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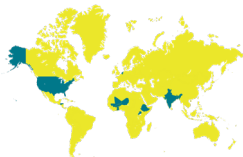
## WASH Systems that transform lives



### Who are we

IRC is an international think-and-do tank working with governments, NGOs, businesses, professionals and people to find long-term solutions to the global crisis of safe water, sanitation and hygiene.

IRC Uganda is a country programme of IRC working to deliver WASH systems and services that are built to last, to ensure that every person has access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene services, for good.



### How we work

IRC Uganda operates a change hub that facilitates collective action of all sector players at national, regional and district levels; professional networks and civil society to engage in learning, partnerships, knowledge management and evidence-based policy advocacy.

IRC Uganda is deliberate in responding to challenges and adapting to the trends in the WASH sector. IRC's work at the district level is geared towards developing and implementing of District WASH Masterplans, and at the regional and national levels to contributing to national targets in the Vision 2040 and the Third National Development Plan.

### Donors

Our work in Uganda is delivered with funding support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (Directorate-General for International Cooperation (DGIS), Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Waterloo Foundation, Osprey Foundation, and James Percy Foundation.

### On-going projects

1. WASH in healthcare facilities in Kabarole district. We are transforming selected healthcare facilities into models of national and WHO standards of WASH in healthcare services. Activities include installation and extension of piped water systems to critical patient-care points, capacity building of health workers and cleaners in infection prevention and control (IPC), of health unit management committees in governance and advocacy; and supporting safe medical waste disposal through construction of licensed medical-waste incinerator, among others.
2. Improving school WASH services in Kabarole and Bunyangabu districts. Installing and renovating water supply and sanitation facilities that meet the national health standards in select schools; capacity strengthening for school governing bodies and empowering learners to advocates of WASH prioritization. At national level, we are supporting the Ministry of Education and Sports in review and dissemination of menstrual hygiene management policy.
3. Extending safe water supply to underserved communities: IRC is facilitating public-private partnerships between Kabarole district and water utilities (National Water and Sewerage Corporation and Mid-Western Umbrella) to extend piped water network to hard-to-reach and underserved communities in Kabarole district.
4. National convening, advocacy and influencing specifically for increased financing for the WASH sector and climate change adaptability in collaboration with strategic alliances and partnerships.
5. Capacity strengthening for DLGs in knowledge and data management, for civil society, service providers and professional networks in documentation, dissemination and advocacy to promote positive WASH behavior change in the media and civic spaces.

### Our partners

We have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with government agencies and institutions who have the mandate to deliver services, subscribe to networks and have partnership agreements with service providers and experts.

- Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) and it's Water Resources Institute (WRI); the regional structures Albert Water Management Zone, Regional Water and Sanitation Centre-5 and the Mid-Western Umbrella water utility.
- Bunyangabu and Kabarole District Local Governments which we are facilitating to develop and implement district WASH Masterplans.
- WASH Agenda for Change partner (WaterAid, Water For People, Welthungerhilfe and UWASNET) working on WASH systems strengthening programmes in Uganda. IRC is country coordinator.
- Uganda Water and Sanitation Network (UWASNET) to which IRC Uganda is a subscribing member and is currently serving on the Board of Directors.
- Civil Society Budget Advocacy Group (CSBAG) collaborating to co-convene national dialogue and to influence for increased financing for the WASH sector and climate change adaptability.
- IRC and Water For People have formed an alliance to drive exponential progress in the delivery of WASH and reach 200 million people with strengthened systems towards "Destination 2030".

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