



Kenya Country Report 2015

Highlights

Establishment of cooperation with [KEWASNET](#) to improve water resources management of civil society organisations and to monitor respective government efforts

Cooperation with another GIZ programme ([EnDev](#)) leveraging established relationships with CSOs to reach beneficiaries

Increasing influence on policies and contributions to infrastructure from the Kenyan government

Context, Approach and Objectives

In Kenya, the [International Water Stewardship Programme \(IWaSP\)](#) aims to reach more than 250,000 people by improving water security and strengthening civil society organisations related to the management of water.



Karunga Muraithi Dam has been rehabilitated to make water available for the community's livestock.

IWaSP Partnerships in Kenya

Partnership name	Sector/ thematic area	Duration
KEWASNET - Civil Society Strengthening in Water Resource Management	Strengthening of civil society organisation in water resource management	2015 - 2017
Imarisha Naivasha Water Stewardship Project	Agriculture and Retail/ Water Resources Protection	2013 - 2016
Nairobi Industrial Water Management	Multi sector cooperation for improved water resource management	2015 - 2017
Water Resource Users Associations Good Governance	Strengthening of civil society organisation in water resource protection	2015 - 2017
Jiko Kisasa Partnership	Collaboration with other GIZ programmes (EnDev) for increased impact and beneficiaries	2015 - 2018
Protection of South West Mau Forest Complex	Protection of the forest and catchments, regulation of the water resources, improvement of livelihoods and increased access to sustainable energy	2016-2018

IWaSP currently runs four primary partnerships in Kenya.

The [Imarisha Naivasha Water Stewardship](#) partnership (2013-2016) focuses on developing water conservation infrastructures to improve water availability and to protect water resources. This includes strengthening water governance institutions and developing riparian land rehabilitation guidelines. Partners include Imarisha Naivasha which is supported by [Marks & Spencer](#), [Tesco](#), [Asda](#) and [Sainsbury's](#), [Water Resource Management Authority \(WRMA\)](#), Water Resources User Associations (WRUAs) and [IWaSP](#). One sub-component of the partnership focuses on water resources protection. For this IWaSP has established rainwater harvesting projects at five schools, one dispensary and a youth-led tree nursery.

The purpose of the [Jiko Kisasa](#) partnership (2015-2018), a sub-component of the Imarisha Naivasha Water Stewardship partnership, is to protect the shore of Lake Naivasha. Partnering with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), water resource users associations (WRUAs), the Water Resource Management Association (WRMA), and the Energising Development Programme (EnDev) in Kenya, implemented by the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\)](#) GmbH, IWaSP introduces energy-efficient, built-in household stoves which allow savings of 35-40% of firewood compared to the traditional three-stone fire stoves used in Kenya. Less demand for firewood allows for larger vegetation cover which contributes to catchment protection and increased storage and availability of water.

The [Good Governance in Water Resource Management](#) partnership (2015 – 2016), with the full name of the Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs) Good Governance in Water Resource Management (WRM) and which is another sub-component of the Imarisha Naivasha Water Stewardship partnership, promotes the institutional capacity of local civil society associations representing water users. To date, ten of these associations have, with the support of the partners, undertaken a self-capacity assessment and completed relevant training to improve their governance. Partners include the Water Integrity Network (WIN), the World Wild Fund for Nature, water resource users associations, the Water Resource Management Authority and IWaSP.

Through the [Water Resource Policy Anchoring Co-operation](#) (2015-2016), IWaSP develops the capacity of the [Kenya Water and Sanitation Civil Society Organisations Network \(KEWASNET\)](#) and its members to incorporate better use of water resource management principles and to facilitate improved private sector involvement.

The [Nairobi Water Alliance Co-operation](#) (2015-2017) conducted an assessment of water risks and opportunities for the Nairobi sub-catchment area. In partnership with the 2030 Water Resources Group, [IWaSP](#) has formed technical working groups to address the identified water-related risks within the sub-catchment area and to develop and coordinate joint actions to address these risks.

The [Protection of South West Mau Forest Complex](#) (2016-2018) partnership joins several companies and communities (through the WRUAs) in the Sondu River Catchment which recognise that their future depends on the ecosystem services the Mau Forest delivers. Stake-

holders in the partnership will therefore protect the natural resources in the area and will ensure their sustainable use through four key areas: protection of the forest and catchments, regulation of the water resources, improvement of livelihoods and increased access to sustainable energy.

Achievements to Date

As of February 2016, IWaSP partnerships in Kenya have reached more than 70,000 direct beneficiaries and 120,000 indirect beneficiaries. For these partnerships more than EUR170,000 has been leveraged from private sector contributions.

Challenges and Outlook

Challenges to the success of these programmes include limited private sector engagement, which is being addressed by developing business cases and by approaching suitable private sector partners, as well as by building cooperation with other actors.

Weak public institutions pose further challenges. These are addressed with close cooperation with the bi-lateral water programme of GIZ, inviting public sector representatives to learning events on water stewardship and to make use of a successful pilot case with funding from a county government to increase public sector contribution.

Country Set-up

In Kenya, IWaSP is implemented by GIZ and is anchored in the bilateral and GIZ-implemented [Water Sector Reform Programme \(WSRP\)](#). IWaSP Kenya focuses on enabling multi-stakeholder partnerships on basin level.

IWaSP partners in this country include the [Water Resources Management Authority](#) and the Water Resources Users Association.

IWaSP is an international water security programme which combines global best practices in water stewardship with local know-how. Currently active in seven countries, the six-year programme (2013-2018) facilitates partnerships between the public sector, the private sector and civil society to address shared water risks, while improving stakeholders' use and management of water and building their capacity to develop their own solutions. GIZ manages IWaSP on behalf of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#) and the [UK Department for International Development \(DfID\)](#).



Stakeholder engagement on water resource management.

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