

Self Supply News



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“Collaboration is mandatory” Interview with Mr. Samuel, Bureau Head, WIDB/SNNPR



Mr. Samuel, Bureau Head, at his office
(Photo by WAS-RoPSS)

“ To address the constant demand from the community; the support of every sector and positive contribution of stakeholders at every level are vital for Self-supply acceleration” says Mr. Samuel Tamiru, Head of Regional Water Irrigation Development Bureau (WIDB) of SNNPR.

“Self-supply program primarily is to provide potable water for rural community at low cost. And we are also successful in the implementation of Self-supply acceleration activities in many places in our region.” Continues Mr. Samuel,

“Helping the community through available means of low cost technologies is our goal and it is a part of government development plans. And in order to do this, WIDB is playing a coordination role through WASH structures. On the other hand, we need to pull resources and experiences together so that self-supply will get continuous coverage and promotion.”

When asked about collaboration, Mr. Samuel said, “Collaboration with different sectors is mandatory. We have to work hand-in-hand with different government bodies (health, education and agriculture and other). Our success in Self-supply acceleration program is relying on how much we are working together for our own common goal. And the same is true for TVET since they are our main source of human resource development and capacity building. So collaboration is required”.

“We have got many problems and got lessons at the same time.” Says Mr. Samuel, when he comments on the hopes and challenges facing 10,000 Rope pump dissemination in the region. “Problems here and there paralyzed the dissemination efforts in the region at times. But it is good learning ground to start the work from firm foundation. And one thing that stood out as a lesson for us is that; the standardized product should come first and then do the promotion work case of

in order to build the trust with the community so that the door of doubt will be closed. And in the SNNPR, with help of self-disciplined staff the work is advancing smoothly.”

Mr. Samuel also expressed his vision “Self-supply has to grow on the ladder as long as low cost technology is available. And it is good at the same time to present to the community what is available.” and he left the following message, “Through integration and participation with different actors in the region, we will increase regional water coverage and with that we hope that the living standard of the people in our region will be better.” (Interview by WAS-RoPSS)

10000 Rope Pump Dissemination in South

WIDB/SNNPR, JICA WAS-RoPSS

From all 18 zones and Special Woredas and 37 woreda of the zones, Heads of Water (zones and woredas), Administration, Agriculture, Health Offices and Branches and Sub branches of Omo Micro Finance Institute (OMFI), total of over 200 participants gathered in Hawassa, participating in Rope Pump Promotion Orientation.

In the orientation, the outline of 10,000RP dissemination program and Self-supply, water and hygiene, sanitation, multi-purpose use (MUS) of rope pump were presented by WIDB officers and WAS-RoPSS Team member; and promotion agents from private company of household water treatment tools presented their products. Furthermore, OMFI officers shared general MF systems, experiences in rope pump promotion activities with JICA WAS-RoPSS. The participants also discussed how to collaborate with multiple sectors for rope pump dissemination.

Standardization of Rope Pump Specification

JICA WAS-RoPSS



Mr Tewodros Tadele, visiting to the project site (back) (Photo by WAS-RoPSS)

From December 20 to 22, 2015, Mr. Tewodros Tadele took a visit in Gedeo Zone Yirgachefe Woreda to observe how the rope pump technology is working in reality. He held interviews with rope pump users, Village Technicians, trainees and trainers of rope pump and asked a variety of questions; including the issues of sustainability, community acceptance, sanitation, safety and health.

Mr. Tewodros is an electro-mechanic in Water Supply and Sanitation Directorate of Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity, being assigned for monitoring the process of standardization of rope pump.

Mr. Tewodros appreciated the work of WAS-RoPSS Project and said that if the minimum standard specifications of rope pump are approved as Ethiopian national standard, it may contribute to keep the quality standard of the rope pumps in the country.

The application documents of the rope pump minimum standards are now in hand of Ethiopian Standards Agency, awaiting for the technical examination and approval.

(Site visit accompanied with WAS-RoPSS)

An Innovative challenge fund for Self-supply

Aqua For All

Aimed at strengthening private sector development for self-supply acceleration, Aqua for All (A4A) (one of the partners for MW-EP Self-supply Acceleration) is launching a fund for which private sectors working on Self-supply related activities can bid. Private business working in the Millennium Water Alliances Self-supply Acceleration project woredas are initially targeted.

Could working on common interest of different sectors be an opportunity to bring sectoral coordination for household investments?

Millennium Water Alliance

There are different developmental processes that entail household level investments, where households invest both their resources and knowledge for their own facility developments and uses. Despite the difference in the type of facilities, they need similar approaches in promotion and support as well as issues.

The approach and the solution to overcome challenges in one sector can be used as an experience for other sectors; in addition, there could be a possibility of working/talking about the same resources and households at a time.

Some of the household level investment activities currently observed in Ethiopia are household irrigation, biogas, sanitation and Self-supply. Different sectors are responsible for the promotion and support of such activities. Household irrigation is for example, promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture, sanitation by Health, biogas by Energy and Self-supply by Water.

However, all these sectors have issues in common to implement such household-led activities: supply chain, availing service providers at most convenient areas, for example kebele service private service providers, access to loan services both for households and service providers, etc. If we have look at the challenges facing the household biogas development supported under African Biogas Partnership program (ABPP), for example, weak private sector development, lack of credit facilities, and poor commitment of stakeholders at regional are some to be mentioned.

Apart from maximizing resource utilization through avoiding duplication of efforts in availing both demand and supply for the household level investments, the sectoral coordination can solve the challenge of fragmented implementation of the activities.

The National Self-supply Task Force, the Sanitation Marketing Multi-stakeholder Forum and the parallel platforms for irrigation and biogas can be one of the opportunities to bring different initiatives together for joint effort.

Rope Pump Installation Training for Newly Selected Village Technicians

JICA WAS-RoPSS

For 6 days, from December 16 to 22 2015, newly selected Village Technicians from Damot Pulasa, Dale and Yirgachefe woredas were trained on rope pump installation. Several Village Technicians left their work since the first training. To appoint two village technicians in one kebele to cover the area, the project team decided to supplement a few more. This training was a short version since there are other Village Technicians trained in the same areas. Therefore, after this training, newly trained technicians are expected to be supported by the previously trained ones.



Lecture on rope pump by Mr. Melkamu, Yirgachefe Woreda Water Office Head (Photo by WAS-RoPSS)

In this training, the project shifted its strategy from “install as many as possible to gain hands-on experiences during the training” to “take time for each installation for deeper understanding”. Combination of the trainers; an technical assistant who is in frontline of rope pump (Mr. Alene Hadera) and a TVETC instructor (Mr. Tarekegn from TVETC Wolaita Sodo) who is professional in teaching, brought a perfect harmony to show practical works with full explanation. Trainees were satisfied with how they were taught.

The most appreciation goes to Mr. Melkamu, Yirgachefe Woreda Water Office Head, together with Omo Microfinance Institute because without them, the training were not implemented on time. Mr. Melkamu went round all the rope pump installed houses to check the quality of installation.

By the end of year 2015, Trained Village Technicians continue working in 4 target areas of the project. After the training, they get opportunities to install rope pump for villagers in their resident village, through price negotiation and material purchases on business base.



Installation of reducer blocks, taught by TVETC instructor, Mr. Tarekegn (front left) (Photo by WAS-RoPSS)



Quality check after installation by Mr. Alene, Technical Assistant of JICA WAS-RoPSS (center) (Photo by WAS-RoPSS)

Working in a Spirit of Partnership is vital

JICA WAS-RoPSS

WAS-RoPSS Project in collaboration with OMFI (Omo Microfinance institute) WIDB (Water and Irrigation Development Bureau) were organized a two-day training for the Project target Woredas on the 4th and 5th of December in Hawassa Central Hotel. And WAS-RoPSS team had an interview with Mr. Mekuria Meskele, Rural Credit Officer and focal person for the WAS-RoPSS about the training.



Mr. Mukuria Meskele, Rural Credit Officer
(Photo by WAS-RoPSS)

“The training was very helpful in many ways.” says Mr. Mekuria. “Though the aim of the training was mainly on loan repayment and associated issues but we have also used the platform to convey other credit program with in OMFI as well. On the other hand, we believe the training has equipped well our staffs at the sub-branch level so that there will be no information gap or misunderstanding on loan repayment in the future. And the things we hear from sub-branch after the training is a prove that how much the participants were impacted by the two-day training.” continues Mr. Mekuria, “We believe

that there is much better understanding and alliance with stakeholders now than ever before. We also do evaluation to our staffs regularly as a part of checking mechanisms on what’s going on at grass root level on loan repayment and other issues. Much emphasis and attention is there at the moment on the rope pump dissemination in our region by WIDB after the experience and lessons gained from JICA WAS-RoPSS project.”

When Mr. Mekuria comments on the experience gained from JICA as an input to the 10,000 rope pump dissemination program by WIDB, “I think the key point here is that to take all the necessary experience and not to repeat the same mistakes again. And we know that still there is a long way to go on loan repayment even with project’s target woredas but from the reports we get form sub-branches now-a-days are some-what encouraging.”

Finally, Mr. Mekuria, concluded his interview with the following message “There is always this naivety on the whole work when it comes to sharing responsibility with different bodies; which is waiting somebody to act first then follow. I think this is wrong. We all have duties and responsibility to act upon. We shouldn’t miss that and we have to work in a spirit of partnership.”

(Interview by WAS-RoPSS)



Opening note from WAS-RoPSS
(Photo by WAS-RoPSS)



Interactive lecture at the training
(Photo by WAS-RoPSS)



Group work at the training
(Photo by WAS-RoPSS)

Self-supply Fair 2016: March 21-23

Self-supply Fair 2016, in association with World Water Day, is now under preparation by Self-supply Task Force. This year the main theme of the World Water Day is “Water and Job” which fits nicely with Self-supply. In this year, SSTF is planning to engage more partners of household investments in development, such as Household Irrigation, Household Energy (bio-gas) and Sanitation Marketing. The contents of the fair will be exhibition, seminar and awarding of the best Self-supply acceleration champions, that are scheduled from March 21 to 23, 2016 at Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity (MoWIE) compound.

The first Self-supply Fair was held in 2015, in line with the World Water Day 2015, organised by MoWIE, supported by many Self-supply partners, such as Millennium Water Alliance, Aqua for All, Water.org, and JICA WAS-RoPSS Project. See the brief report at <http://www.ircwash.org/news/my-water-my-business>

Activities done in December 2015 & January 2016

- Designing and launching a challenge fund to finance private sector innovation and capacity development for self-supply (WMA)
- Completion of Self-supply baseline survey in five woredas of Amhara Region (MWA)
- Discussion with ACSI and Vision Fund on providing loans for household for self-supply (MWA)
- Market Assessment and product development by ACSI in some woredas of self-supply acceleration project woredas (MWA)
- Promotion Orientation and Introductory RP Installation Training in Southern Region, supporting for 10,000RP dissemination (WIDB/SNNPR, JICA WAS-RoPSS)
- OMFII Progress Meeting (JICA WAS-RoPSS)
- Self-supply presentation at Multi-Stakeholders Forum 7 in December 2015 in Addis Ababa, Hilton Hotel Tamene Hailu 's presentation is available at <http://www.ircwash.org/news/priority-one-wash-national-programme-%E2%80%93-focus-recent-multi-stakeholder-forum-ethiopia>

Coming up in February & March 2016

- Organizing Self-supply fair (March 21-23)
- MWA-EP Project Management Group meeting (first week April) will review Self-supply acceleration implementation by partners
- Demand creation for individual household Self-supply through implementing partners in the MWA-EP Self-supply Acceleration Project woredas
- Community meetings for RP promotion and installation of RPs by Village Technicians in business base (Supported by JICA WAS-RoPSS)
- RP Installation training in Southern Region, supporting 10,000RP dissemination (WIDB/SNNPR, JICA WAS-RoPSS)
- Rope pump Internal Quality Control training for manufacturers (JICA WAS-RoPSS)
- Village Technicians Refresher Training (JICA WAS-RoPSS)

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