

# COMMUNITY-LED ACCELERATED WASH (COWASH) PROJECT PHASE III (2016-2019)

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Interpretation
AfDB	African Development Bank
BoE	Bureau of Education
BoFED	Bureau of Finance and Economic Development
BoH	Bureau of Health
BoWA	Bureau of Women Affairs
BSc	Bachelor of Science
BSGR	Benishangul-Gumuz Region
CB	Capacity Building
CH	Channel
CMP	Community Managed Project
COWASH	Community Led Accelerated WASH in Ethiopia
CR	Climate Resilient
CSA	Central Statistic Agency
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CWA	Consolidated WASH Account
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)
EoF	Embassy of Finland
ETB	Ethiopian Birr
EUR	Euro
FinnWASH-BG	Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Programme in Benishangul-Gumuz Region
FTAT	Federal Technical Assistance Team
GIS	Geographic Information System
GLOWS	Guided Learning of Water and Sanitation
GoE	Government of Ethiopia
GoF	Government of Finland
GTP	Growth and Transformation Plan
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
HRD	Human Resource Development
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
METB	Million Birr
MEUR	Million Euros
MFA	Ministry for Foreign Affairs (of Finland)
MFI	Microfinance Institution
MoE	Ministry of Education
MoFEC	Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoWIE	Ministry of Water, Irrigation & Electricity
MSc	Master of Science
MSF	Multi-Stakeholder Forum
NBE	National Bank of Ethiopia
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NWCO	National WASH Coordination Office
NWI	National WASH Inventory
NWSC	National WASH Steering Committee
NWTT	National WASH Technical Team
ODF	Open Defecation Free
ODI	Overseas Development Institute

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
O&MM	Operation and Maintenance Management
ORDA	Organization for Rehabilitation and Development in Amhara
OWNP	One WASH National Program
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy
PIM	Project Implementation Manual
POM	Program Operational Manual
RPS	Rural Piped Scheme
RSU	Regional Support Unit
RWCO	Regional WASH Coordination Office
RWSC	Regional WASH Steering Committee
RWSEP	Rural Water Supply and Environment Programme
SM	Sanitation Marketing
SNNPR	Southern Nations & Nationalities Peoples Region
TA	Technical Assistance
TOFED	Town Office of Finance and Economic Development
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
ZOFED	Zone Office of Finance and Economic Development
WASH	Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene
WASHCO	Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Committee
WB	The World Bank
WIF	WASH Implementation Framework
WOFED	Woreda Office of Finance and Economic Development
WP	Water Point
WRDF	Water Resource Development Fund
WSP	Water Safety Plan

## PROJECT PROFILE

Project Title	Community-Led Accelerated WASH(COWASH), Phase III	
Sector	Social Development	
Sub-sector	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	
Project Area	76 Districts of five Administrative Regions of Ethiopia (Amhara, Tigray, SNNPR, Oromia & BSGR)	
Duration	Phase III from August 2016 to July 2019	
Project Financing	Total	EUR 40 Million
		ETB 880 Million
	Government of Finland(GoF)	EUR 12.7 Million grant
		ETB 279 Million grant
	Government of Ethiopia(GoE)	EUR 23.3 Million
		ETB 513 Million
Beneficiary Community	EUR 4 Million	
	ETB 88 Million	
Competent Authorities	Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation(MoFEC)	
	Bureau of Finance and Economic Development (BoFED) of Amhara, Tigray, Oromia, Southern Region and Benishangul-Gumuz National Regional States	
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (MFA)	
Lead implementing agencies and programme oversight	Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity (MoWIE) Water Resources Development Bureaus of Amhara, Tigray, Oromia, Southern Nations & Nationalities Peoples and Benishangul-Gumuz National Regional States in association with regional WASH partners: Bureau of Health (BoH) and Bureau of Education (BoE) and Bureau of Women Affairs (BoWA)	
	National WASH Steering Committee, Regional WASH Steering Committee, Zone WASH Team, Woreda WASH Team	
Overall Objective	To achieve universal access to WASH in the rural areas of Ethiopia	
Project Purpose	To support the acceleration of Universal Access Plan-rural water, sanitation and hygiene targets attainment through the establishment of an enabling environment and the implementation of CMP interventions in selected rural areas of Ethiopia	
Exchange rate	1 EUR equals to 22 ETB	

## 1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of COWASH Phase III is *"improved health, women's equal access to and control over WASH management and related entrepreneurship in the program Areas by 2019"*. This achievement is measured by the reduction in under 5 mortality rate in target woredas, and by reduction in under 5 diarrhea incidences in target woredas.

Project objective is to contribute to the achievement of the second Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II) targets for WASH sectors in Ethiopia by 2019 by using Community Managed Project (CMP) approach.

Project outcomes are the following: (In annex 1 the outputs of each outcome are presented in detailed)

1. Increased climate resilient community and institutional water supply access coverage (GTP II standards, including water quality) in the target Woredas in 5 Project Regions by 2019.
2. Increased community, institutional sanitation & hygiene access coverage (GTP II), in the target Woredas in 5 program Regions by 2019. The related outputs are:
3. Increased functionality and sustainability (O&M) of built WASH facilities through improved service delivery in the target Woredas in 5 project Regions by 2019. The related outputs are:
4. Women's empowerment and leadership achieved through WASH related activities in the 5 project Regions by 2019. The related outputs are:
5. Project Implementation effectively managed by Federal TA.

COWASH Phase III framework bi-lateral agreement between Finland and Ethiopia has been signed between the MoFEC and MFA. COWASH Phase III is implemented in 5 regions of Amhara, Tigray, SNNP, Oromia and Benishangul-Gumuz regions. Separate regional bi-lateral agreements have been also signed between MFA and BoFEC of each region. Separate technical assistance provision agreement has been signed by the MFA with Ramboll Finland consulting company. In each region Regional Water Bureaus employ Regional Support Unit (RSU) which facilitates the COWASH implementation in regions. Each regional sector bureau will assign COWASH focal person to lead COWASH implementation in the sector area. At woreda level the Woreda Water Office is the main office to implement COWASH and nominates CMP Supervisor to facilitate COWASH implementation and Finance, Health, Education and Women Affairs offices assign woreda level focal person for COWASH. The funds for physical implementation (investments) and most of the operational costs are allocated from the regional governments. Finland's contribution is mainly used for capacity building.

## 2 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE EXPECTED RESULTS

COWASH Phase III started on August 1, 2016. Therefore the first quarter report covers only the first two months (July-Sep 2016) of COWASH Phase III implementation. These two months the project focus at federal level was for project mobilization and project preparation as part of the inception phase. In general the targets set for federal level were achieved. The federal level plans and achievements in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2016/2017 fiscal year are presented in Annex 1. At Region level the focus was on the completion of rolled over activities from the Phase II and planning for the phase III as well as for the year 2016/2017 according to the instructions and assistance provided from the federal level.

Major challenges during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter implementation were the civil unrest and violent demonstrations in Amhara and Oromia. Movement to the woredas was restricted and forbidden and therefore the data collection of achievements of the last year of Phase II was delaying the reporting.

The final results framework of Phase III was under development and therefore the reporting against revised result framework could not be done in this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report.

Regional annual plans were not yet finalized in the quarter 1 and therefore reporting against the regional plans cannot be presented in this report.

## 3 RESOURCES AND BUDGET

The Federal level budget plan for Phase III was developed based on the Consultant's tender. The total Federal level consultant's Phase III budget is EUR 2,329,900. This is divided into Fee budget and reimbursable budget as follows:

Fee:	EUR 1,155,900
Reimbursable:	EUR 1,174,000

The final Phase III budget of federal component was designed so that the planned and actual figures in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter are same as the actual figures came available during the planning stage. This facilitated proper planning for the remaining part of Phase III. The Federal budget for the quarter 1 was EUR 120,887 and the same amount was used. Fee usage from annual budget is 14 % and reimbursable usage 11 %. Details are presented in Annex 3.

The region level operations were financed from the rolled over funds from Phase II. The rolled over funds per region were the following:

Amhara	Birr	9,889,460
Oromia	Birr	3,546,092
SNNP	Birr	4,036,499
Tigray	Birr	4,249,603
<u>Benishangul-Gumuz</u>	<u>Birr</u>	<u>10,576,064</u>
TOTAL	Birr	32,297,718

## **4 ASSUMPTIONS AND RISKS**

COWASH Phase III risks have been validated for the up-coming future. Refer to Annex 2.

Anyhow the country experienced during the reporting period political instability. Communication and movement was restricted. Violent demonstrations were experienced in Amhara and Oromia and in one woreda (Dembia) water office was burned. Embassy of Finland conducted CTA meetings and preparedness plan for COWASH was drafted.

## **5 SUSTAINABILITY**

Social, environmental and climate risk screening and management guideline was prepared. The implementation of this guideline will help to sustain the CMP water schemes and make them climate resilient. Analysis on how to ensure adequate CMP approach implementation in high technology rural piped scheme construction started during the quarter. This analysis will identify the appropriate needs to maintain CMP and this in turn will strengthen the sustainability.

## **6 LESSONS LEARNED, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Phase III has been planned based on the lessons and recommendations of COWASH Phase II.