



Success story of Assess Phase - Tanzania, Usa River

Name of Partnership: Sustainable Water Management in Usa River (SUWAMA-Usa)

Location: Upper Kikuletwa Catchment, Kilimanjaro Region, Pangani Basin

Sectors involved: Good governance, water use efficiency, water quality and supply

Partners: Pangani Basin Water Board (PBWB), Kiliflora Limited, Tanzania Horticulture Association (TAHA), Upper Kikuletwa Water user Association (WUA), IWaSP



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The Sustainable Water Management in Usa River (SUWAMA-Usa River) is a partnership with the objective to improve water security at the sub-catchment level. To achieve this goal, all partners recognized that collective action was necessary. In this case, the partners successfully completed vital points of the Assess Phase of the Water Risk Action Framework.

IWaSP, the Pangani Basin Water Board, and the Water User Association thoroughly engaged with local government authorities at all stages of project assessment and planning. This ensured their further participation in the implementation of the Water Risk and Action Plan (WRAP). Moreover, the close collaboration with public partners ensured that the lessons learnt and experiences from this project can contribute to institutional change and form the basis for repeating this type of project in other rivers in Pangani. From the onset, District, ward, sub-ward officers, and local leaders supported the project and understood the role they had to play.



Building on the lessons learnt in a past partnership (Mlalakua River Restoration project) - and documented in a joint brochure - to avoid missing key actors or issues, the Assess Phase for the SUWAMA/Usa-River partnership IWaSP and key partners was carried out with an extensive stakeholder analysis and contextual knowledge gathering.

The PBWB community development officer and the Kilimanjaro Water Stewardship Platform operations manager conducted a comprehensive community consultation process to draft the Water Risk Action Plan (WRAP). They consulted all stakeholders in the sub-catchment, including 11 villages, where they guided the selection of two representatives for each village (1 woman and 1 man), several NGOs and research institutions, local government authorities, and private sector actors such as hotels and lodges, golf courses, and car washes, among others.



These regular meetings with upstream and downstream actors helped to ensure an accurate understanding of water risks and opportunities to develop a Water Risk and Action Plan (WRAP) that built on people's commitments.

Prior to these meetings with the communities, IWaSP ensured that the private sector key partner, Kiliflora Ltd, was on board through the presentation of a value proposition clearly showing what IWaSP could offer to answer the existing water challenges faced by Kiliflora. Also, IWaSP and Kiliflora signed a Letter of Intent to secure estimated financial commitments and to clarify the next steps from preparation to implementation phase. Partners and stakeholders drew up a participatory stakeholder map during the WRAP validation meeting. A kick-off stakeholder meeting on December 6th, 2016, launched the partnership with all partners publically signing the WRAP. Further, all participants signed their commitment and wrote down the actions they would take to support the implementation efforts.

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