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AFYAPLUS 3rd WASH GALA

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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Partners and all stakeholders

I am writing on behalf of the Afyaplus organization to express our heartfelt appreciation for your unwavering support of the Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala held on March 24th, 2023. Your generous donations have been crucial in enabling us to continue our mission of serving the community.

Our goal with this initiative is to promote hygiene and health among students by providing access to water services and construction of handwashing facilities in 30 schools of the Iringa region. Together, we can make a significant difference and improve the lives of more than 10000 school children.

The Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala was resounding success, thanks to the collaboration of stakeholders from various sectors who came together to find sustainable solutions for improving WASH services in Iringa. Once again, we extend our deepest gratitude for your support and we are looking forward to continuing our work with you in the future.

with thanks

Suzan Yumbe
Executive Director

ABOUT AFYAPLUS 3rd WASH GALA

Afyaplus Organization marks International World Water Day every year by preparing a special event known as the Afyaplus WASH Gala. This year's 3rd WASH Gala was held on March 24th, 2023, with the theme **"It's Either Water or Water"**.

The main objective of the Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala was to bring together various stakeholders to find sustainable solutions for improving WASH services in Iringa and raise funds to construct handwashing stations in 30 schools across the region, where eight children can wash their hands simultaneously. This initiative aims to reduce the time spent fetching water and promote good health practices, ultimately leading to improved school attendance and performance.

The event took place at the Masiti Grand Hall at Gangilonga in Iringa and was graced by the Deputy Minister for Water, Hon. Eng. Maryprisca Mahundi (MP), as the guest of honor. The event was a great success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of all those involved.



Fig 1: Miss Igane Sarah Abinelly, Director of Maternity Winners, sharing insights on improving WASH services in schools during Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala.

AFYAPLUS 3rd WASH GALA PARTNERS



Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala is a hundred percent partner's contributions and we would like to thank the entire partners for their tireless contributions to improving WASH services in schools.

Through this event we have managed to raise a total fund of 23,562,500 whereby 4,300,000 are cash, 9,282,500 are In-kind contributions and 9,980,000 are pledges.

Mentioning the names of partners who supported Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala include Coca-Cola company, Lyra in Africa, Makutano TV, Skyline Company, Mount Royal Villa, Agronomos sin fronteras, Ruwasa, Iruwasa, World Vision, and Crave Company who joined hands with Afyaplus Organization to achieve the aimed goal and to celebrate World Water Day.

EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Exhibitions of partners' work to the guest of honor

Afyaplus WASH Gala partners together with the Afyaplus team got a chance to display their projects by sharing their profile, purpose, and coverage to the Guest of honor, Hon. Deputy Minister for Water, Eng. Maryprisca Mahundi (MP), and other invitees.



Fig 2: Mr. Innocent Sanga, a sponsorship and program facilitator from World Vision presenting their WASH services conducted in schools and the community of Iringa to the Guest of Honor Deputy Minister for Water Eng. Maryprisca Mahundi (MP).

The guest of honor visited the exhibition of various stakeholders and partners who made this Afyaplus third WASH Gala event possible, Mentioning their names: Lyra in Africa, World Vision, Agronomos Sin-Fronteras, Rucu_Iringa, Afyaplus organization, and Iringa Sunset hotel.



Fig 3: Miss. Namkunda Mbwambo, a Program Coordinator of the Afyaplus organization displays various projects which are implemented by an organization to the Guest of Honor Deputy Minister for Water Eng. Maryprisca Mahundi(MP) .



Fig 4: Miss. Dorice Kimambo, Gender Equality Officer from Lyra in Africa shared various projects which Lyra in Africa implement across Tanzania during the Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala to the Guest of Honor.



Fig 5: Ruaha Catholic University students from the department of environmental health science presenting on how the university works to preserve water service in Iringa to the Guest of Honor Deputy Minister for Water Eng. Maryprisca Mahundi (MP)



Fig 6: Marketing Manager from Iringa sunset hotel displaying different services which are offered by Iringa sunset Hotel to the guest of honor and other visitors.

Presentation of speakers

In this event representatives from various WASH NGOs and institutions got a chance to share their ideas on different areas related to WASH services in the Iringa region. The issues presented were based on the accessibility, sustainability, governance structure, and financing model of water services and projects in rural areas.

The speakers included the ,Mr Vincent Kasuga World Vision zonal Manager TAWASANET Chairperson, Eng. Herbert Kashililah, RUWASA Manager of the Iringa region, Eng. Fredius Magige, and the Afyaplus member and Environmental Health Officer from Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute(MOI), Mr.Simon Nchimbi. They all emphasized the importance of improving WASH services and the need for collaboration between stakeholders to achieve sustainable solutions.

Mr. Vincent Kasuga, Zonal Manager of World Vision, present at Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala, shedding light on the current status, gaps, and necessary actions for improving water and sanitation accessibility in rural areas "Access to potable water and improved sanitation services is a topical issue in the global community development agenda. This assertion is consistent with evidence that improved access to safe drinking water and sanitation is crucial to tackling health problems and promoting livelihoods in general, especially in rural communities"



Eng Fiderius Magige, Ruwasa Iringa Manager, speak at Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala about the governance structure of water services in rural areas.

"Two major analytical models of the population not accessing water and non-functioning water points are generated by the micro integration decision (MID) tool, which had detailedly studied, each having 27 and 21 datasets respectively. A few numbers of wards have negligence numbers of disease

cases, especially cholera, dysentery, and trachoma, though profiled by the module packages by then, those cases were finally eliminated"

Afyaplus team member Simon Nchimbi shared Afyaplus' progress, success, and challenges during an Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala. And how our Water in schools project is making a huge difference in schools across the region.



"The issue of access to water from various sources and conservation of water is the responsibility of each and every one of us. Therefore, the government, stakeholders, and the community at large should work together to ensure the safety of our society."



TAWASANET Chair person Eng. Herberth kashililah shared a views on Sustainability of water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities in rural areas. and Users' perceptions of the facilities and readiness to ensure the sustainability of water facilities.

"The concept of water is sacred, which is why it has been extensively discussed in holy scriptures. That's why we need to ensure that water is accessible and distributed equitably based on demand in both urban and rural environments."



Fig.7. Our speaker's team during the event preserved the memory, after delivering different topics concerning the theme "It's either water or water" during Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala.

Panelist Discussion

Panelist discussion was conducted by the panelist team in collaboration with all the guests. The major aim of this discussion was to share experience and ideas towards sustainable solutions for improving WASH services in Iringa schools in order to increase health standards and ensure a favorable environment that increases children's school attendance and performance.



Fig 8: Ms. Kokubelwa Samlelwa sharing challenges facing school girls in accessing affordable and quality menstrual products.

The panel of experts included Ms. Lilian Mreta, a senior Environmental Health Officer from the Ministry of Health and chair of the MHH Tanzania Coalition; Ms. Kokubelwa Samlelwa, an expert in water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in schools; Ms. Faraja Chengula, an MHH expert and a young director with two years of experience in community work and MHH projects; and Ms. Shamim Nyanda Environmental Activist and Social scientist, Upendo Mwakyusa Environmental Scientist, climate and Environmental advocate. Founder and Executive Director of call for environmental conservation Organization, and Afyaplus Executive Director, Ms. Suzan Yumbe, who each had over three years of experience in community work and MHH projects.



Fig.9. Our panelist team during the event preserving the memory, after a discussion on how can we improving access to quality sanitary products for school girls in rural areas.

The panelist discussion was based on the accessibility, affordability, and quality of sanitary products, including disposable and reusable pads, which are among schoolgirls' concerns about academic performance. The panelist's team shared their challenges and ways forward, highlighting the need for increased support for menstrual hygiene management.

This discussion was so valuable as it helped to understand the challenges that school girls face in accessing affordable and quality sanitary products both disposable and reusable and its impacts on their school performance.

Afyaplus organization really appreciates the panelist team, leaders from local government authorities, school management teams, representatives from NGOs, Companies, institutes, and other invitees for their valuable contribution to how we can improve Water Sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in schools of Iringa.



Fig 10: Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala participants sharing experiences/challenges on the issue of affordability and accessibility of quality sanitary products

Awarding a certificates in recognition of their contributions

Through Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala, the Afyaplus organization managed to provide awards and appreciation to partners and other stakeholders supporting WASH services in Iringa Schools.



Fig.9. The Guest of honor. Deputy Minister For Water. Hon. Eng Maryprisca Mahundi awarding WASH Gala partners, speakers, pannelist and stakeholders.

In conclusion, the Afyaplus 3rd WASH Gala was a successful event that brought together stakeholders from different sectors to collaborate and come up with sustainable solutions to improve WASH services in Iringa. The initiative to construct hand washing stands/stations in schools is a crucial step towards improving hygiene and keeping children healthy. Afyaplus expresses its gratitude to all its partners, stakeholders, and individuals who supported the initiative.

"I congratulate Afyaplus organization and other organizations for their good contributions to support this important field and I am proud to see organizations like Afyaplus taking steps to ensure that school children and the community have access to these important resources. I applaud the government's efforts in promoting a safe environment and their progress in removing taxes on feminine pads.

let's continue to cooperate in expanding our scope and ensure that no one is left behind in the fight for clean water and better health." Said the Guest of honor the Deputy Minister for water Hon. Eng Maryprisca Mahundi (MP).



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