



PARTNERSHIP WITH KAYA RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL & FSD

ST. FRANCIS WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) PROJECT

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Goal: Improve community access to proper sanitation & hygiene through education

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

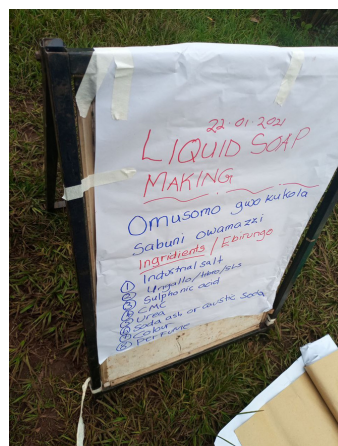
Objective #1:
Increase community knowledge about proper sanitation/WASH principles & encourage participation

Objective #2:
Empower communities with relevant skills in maintaining proper hygiene & sanitation



Background

The St. Francis WASH Project was a 3-week long program focused on improving community knowledge on the importance of practicing proper WASH principles. This project began with a community assessment, in which ND students along with their supervisor, Teddy, asked community participants a variety of questions analyzing their needs. Based on the responses received, it was decided that the best way to proceed was to conduct a series of educational workshops with the participants. The goal of these workshops was to increase participant knowledge on WASH information, which they then could use to help their community. Following the initial community assessment, ND students, in coordination with their supervisor and FSD, created a work plan and budget for the project. Besides a few days of internet-connection problems around the time of Uganda's presidential election, the project ran smoothly. The work plan was followed overall and the project has remained within the constraints of the budget. The workshops associated with the project focused on background knowledge and importance of WASH, proper sanitation and hygiene, as well as practical applications of these principles.





Evaluation

On our final day of community implementation, we completed a question and answer session with project participants. Based upon this evaluation session, we concluded that the project was:

A. Successful

Participants demonstrated retained knowledge on all subject matters addressed in this project. They described the details of not only WASH principles but recited instructions on how to make liquid hand soap and the tippy taps. Along with this, many of the leadership skills and tips taught during our workshops were retained, and participants were already demonstrating to us that they were putting these skills into practice.

B. Sustainable

The participants detailed their plans for sustaining their group moving forward. In preparation for when the St. Francis project budget runs out the group members indicated that they were going to put aside money every week for supplies. The community also identified potential challenges that may affect the continuance of the project and brainstormed ways to overcome the obstacles identified. One challenge that they identified was the dominance men have over women in their homes. A potential solution they identified was to keep meeting once weekly, so their husbands would not try to interfere.

Workshops

- Workshop #1: led by WASH trainer, focus group which assessed the community participants' prior knowledge
- Workshop #2: led by WASH trainer, focused on proper sanitation & hygiene
- Workshop #3: Led by ND students, focused on hygiene & sanitation and leadership skills
- Workshop #4: Led by special instructor, focused on making liquid hand soap (see pictures)
- Workshop #5: Led by special instructor, focused on the construction of tippy-taps

