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Viva con Agua Uganda is delighted to bring you an update on the **Global WASH Program** and **the All4WASH in School Program**. The Global WASH Program is a shared initiative to ensure access to clean water and sanitation, a basic human right declared by the UN General Assembly in 2010. This program is a collaborative effort between **Malteser International**, the **German Toilet Organization (GTO)**, **Care and Assistance for Forced Migrant (CAFOMI)**, **WASH United**, and us, Viva con Agua (VcA) Uganda.

Despite global efforts, nearly 2 billion people still lack access to managed drinking water, and 3.6 billion people are without safely managed sanitation. To address this, the Global WASH Program is actively working in India, Nepal, and Uganda, using innovative approaches of Making Rights Real and WASH systems strengthening.

The primary goal of **the program is to support governments to fulfill their mandates to provide water and sanitation services to all their citizens.** We have a special focus on Uganda, where we are working diligently to make a difference.

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Progress of the Global WASH Program

Over the past year, we have made significant strides in our Global WASH Program. We have supported the training of 33 local government officials on the 2020 National Operation and Maintenance framework, strengthened the coordination of WASH partners through stakeholder mapping and analysis, and conducted WASH coordination meetings.

We have also promoted community engagement via radio talk shows and increased awareness about the responsibilities of communities in WASH development and management. We have encouraged high-level dialogue on WASH in Uganda through a national breakfast meeting with the Ministry of Water and Environment, Ministry of Health, UWASNET, and UPF-WASH. We organized exchange visits for local government officials to learn about the WASH systems strengthening approach and trained 62 local government officials in WASH data monitoring and collection as per the harmonized WASH

indicators.

Looking Ahead

In the future, we will continue to support the Ministry of Water and Environment to operationalize the 2020 National Operation and Maintenance Framework in Bundibugyo and Ntoroko Districts. We will also facilitate coordination and consultative engagements between the Central Government and Ntoroko and Bundibugyo District Local Governments on WASH services for all.

Stories of Impact

Through our WASH coordination meetings, we are strengthening the capacity of local governments to coordinate WASH sector partners. Community engagement between right holders and duty bearers has initiated vital conversations on water tariffs, user fees, and quality of WASH services. Furthermore, local musicians and drama groups are creating songs and dramas on WASH as human rights and community feedback and accountability mechanisms.

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Together, we are making a difference and ensuring that access to clean water and sanitation becomes a reality for all. Let us continue to make rights real!







Introducing the A4W in Schools Program

At Viva con Agua Uganda, we have launched the A4W in Schools Program for the period 2023 – 2025. This comprehensive initiative is our response to the pressing need for improved access to Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services in schools within the KCCA and Wakiso District.

Our approach is

community-wide, focusing on sensitizing target schools, fostering connections, and building joint responsibility. We believe that by working together, we can ensure sustained access to WASH facilities for our students.

To enhance the relevance and effectiveness of the A4W in Schools program, we conducted a Learning Needs Assessment for our staff. The insights gained from this assessment led us to organize a training workshop with a thematic focus on Monitoring and Evaluation. This training was designed to equip our staff with the necessary knowledge, skills, and practical experience in Monitoring and Evaluation, enabling them to deliver impactful results for our beneficiaries and communities.

We also place a strong emphasis on the development and implementation of knowledge management. This allows us to assess the impact of our program and scale up our results to other areas, thereby enabling more schools to have access to water.

Our program has already achieved several key deliverables, including the development of content and training methodology, engagement in training platforms, delivery and facilitation of interactive training, daily training assessments, post-training evaluation, and the preparation of a final training report.

At Viva con Agua Uganda, we are committed to improving WASH facilities in schools and fostering a healthier and more conducive learning environment for students. We believe that the A4W in Schools Program is a significant step towards achieving this goal.

Regards, VcA Uganda Team

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