution of the CSOs in rolling out implementation of the initiative/project.
4) Ideation workshop with selected members of UWASNET and ENR-CSO network

This involved participation of the CSOs by sharing experiences, lessons learnt, Issues -- challenges/limitation for water security in GKMA and ideas/practical solutions on how the issues can be addressed to inform the action & investment plan to deliver water security in the short, medium and long term.

The CSOs were also trained on the technical aspects in respect to the approaches, methods and tools which were applied in the project.

This enhanced their understanding and articulation of the – thus issues, discussions – thereby informing their contributions/inputs to the ideas which were integrated into the initial 20 project ideas and later 10 project ideas prioritized for implementation in the GKMA.
5) Representation and participation of UWASNET & ENR-Network CSO representatives on the technical team synthesizing/analyzing the generated ideas

a) UWASNET and the ENR-CSO Network identified each 1 officer to represent the respective networks on the Technical Team that synthesized/analyzed the generated ideas.

b) The Technical Team was trained and backstopped on several technical aspects and requirements (e.g. social economic analyses; biophysical modelling; social-economic investment model;...) to effectively apply the tools for analyses and synthesis of the generated project ideas - by a team of Experts.

c) The Technical Team analyzed the project ideas in respect to various considerations including: Environment; Social; Economic; Public Health; Sustainability;....
6) Inception meeting with key leaders (both technical and political) in greater Kampala metropolitan area (i.e. Kampala, Wakiso and Mukono)

- This meeting brought the leaders (both technical & political – Mayors, Honorable Councilors) up to step in respect to what the project/initiative is about.

- Furthermore, solicited their views, inputs and guidance based on the ongoing initiatives and Government priorities towards delivering water security in short, media and long term.

- They were taken through the process/methods for development of the water security action and investment plan for GKMA.

- A reflection on the roles and responsibilities of the leaders in respect to Water security was done.

Roles, Responsibilities & mandates of leaders in GKMA

a. Actively participation and contributing to this initiative by sharing the respective Council’s Interests – in respect to the integrated water security action and investment plan (IWASAIP) for GKMA.

b. Identify other ongoing projects/initiatives within the area that have similar objectives to WSAIP.

c. Spreading information to community members and council meetings about the IWASP.

d. Lobby for priorities investment opportunities

e. Support implementation of the IWASP Initiative/Project.
7) Validation meeting of the prioritized 10 project ideas/action for consideration in the Water security action and investment plan

- This meeting brought the leaders (both technical & political) up to step in respect to 10 priority project ideas (– through consultations and synthesis) to deliver water security in GKMA.

- Furthermore, to validate/confirm whether the project ideas if implemented will address the water security challenges in their respective locations.

- Further prioritized the top 3 project ideas for their area of jurisdiction;

- Solicited more detailed views and considerations for implementation, but also host pots where the interventions will be implemented.

Priority project ideas for integration in the action & Investment plan in GKMA

- i) Integrated Urban catchment management;
- ii) Scaling up solid waste management;
- iii) Accelerating access to adequate & equitable water supply
- iv) Urban forestry ecosystem management;
- v) Public-Private Partnerships for Feacal Sludge Management;
- vi) Wastewater management;
- vii) Sustainable management of Urban wetland systems;
- viii) Strengthening compliance industrial pollution control standards
- ix) Retrofitting Informal Settlements to enhance water security;
- x) Integrated Urban Flood Risk management
8) Consultation with the communities through field visits and barazas

This was done in **3 communities in GKMA (Kampala, Wakiso & Mukono)** and the objectives was to better understand the community issues and concerns in respect to water security so that these are integrated in the water security action & investment plan.

The interaction was through **community barazas** that actively involved the community members and the duty bearers. Thus, **the community barazas were held on 26th, 27th and 28th November, 2019 in communities of Nansana West IIA—Wakiso districts, Kasenge village—Mukono District and Katongo Zone—Ggaba parish—Kampala City.**

Thus, it provided opportunity for **awareness creations on various aspects of water security.**

It also enabled to **re-confirm whether the identified priority actions address the community issues/concerns when implemented and whether this will deliver community benefits.**
9) Area wide awareness through interactive radio programs

• This enabled **further sharing and dissemination** of the process/initiative and related concerns on water security in Greater Kampala.

• It was done through broadcasting **3 interactive radio programs** – that involved **Government (technical, political) and CSO representatives**. These radio program were broadcasted in Luganda and reached about 9 million people country-wide based on the listenership of the radio stations.

• The process has been documented. Thus, a **video documentary** is being compiled.

• Content for a **newsletter** has been gathered and this is being prepared for publication.
10) Key Results/Take home message from the interactions/consultations

A) The processes was empowering for the stakeholder representatives involved – in respect to enhanced knowledge and understanding of water security, stewardship, integrated water resources management.

B) Over all the stakeholders engaged through the consultations welcomed and supported the initiative of development and implementation of the Water security action and investment Plan.

C) Consultations with the community indicated that they are in agreement with the issues/challenges analyzed/described in the Plan.

D) They are in agreement with the 10 priority project ideas/actions identified for consideration in the Plan to address the Water security challenges in GKMA.

E) The leadership (i.e. political & technical) for Mukono district was not able to access Global Paper offices as part of the exposure visit to learn what the factory is doing and appreciate the challenges in respect to water resources and environment management. This requires further Private sector engagement at community level to build the trust & collaboration.

F) Need for more targeted awareness for better understanding and application of the concepts of integrated water resources management and water stewardship in GKMA and country at large – both national, local & community.

G) Ministry of Water and Environment and Partners should fast track establishment & operationalization of the Victoria and Kyoga Water Management Zone catchment institutional structures.
10) Key Results/Take home message from the interactions/consultations

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ii) Scaling up solid waste management;
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Top 3 priority project ideas – Mukono

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COMMUNITY BARAZA IN PICTURES.

Fig1. ED-Environmental Alert giving remarks during the meeting in Wakiso

Fig2. Participants from Wakiso listening to the discussion on Land management and its effect on Water security

Fig3. Community member raising an issues on water security during the Wakiso community Baraza

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The community baraza topical guide for the different communities.

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e) Political Leaders from GKMA
f) Local council leaders
g) Community members
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b) Uganda Forestry Working Group http://ufwg.envalert.org/;

c) The Standards Development Group; and

d) Promoting Local Innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resources management (PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network) http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda.

e) National Renewable Energy CSO network
12). About Environmental Alert

Scale of Implementation:

As at end of October 2019, EA led interventions reached 40 districts across the country (i.e. 20 in the Albertine graben --Arua, Nebbi, Koboko, Moyo, Adjumani, Maracha, Masindi, Hoima, Buliisa, Kagadi, Kyenjojo, Kibaale, Kasese, Bushenyi, Rubirizi, Mitooma, Rukingiri, Kabarole, Kisoro and Bundibugyo, Rakai); Kampala, Arua, Kyeggewa, Kyenjojo, Wakiso, Mukono, Jinja, Buikwe, Luweero, Isingiro, Rakai, Kyeggewa, Gulu, Masindi, Kabalore, Kyenjojo, …

- National level policy engagement on Agriculture and Environment and Natural Resources Management Issues
- Area wide issue based awareness engagements especially through print media and radio – thus, reached about 655,000 people (i.e. 400,000 through radio campaigns and 120,000 through print media & 130,000 through social media; & 5000 through Workshops).
- Maintained good relationship with key strategic partners to support & advance program implementation.

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