



KANO STATE: NIGERIA

COUNTRY: Nigeria
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Community members of the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) are being educated on sustainable irrigation practices through WADA activities

KEY PARTNERS:

- Coca-Cola Nigeria
- USAID/Nigeria
- Women Farmers Advancement Network
- Local government

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY:

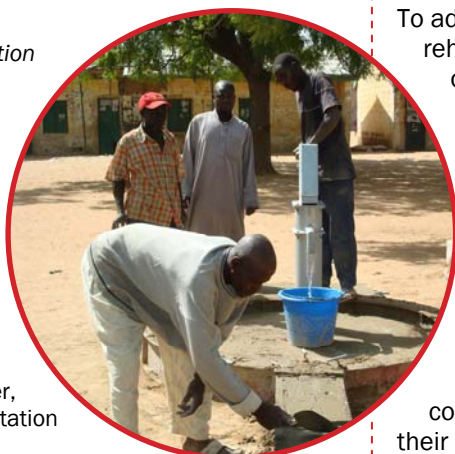
- Improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services and supporting income generation and livelihood enhancement in select communities in Kano State

BENEFICIARIES:

- Over 13,000 rural residents benefiting from improved water supply services
- 3,600 schoolchildren benefiting from improved sanitation services
- 40 households generating additional income
- 120 community members actively engaged in sustainable smallholder agricultural activities

ALLIANCE OBJECTIVES:

- **Water Supply and Sanitation Services**
 - Constructing and/or rehabilitating 42 water supply facilities
 - Constructing 18 handwashing facilities
 - Constructing 30 blocks of latrine and urinal compartments
 - Establishing and/or strengthening 18 Water, Environment, and Sanitation Committees
- **Hygiene and Sanitation Behavior**
 - Providing appropriate hygiene knowledge and training to 18 communities, 18 schools, and six health centers
- **Productive Use of Water**
 - Building capacity and supporting replication of improved agricultural practices for smallholder farming and increasing access to timely agricultural information and markets



The construction or rehabilitation of 42 rural water supply systems will serve over 13,000 local people

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO IMPROVING LIVES

In Kano State, the Water and Development Alliance (WADA) is working to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene services and support income generation and livelihoods. With focused efforts in six local government areas (LGAs) in Kano (Kabo, Nassarawa, Dala, Bichi, Gabasawa, and Kumbotso), WADA builds upon work already being done by partner organizations through investing in the construction of sustainable water supply and sanitation infrastructure, supporting community training in system sustainability and hygiene practices, and providing targeted support to farmers to increase production and improve access to markets.

Access to improved water and sanitation is a daily challenge for most Nigerians. The problem is particularly acute in the rural environment of Northern Nigeria, where only about 30 percent of the rural population has access to improved water services. This situation leads to a high prevalence of waterborne diseases, threatens the livelihoods of smallholder farmers, and contributes to low levels of school enrollment, especially among girls.

To address these challenges, WADA is constructing or rehabilitating 42 rural water supply systems that will serve over 13,000 people, and school-based sanitation infrastructure to benefit 3,600 schoolchildren. WADA is also supporting sustainability and poverty reduction by coupling water supply, sanitation and hygiene services with income generation and livelihood enhancement programs in two target locations. The partnership is working through a local implementing partner, the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), to educate community members about sustainable irrigation practices for crops that are in high-demand, such as tomatoes, peppers, corn, and cowpeas. WOFAN will then help farmers learn to market their crops more effectively to increase incomes.

Working in full collaboration with WADA, USAID/Nigeria, Coca-Cola Nigeria and local government partners, WOFAN is taking a comprehensive approach to improving lives by building local capacity in Kano and allowing community members to take ownership of all project components.