



KANO STATE

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Community members of the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) were educated on sustainable irrigation practices through WADA activities.

KEY PARTNERS:

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

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY:

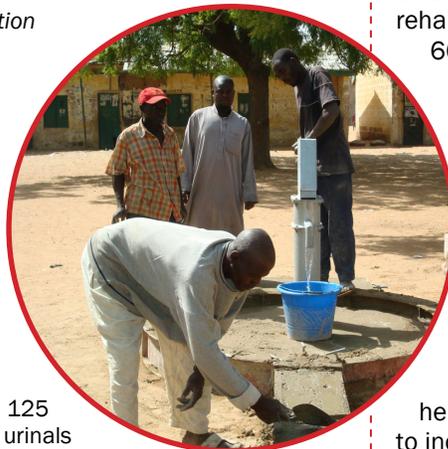
- Improved access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services and income generation and livelihood enhancement in select communities in Kano State

BENEFICIARIES:

- Over 66,000 rural residents benefited from improved water supply services
- 33,000 school children benefited from new sanitation facilities
- 40 households generated additional income
- 120 community members actively engaged in sustainable smallholder agricultural activities

ALLIANCE OBJECTIVES:

- **Water Supply and Sanitation Services**
 - Constructed or rehabilitated 38 water points including 19 boreholes, 16 tap extensions, three additional taps, and one open well
 - Constructed 22 handwashing facilities with rainwater harvesters
 - Constructed school-based VIP latrines with 125 compartments and 92 urinals
 - Established and/or strengthened 22 Water, Environment, and Sanitation Committees
- **Hygiene and Sanitation Behavior**
 - Provided appropriate hygiene knowledge and training to 18 schools and four health centers
- **Productive Use of Water**
 - Built capacity and supported replication of improved agricultural practices for smallholder farming and increased access to timely agricultural information and markets



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A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO IMPROVING LIVES

In Kano State, the Water and Development Alliance (WADA) worked 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 built 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 constructed or rehabilitated 38 rural water supply systems that serve over 66,000 people, and provided school-based sanitation infrastructure that benefits 33,000 schoolchildren.

WADA also supported 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 worked 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 has helped 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 took a comprehensive approach to improving lives by building local capacity in Kano and allowed community members to take ownership of all project components.