

Creating an Enabling Environment

Liberia's eThekwini Commitments
Since 2008

The Commitments – 2008

1. Liberia committed to implementing a total of 14 Country Commitments on Sanitation during the 1st AfricaSan Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. Monitoring of the Commitments in 2014 revealed the following situation:
 - ❑ 5 Commitments had made “Good Progress”
 - ❑ 3 Commitments in “Process”
 - ❑ 5 Commitments with “Little Progress
 - ❑ 1 Commitment with “No Information”

2. Sanitation Commitment covered a rural (52%) and urban (48%) population

Leadership

1. Policy and implementation lies in several Ministries and Agencies of Government:
 - ❑ **Ministry of State for Presidential Affairs: The Office of the President's PDU**, provided the required governance and coordination of the public entities involved.
 - ❑ Urban sanitation (solid waste) disposal by the **Monrovia City Corporation in Monrovia**
 - ❑ **Municipalities** (other cities) implement solid waste management and human excreta disposal activities
 - ❑ **Ministry of Health** leads the implementation of rural sanitation (human waste disposal) through CLTS and oversees WASH in health facilities
 - ❑ **Ministry of Education** oversees WASH in Schools
 - ❑ The **Liberia Water & Sewer Corporation** implements urban sanitation (human waste and waste water disposal) in Monrovia; to extend to 6 other cities
 - ❑ **Ministry of Public Works** supports rural sanitation (CLTS) and coordinates activities of all sector partners in sanitation



Ministry of Health

(Rural Sanitation) – CLTS
Ministry of Public Works
INGO & NGO Partners
WASH in Health Facilities

Ministry of Education

WASH in Schools
(Ministry of Public Works)

**Municipalities
Rural-Urban Cities**
(Solid Waste Management)

**Ministry of State
for Presidential
Affairs: General
Governance.**

**Liberia Water & Sewer
Corporation**
(Human & Liquid Waste
Management In
Monrovia)

**Monrovia City
Corporation**
(Solid Waste
Management)

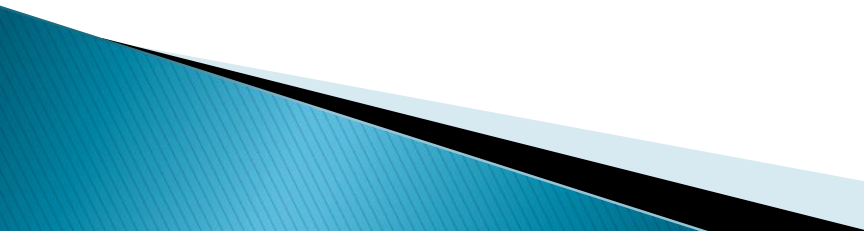
**Ministry of Public
Works**
Coordinator of WASH

Improving Partnerships and Multi-sector Stakeholder Coordination: **National Level**


1. National Fora:

- ❑ National Coordination Sessions, including meetings.
- ❑ Participation in formulation of sanitation policies, standards and the execution of one national plan (Sector Strategic Plan) with several strategies
- ❑ Sustained financial and logistical support to National WASH Coordination Secretariat
- ❑ Cross-fertilization of support across partners funded programs in sanitation


Improving Partnerships and Multi-sector Stakeholder Coordination: **Sub-National Level**

- Active participation of County CLTS Technical Units in Triggering, Open Defecation Free (ODF) and Celebrations
 - Natural Leaders in CLTS and other community initiatives, i.e. hand pump repairs and soap making
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Drivers for Action

1. The hard evidence of impact from self-sustaining community action
 2. A successful Coordination & Partnership platform
 3. The high political advocacy for WASH
 4. Unflinching support to local Partnership arrangements
 5. Greater understanding and support to change agents at this level of action
 6. Support from global sanitation network, especially CLTS
 7. Impact of the Ebola Virus Disease on Liberia
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Sample Success Story

- ❑ 313+ communities verified open defecation free (82.2% of 381 total triggered communities)
 - ❑ 73% of ODF communities maintained that status for one year
 - ❑ Zero cases of Ebola reported 284 ODF communities
 - ❑ Six district-level natural leader networks established, comprised of 582 natural leaders in total
 - ❑ 114,049 individuals gained access to improved sanitation facilities and practice safe hygiene
 - ❑ 112 CLTS ambassadors trained
 - ❑ 50 entrepreneurs active in WASH commerce
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Lessons Learnt

- ▶ **Government:** Creating the enabling environment on the part of The Government of Liberia (GOL) for the operations of partners.
- ▶ **Local Communities:** The local communities' acceptance and cooperation with both the GOL and implementing partners
- ▶ **Partners and Implementing Agencies:** The provision of the required funding and craftsmanship as well as implementation of all programmes.
- ▶ **All:** Coordination and collaboration of all actors play a very good role in the achievements of stated goals and objectives.

Going Forward

1. No stand-alone projects, WASH with all integrated implementation:
 - ❑ WASH in Schools
 - ❑ WASH in Health Facilities
 - ❑ WASH in urban Slums
 - ❑ WASH in rural Communities
 2. Hygiene Promotion:
 - ❑ Hand washing facilities at all public places, including public facilities
 3. Sector Coordination focused at decentralized levels
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Thanks

Q&A