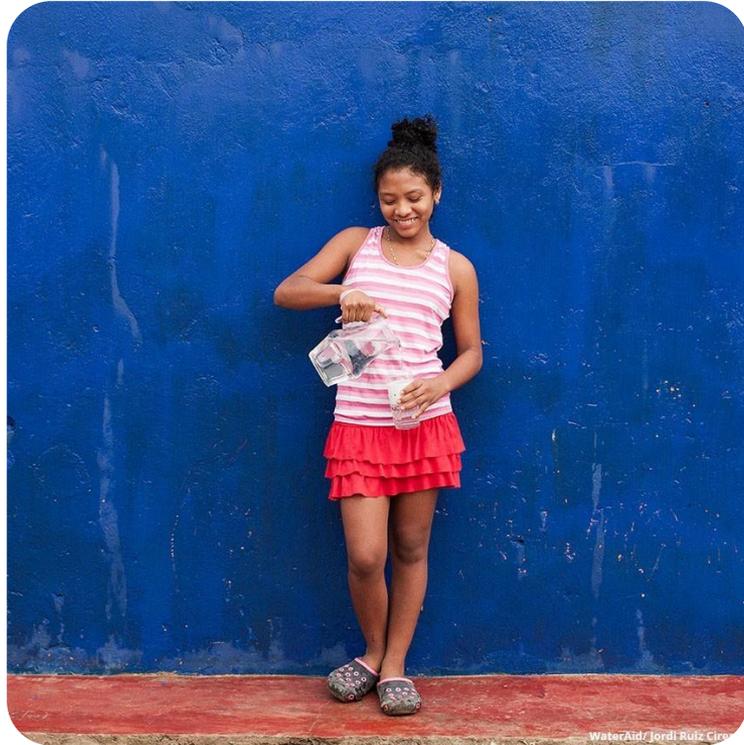


The coping mechanisms: are they working?

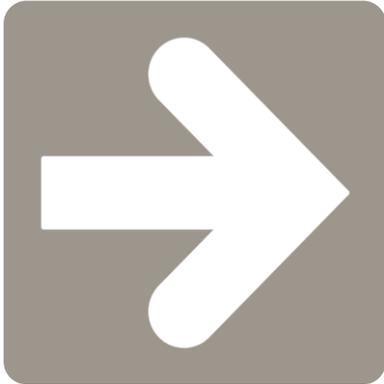
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The Situation



Nigeria is at the precipice of a water, sanitation and hygiene catastrophe. Despite the progress achieved between 1990 and 2015 for access rates to improved water sources, Nigeria has regressed with regard to access to piped water service

Access to piped water on premises in urban areas dropped from three in every 10 persons in 1990, to even less than one in 2015.

Presently, Thirty-three per cent (about 60 million) of people in Nigeria are currently living without adequate access to water; 67% (over 120 million people) do not have a decent toilet and 26% (about 47 million people) practice open defecation.

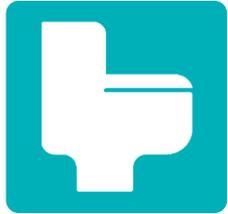
Interventions

Nigeria's declaration of a state of emergency in water and sanitation



In addition to declaring a state of emergency, the Federal government has also enacted enabling policies and programmes in the last three years towards achieving the goal of SDG 6.





Development of the Partnership for expanded WASH (PEWASH) policy 2016-2030. The PEWASH articulates the government's plans to reach 100% coverage for WASH services in rural areas. The document sets out a framework for coordination and investment among key sector stakeholders and across the three tiers of government.

The development of a National WASH Action Plan that sets out a 13-year strategy, including an 18-month emergency phase. It includes the establishment of a National WASH Fund for increased financial investment for WASH.

- ❖ A national sanitation road map 2025 which provides a guide towards achieving an open defecation free country



- ❖ A Water Bill for the proper regulation of water provision and use in the country The bill has passed the 3rd reading
- ❖ Improved coordination of sector actors through the National Task Group on Sanitation, revitalization of the task group on water quality, setting up the inter-ministerial committee on sanitation to facilitate high level engagements between relevant ministries, improved engagement with development partners, development of draft national monitoring framework {National WASH Information System (NAWIS) WASH information Management System (WASHIMS)}

The challenge

Despite these laudable steps a lot still needs to be done to ensure that Nigeria meets SDG 6 Goals by 2030 some of these include:

- ❖ Political will
- ❖ Improved funding for the sector, including plugging leakages to ensure the funds that do come to the sector are properly utilized,
- ❖ Better coordination of stakeholders - govt, donors, CSOs
- ❖ An effective monitoring system that includes a high level task force chaired by the minister and includes govt, bureaucrats, CSOs, the religious, traditional rulers, representatives of women, girls and people living with disabilities groups which meets monthly basis to track progress.
- ❖ Improved private sector involvement,
- ❖ Hygiene Behaviour Change programme that works and is sustainable



WaterAid's coping strategies

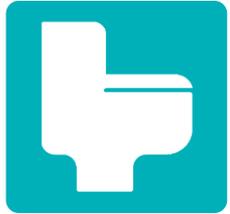
WaterAid, is throwing its weight behind this audacious step of the federal government to support the realisation of the expected goals of SDG 6.



Working from within and supporting Governments own efforts

- ❖ In the past we have tried influencing government by introducing programmes and approaches hoping we can convince them to buy into it. Currently, our strategy involves using the insider approach to influence government. We plan, learn, document and monitor with technical staff of the Ministries and this has proven to be very good tactic to influencing their thoughts and that of the decision makers. This effectively makes them our internal advocates to achieve our influencing objectives.
- ❖ Support coordination meetings, policy development, study tours etc
- ❖ Organised a breakfast meeting at the fringes of the HLPF to spotlight the Nigerian government's bold step in declaring a state of emergency in Water and Sanitation in Nigeria as well as learn lessons

WaterAid's coping strategies



Performance monitoring

- ❖ In order to address common data management challenges and to enhance performance monitoring and reporting of WASH outcomes, a management information systems for WASH have been developed and operationalized at the local, state and national levels. This is with the view to integrating all WASH-related data harnessed across all levels of government and multi sectors into a central repository that will inform policy formulation, planning and budgeting.
- ❖ WaterAid is supporting the National Water Information System (NAWIS) - the overall tool set up to collect and transmit real time data from The Water Sanitation & Hygiene National Outcome Routine Mapping (WASH-NORM) and Water Sanitation & Hygiene Management Information System (WASHIMS.) The Federal Ministry of Water Resources hosts the NAWIS.

Performance monitoring



- ❖ The Water Sanitation & Hygiene National Outcome Routine Mapping (WASH-NORM) is a structure that has been put in place to get routine (yearly) outcome data to fill the gap of data and statistics generated from JMP (Joint Monitoring Programme), GLAAS (Global Analysis and Assessment on Sanitation and Drinking-Water), MICS (Multiple indicator Cluster Survey) surveys which are often not routine. It is to provide up-to-date information on WASH statistics and aggregate data to inform subsequent surveys. Water Sanitation & Hygiene Management Information System (WASHIMS) is also a database and reporting system for WASH outcomes from rural, small towns and urban areas

Collaboration with national NGOs

Another coping mechanism is using our collaboration with national NGOs to address sensitive issues of governance. This is a result of our limitations as an international NGO to tackle certain issues head on. There are a number of emerging NGOs focused on addressing governance issues such as accountability and transparency. Therefore, they are better primed to challenge the government on issues of corruption that affect access to sanitation.

Working with highly influential donor agencies who play a big part in setting the sanitation agenda in Nigeria, have also helped in scaling some hurdles. International collaborations between WaterAid and other donor agencies is sometimes helpful in this regard. – Partnership with the World Bank



Influencing Behaviour Change

- ❖ **From CLTS to an emerging framework** - An emerging framework to achieving sustainable total sanitation is being developed. This framework provides an adaptive and composite approach to supporting households and communities to achieve sustainable, improved sanitation provision.
- ❖ **Introduction of Satopans-** These are affordable, durable toilets which cost a fraction of regular toilets
- ❖ **Linking our campaigns to epidemics and outbreaks** – When epidemics or outbreaks occur, for example Ebola, Lassa fever, monkey pox, cholera etc. all stakeholders especially government and the affected communities are more open to change and solutions. We therefore always use the opportunity of these outbreaks to push our sanitation campaigns and engage with government



Influencing Behaviour Change



Vote 4 WASH- Using the upcoming elections to mobilize citizens to demand for WASH from candidates. The candidates will be required to sign a pledge card accepting to improve WASH services should they be elected. These will be used to hold the candidates accountable to their promises should they win

Private sector involvement

- ❖ Member of the Private Sector Advisory Group towards agenda 2030 ...attaining the SDGs
- ❖ Influencing Private Sector interest and intervention in WASH
- ❖ Production of Satopans in Nigeria

Conclusions

The Water and Sanitation ‘war’ can be won in Nigeria if the following key actions are taken



- ❖ Governments at the state level prioritise WASH
- ❖ Donors, private sector and media prioritise WASH
- ❖ Greater coordination of ministries and parastatals to improve service provision and reduce duplication
- ❖ Increased funding for households to purchase toilets and entrepreneurs to become interested in the sanitation as a business



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