

## **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Component Report**

### **Executive Summary**

This report highlights the achievements and impact of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) component of a project aimed at enhancing the well-being of conflict-affected children in Madagali, Michika, Mubi North, and Gombi LGAs of Adamawa State. The project, implemented by Murmushi in partnership with CPPLI, with funding from the Nigeria Humanitarian Fund (NHF), took a comprehensive approach to address the needs of conflict-affected children, including WASH, child protection, and education.

### **Project Background**

The project, which ran from March 2024 to March 2025, recognized the devastating impact of conflict on children and sought to address their multifaceted needs. The WASH component was a critical aspect of the project, acknowledging the importance of access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in promoting the health and well-being of children.

### **WASH Activities Conducted**

The WASH activities conducted under the project included:

- Refurbishment of segregated toilets: The project aimed to refurbish 4 segregated toilets, but exceeded expectations by renovating 6 toilets across the 4 LGAs using the same budget. The refurbished toilets were designed to promote hygiene and safety, with separate facilities for boys and girls.
- Rehabilitation of hand pumps boreholes: The project rehabilitated 4 hand pumps boreholes across the 4 LGAs and upgraded them into solar-powered boreholes with overhead tanks using the same budget. The upgraded boreholes provide a reliable source of clean water for the communities.
- Provision of security lamp poles: Initially intended for the toilets, the security lamp poles were installed at the water points based on suggestions from the SBMCs, as schools operate during the day. The lamp poles enhance safety and security at the water points.

### **Achievements and Impact**

The WASH activities conducted under the project have had a significant impact on the lives of children and the communities at large. Some of the key achievements include:

- Improved access to clean water and sanitation facilities: The refurbished toilets and upgraded boreholes have improved access to clean water and sanitation facilities, promoting a healthy environment for children to learn and grow.
- Enhanced safety and security: The provision of security lamp poles at the water points has enhanced safety and security, reducing the risk of accidents and injuries.
- Increased community engagement: The project has promoted community engagement and participation in WASH activities, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members.

## **Challenges and Lessons Learned**

Despite the successes, the project faced some challenges, including:

- Limited scope for new construction: The project's funding required the renovation of existing structures, both in terms of toilets and boreholes, rather than establishing new ones. This limited the project's ability to expand access to WASH facilities in the targeted communities.
- Security concerns: The renovated facilities are located in schools that lack adequate security measures, making them vulnerable to theft and vandalism. This highlights the need for community-led initiatives to secure and maintain the facilities.

## **Conclusion**

The WASH component of the project has been successful in improving access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities in the targeted communities. The project's achievements demonstrate the importance of investing in WASH infrastructure to promote the well-being of children and communities. The lessons learned from this project can inform future WASH initiatives, highlighting the need for community engagement, careful planning, and prioritization of activities.

## **Recommendations**

Based on the project's achievements and challenges, some recommendations for future WASH initiatives include:

- Community-led security initiatives: Future projects should prioritize community-led initiatives to secure and maintain WASH facilities, recognizing the critical role that community members play in promoting the sustainability of these initiatives.
- Innovative solutions for expanding access: Future projects should explore innovative solutions for expanding access to WASH facilities, including the use of new technologies and community-led construction initiatives.



# Photo Gallery



Before renovation Gombi



After renovation Gombi



Before renovation Gombi



After renovation Gombi





Before renovation Mubi



After renovation Mubi



Before renovation Mubi



Before renovation Mubi



Before renovation Madagali



After renovation Madagali



After renovation Michika



After renovation Michika





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