Citizen Participation to Provide Drinking Water in Shama, Ghana

20 percent of Ghanaians (including Shama) do not have access to sanitation facilities and potable water (30 percent). In the Shama District, only 44.3 percent of households have access to a public standpipe. Shama is working with citizens to solve this problem.

They committed to enhancing citizens participation in water and sanitation services delivery through the following actions:

MALNET - World Water day at Shama where partners engaged community members and school children in a clean-up exercise along the Apo beach.

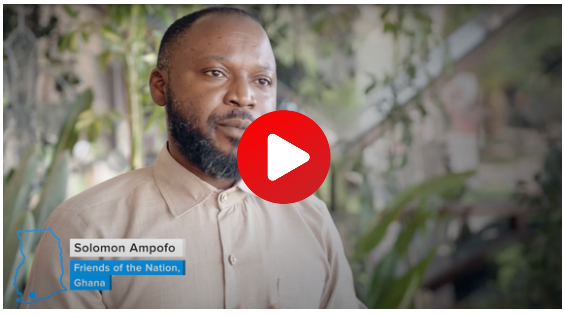
Friends of the Nation - World Water day

1. Revamp the district water and sanitation teams at the Assembly and water and sanitation management teams in the communities. Train and equip new members of Community –Led Total Sanitation.

2. Provide households with knowledge on how to use covered well or boreholes, and harvest rain-water.

3. Create a platform for dialogue between water service providers, political leaders, and communities (beneficiaries).

4. Develop result-community-based strategies to address ODF issues in our communities.

5. Enable the District Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee to assist communities to play a leading role in the water and sanitation services delivery process.

"Through a participatory planning and budgeting process, a community was provided a borehole. Over 300 people got access to potable water",
Solomon Ampofo, Friends of the Nation.