



School Wash programme improves hygiene and sanitation of 20 primary schools in Kampala

The SWASH project is a 60 months project that began July 2012 implemented by CIDI with support from WaterCan. The project is to be implemented in 20 schools and is aimed at improving access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene services of about 15,000 school children and communities of approximately 60,000 people in Lubaga Municipality so as to improve the living conditions of school children, teachers and all the surrounding communities.

In Kampala, the school sanitation coverage is as low as 32% with the pupil stance ratio estimated at 200:1 and hands washing estimated at only 12% which is far below the national average of 40:1 and 22% respectively (Joint sector review 2009)

That is why WaterCan in partnership with CIDI under the School Water Sanitation and Hygiene five year program (S-WASH) is going to implement in 20 schools, with the aim to improve access to Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services for 15,000 school children and approximately 60,000 people in Lubaga Division and all the surrounding communities.

In the first year of the project we have started with five schools which include; Mengo primary school, Kiddawalime preparatory school, Muslim girls' primary school, Grapa parents junior school and Namungoona Kigobe primary school.

In the second year of the project we worked with six schools; Up To Date Primary School, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Primary School, St. Joseph Mapeera Memorial, Bright Future Primary School, Kawaala Junior Primary School and God's Will Primary School.



And now in the third, we are working in four schools of Namirembe infant primary school, Mutundwe church of Uganda primary school, Cardinal Nsubuga Community School and Kabowa church of Uganda primary school.

Picture: School Children are taking part in a community clean up

Several activities have been carried out from the beginning of third year in Oct 2014 including; a baseline survey in all the four schools was done by CIDI. Environmental and Gender assessments in the schools were carried out and reports sent to WaterCan by the end of October 2014, mobilization and sensitization meeting, signed 4 memorandum of understanding (MoUs) with schools and the Division authorities witnessed by the Senior Education Officer of Lubaga municipality.