



SOCIETY FOR WATER & SANITATION (NEWSAN)

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OUR VISION

To promote and strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders on policies, laws, programmes and structures that will enhance access to safe and clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.

ABOUT SOCIETY FOR WATER AND SANITATION

The Society for Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN), a coordinating network of over 300 Civil Society Organisations, Non-Governmental Organisations and Community Based Organisations in water, sanitation and hygiene spread over six geopolitical zones of Nigeria. Our mandate is to ensure access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities for all Nigerians.

This Is Being Achieved through Our Focus Areas Outlined below:

1. Policy influencing, advocacy and communications
2. Network capacity building and coordination for effective NEWSAN service delivery sector
3. Research and knowledge sharing of best practice models for improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene
4. Governance, Accountability and Transparency in NEWSAN sector
5. Public Private Partnership towards achieving access to NEWSAN

A National Civil Society Consultative Meeting on Water and Sanitation was held from 3-4th December 2003 at the Conference Hall of Heinrich Boell Foundation (HBF) in Lagos. The meeting attracted over thirty-five

participants from 16 Civil Society Organizations in Nigeria.

The meeting was convened to establish a collaborative Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation and strengthen their engagement in the water and sanitation sector in Nigeria. It was also to build the capacity of participants on the Presidential water initiative, examine the national policy on water and sanitation with a view to mainstreaming Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) activities towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals on water and sanitation as well as draw up a road map for improving water and sanitation services which guarantees their availability and accessibility.

At the end of the Lagos meeting a National Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation (NEWSAN) was established. ANEEJ was designated as the National Secretariat and produced the National coordinator. Zonal coordinators drawn from the six geo-political zones were also elected to form the National Steering Committee.

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Over 1 billion people outside the United States do not have access to clean, safe drinking water.
- 3.4 million people die each year from scarce and contaminated water sources.
- Millions of women and children spend several hours each day collecting water from distant and polluted sources.
- The time it takes to walk the average 3.7 miles for clean water is time not spent working at an income-generating job, caring for family members, or attending school.
- At any given time, half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by patients suffering from diseases associated with lack of access to clean water.
- Without it, survival is not possible. Yet, in 2018, more than 1 billion people still wake up each morning with zero access to clean

water sources. This means that millions of vulnerable families around the world do not drink, cook, or bathe with clean water — a basic natural resource that we too often take for granted here at home.

- Furthermore, there is a huge injustice in the developing world. For most rural schools and communities, access to clean water depends on outside NGOs (nonprofit organizations) purchasing or "giving" a well. However, there are millions of schools and communities that do not have access to nonprofit agencies or local government support. We must then ask ourselves: "How can we make water available for all?" Something must be done.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES & KEY OUTCOMES

Strategic Objective 1

To engage governments, development agencies, private sector and other relevant stakeholders for the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene services towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number six.

Strategic Objective 2

To create awareness and promote improved access to sanitation coverage
Engage on unrelenting campaign to achieve Sanitation for all through awareness campaign, capacity building of communities, Training for communities on Village Level Operational Maintenance (VLOM) and how to build improved toilet facilities by NEWSAN members at the state levels, Promote innovative ideas on new toilet systems and best practices in sanitation.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Increase in number of communities with household with latrines.
2. Increase in number of households with improved latrines.

3. Increased number of communities with Open Defecation Free (ODF) status

Strategic Objective 3

To strengthen the capacity of NEWSAN members on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), advocacy,

Strategic Objectives 4

To mobilise, sensitise and create awareness amongst people on SDGs and other WASH related issues

Strategic Objective 5

To support inclusiveness of gender and persons with disabilities (PWDs) mainstreaming in aspects of WASH policies and programmes.

Strategic Objective 6

To strengthen NEWSAN's institutional capacity to efficiently/effectively deliver WASH programmes.

PARTNERSHIP/COLLABORATION

We implemented a five-year Governance and Transparency Fund (GTF) project with funding support of UKAid through Department for International Development (DFID).

As a national network and directly through our members, we have established successful working relationships and partnerships with reputable organisations such as UNICEF, World Bank, UN, USAID, ActionAid, UNDP, WaterAid, End Water Poverty, African Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEWS), Foundation for Partnership Initiatives in Niger Delta (PIND), WASH Media Network etc to advocate, influence, carry out campaigns, workshops, monitor and implement projects on water, sanitation and hygiene.

NEWSAN is an active member of the National

Task Group on Sanitation (NTGS), the statutory body mandated by the Federal Government of Nigeria to oversee water, sanitation and hygiene issues in the country in addition to serving on the National WASH Emergency Group Committee charged with WASH oversight functions during emergencies and national disasters.

NEWSAN has recently been appointed as the SWA (Sanitation Water for All) CSOs Focal Point for Nigeria. Below is a list of our most recent and ongoing programmes and activities.

KOGI STATE CHAPTER

NEWSAN Kogi chapter held a stakeholders' capacity building on hygiene promotion tagged "Re-strategise to tackle OD IN Kogi State on the 17th January 2020 in Lokoja with the aim of advocating for ODF Kogi state. In attendance were representatives from CSOs, MDAs, Media, Religious and community leaders.

The meeting essentially focussed on promoting good hygiene and getting Kogi state stakeholders to key into the President Muhammadu Buhari's agenda on ending open defecation by 2025 in the country.



IMO STATE CHAPTER

The Imo state NEWSAN chapter on the 30th January 2020 paid an advocacy visit to the permanent secretary Imo State Ministry of Water Resources Owerri to push for the full implementation and operationalisation of the water policy and Water Supply and Sanitation Law.



STAKEHOLDERS MEETING HELD AT AKWANGA NASARAWA STATE

Stakeholders at the WSSCC supported development of the NEWSAN 2020-2025 Strategic Plan workshop held at the Kini Country Guest Inn Akwanga Nasarawa State from 26th -29th February 2020.



NEWSAN ENGAGEMENT

NEWSAN Chapter engaged the commissioner of Water Resources in furtherance to her campaign towards eradication of open defecation in Kogi state @ his office in Lokoja on the 5th March 2020



NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENT WATCH FOUNDATION

An Abia State chapter member –Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation carried out sanitation and hygiene promotion outreach at a primary school in Aba on the 6th March 2020. This is the case of catch them “young”. To read more:
<https://oderanews.com/2020/03/07/neighborhood-environment-watch-foundation-visit-schools-in-abia-state>



IMO STATE CHAPTER

The Imo state chapter also inaugurated of customer service chapter development committee in the state and the network was represented on the 12th March 2020.



BENUE STATE CHAPTER

The Chapter organised a two day capacity strengthening workshop for her members which was in support of United Purpose on WASH emergencies and how to access and manage Donor funds. The training had 30 participants and was held in Makurdi state on the 12th to 14th March 2020.



TARABA STATE CHAPTER

Taraba Chapter on the 19th March 2020 paid advocacy to the Ministry of Urban and town development ministry of environment and TAWASCO to solicit for collaboration for free unhygienic environment and request for reactivation of monthly Sanitation and Sanitary inspector's to enhance cleanliness in State.



ZAMFARA STATE CHAPTER

NEWSAN Chapter in Zamfara State conducted handwashing training in collaboration with Save the Children Foundation in Gusau Zamfara state on the 19th March 2020.



World Water Day 2020 celebration in Taraba State by NEWSAN and the occasion was used to launch the customer service chapter and covid-19 handwashing campaign on 24th March 2020



ROUNDTABLE MEDIA CHAT- TARABA STATE

Taraba chapter held a round table media chat at Jalingo the state capital with Ministry of Urban and Town, Water Resource, NAN, CODE, NTA, NCWS, MD TAWASCO, AIT, TTV and CSO Coalition to create awareness to public on effective WASH and COVID-19 on 27th March 2020.



COVID-19 AWARENESS

The National Executive committee member –Sec General creating awareness on staying safe during COVID-19 Pandemic in Abakalika Ebonyi State on the 29th March 2020.





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