

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Before the COVID-19 outbreak, 7 out of 10 schools worldwide had no access to basic handwashing facilities. Half of them lacked basic water and sanitation services. In Sub-Saharan Africa, this situation affected 295 million children*.

From 2012 to 2019, the Football for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (F4WASH) programme addressed this situation by providing access to sustainable WASH facilities and football-based life skills education at schools in Mozambique, Kenya and Ghana. F4WASH succeeded in achieving positive hygiene behavioural change among school children and their communities. Special attention was given to girls' participation in sports and access to Menstrual Hygiene Management education and facilities. This led to increasing girls' school attendance and performance.

F4WASH also tackled the sustainability challenge of WASH in School (WinS) programmes by developing local systems to operate and maintain WASH services. This ensured the commitment of the authorities and school management.



Thanks to F4WASH, almost 470,000 children from 749 schools received football-based life skills education and improved access to sustainable WASH facilities. But the work is not done. We want to embed this approach in national education systems and in WinS initiatives in Ghana and Kenya. By sharing lessons learned, we hope to promote this approach in other countries.

We are looking for partners to bring F4WASH to the next level, especially funders of WASH programmes, government bodies (local and national), civil society actors, sports and development organisations, community and school WASH programmes, and the private sector.

**For more information,
please visit footballforwater.org**

THE IMPACT OF FOOTBALL FOR WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



ACCESS TO SAFE WATER & SANITATION

Children have access to safe, clean and fully operational water and sanitation facilities at schools. Facilities are low-maintenance and properly operated.



GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT & IMPROVED SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Increased girls' school attendance and performance by providing education on Menstrual Hygiene Management to all pupils and ensuring girls' participation in football training and competitions.



FOOTBALL-BASED LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION

WorldCoaches - school teachers or community members - give children life skills education using football training and role models. Football competitions for boys and girls are regularly organised to promote hygiene behaviour.



ACCESS TO HANDWASHING & HYGIENE FACILITIES

Sufficient and operational handwashing facilities with running water and soap were built near toilets and classrooms, to stimulate positive hygiene behaviour. Dedicated washrooms are available for girls.



SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Training on financial management and cost-recovery planning for schools and governments. Developing innovative income generating models to maintain WASH facilities in schools.



SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

Children learn about WASH and health in a fun, active way. They translate this knowledge into habits, which are the foundation of a sustained positive hygiene behaviour.



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SCHOOLS WITH WASH FACILITIES



469,018

PUPILS WITH LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION AND IMPROVED WATER AND SANITATION



749

SCHOOLS WITH LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION



736,370

PEOPLE REACHED WITH HYGIENE AWARENESS

PROGRAMME RESULTS IN GHANA, KENYA AND MOZAMBIQUE (2012-2019)

FOOTBALL FOR WASH	SCHOOLS SERVED WITH WASH PACKAGE	SCHOOL CHILDREN REACHED	COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SECTOR STAFF REACHED	TOTALS PER COUNTRY
KENYA	264	193,480	90,332	283,812
MOZAMBIQUE	170	160,997	99,071	260,068
GHANA	315	114,541	77,950	192,491
TOTAL	749	469,018	267,352	736,370