



Lagos Urban Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (LUWASH) Activity Annual Program Statement (APS)

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Questions for First Round of Merit Review Due by:	November 19, 2024
Pre-application workshop (Round 1):	November 21, 2024
Deadline for Submission for First Round Merit Review:	December 9, 2024
Questions for Second Round of Merit Review Due by:	March 24, 2025
Pre-application workshop (Round 2):	April 15, 2025
Deadline for Submission for Second Round Merit Review:	May 5, 2025
Final Closing Date:	May 5, 2025
Submit application to:	NGA-LUWASH-Grants@chemonics.com

**Further grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through the closing date or when funding is no longer available.*

The USAID/Nigeria Lagos Urban Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (LUWASH) Activity, implemented by Chemonics International, is seeking grant applications to provide support to organizations engaged in activities that support and promote the advancement of WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) service delivery in Lagos state. The grants will be awarded and implemented in accordance with USAID and United States of America (US) Government regulations governing Grants Under Contracts and the LUWASH internal grant management policies.

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APS Background: The LUWASH project was initiated in response to the significant challenges faced by Lagos State in providing sustainable and equitable water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services, particularly in low-income communities. Rapid urbanization, coupled with inadequate infrastructure and governance, has exacerbated the vulnerability of these communities, leading to poor sanitation, waterborne diseases, and environmental degradation. The lack of access to safely managed sanitation, particularly in low-income areas, threatens public health and undermines the dignity and rights of vulnerable populations, including youths and children. Furthermore, climate change has heightened the need for resilient WASH solutions, as increasing climate variability and extreme weather events exacerbate the risks to water security and sanitation infrastructure.

The grants under the LUWASH program aim to address the critical issues of limited access to safe water and sanitation services, inadequate infrastructure, and insufficient institutional capacity in Lagos State. By supporting targeted interventions and innovative solutions, the program seeks to increase the availability and sustainable management of safe and climate-resilient water and sanitation services.

Grants will prioritize innovative solutions that can address WASH service delivery challenges in Lagos. LUWASH will actively seek out and support organizations that propose innovative approaches to improving access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services. This includes exploring new technologies, alternative financing mechanisms, and community-based solutions.

LUWASH may offer grants to applicants across all the components of the Activity, which may include.

Under Component 1, LUWASH will support grants that facilitate WASH sector community engagement efforts and promote advocacy and strategic communication to influence sector financing and raise awareness about WASH issues. This includes establishing or strengthening forums such as the Water Consumers Associations (WCAs), Community Development Associations (CDAs), and Community Development Committees (CDCs). These forums will serve as platforms for advocacy and awareness campaigns, promoting increased budget allocations to expand infrastructure investment for enhanced and sustainable WASH services. Furthermore, the capacity of forum members will be strengthened to understand the social and economic value of water, equipping them to effectively advocate for the importance of utility water consumers paying their water and sanitation bills.

LUWASH will also support grants aimed at mobilizing funds and support for WASH services improvements in Low-income communities. This involves developing frameworks for community mobilization, establishing communities of practice for private WASH service operators, and strengthening community-based WASH management structures.

Under Component 2, LUWASH may provide grants to foster collaboration between relevant state agencies and local SMEs in delivering innovative WASH services to designated areas of Lagos, particularly pro-poor communities. Opportunities may include.

- **Capacity Building:** Grants could be provided to support the development and implementation of customized capacity building plans for NSPs involved in WASH service delivery.
- **Community Management:** Grants may be allocated to strengthen community management of water facilities, enhance customer responsiveness, and improve feedback mechanisms.
- **Inclusive Participation:** Grants could be used to develop strategies for effective involvement of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in the urban WASH sector.
- **Customers responsiveness to service providers:** interventions that will strengthen the relationship between service providers and customers for effective service delivery and cost recovery while providing customer centric services.
- **Community-Based Water Quality Surveillance (CBWQS):** Innovative Community Based Water Quality monitoring/surveillance to support Low-Income Communities (LICs), improve on their own community-based water quality helping to prevent future re-occurrence of disease outbreaks and develop a platform where citizens can report and view real-time water quality data in their area
- **IoT-Based Smart Water Kiosks (specific to Low-Income Communities within Lagos):** Deploy smart water kiosks in underserved areas that use IoT technology to monitor water quality, usage, and maintenance needs in real-time.
- **Cross-Sector Partnerships for Water Access:** Initiate partnerships with telecoms or fintech companies to leverage their infrastructure (e.g., mobile money platforms) for water bill payments or to piggyback water pipelines on their existing network infrastructure

In addition, LUWASH will also support grants focused on Private Sector Engagement (PSE), aiming to strengthen institutional development and capacity building, implement policies that facilitate a more integrated and sustainable WASH sector, stimulate innovation and improve service delivery, and foster sustainable business models that contribute to the program's long-term goals.

Under Component 4, LUWASH will prioritize and support grants that:

- **Upgrade Public Sanitation Facilities:** Support minor and cosmetics renovation or maintenance as well as asset management of existing public sanitation facilities in low-income communities.
- **Pilot Urban Community-Led Total Sanitation:** Implement innovative programs to promote community-led total sanitation in Low-Income Communities (LICs) identified in Lagos areas.
- **Ensure WASH Access for Vulnerable Groups:** Develop and implement WASH programs in schools and health facilities to ensure that vulnerable youths and children have access to essential services.
- **Develop innovative Behavior Change Communication,**

Promoting Climate Resilience and Sustainability

- Fecal Sludge Reuse: Pilot innovative programs to explore the reuse of fecal sludge through small-scale biogas and composting technologies, contributing to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Community Management and Engagement: Develop and pilot strategies to empower communities to manage WASH services, foster long-term sustainability and improved governance.
- Develop innovative Climate Change Adaptability Measures, Education and Behavior Change Communication program that promotes safely managed WASH and source water. Proposals that assess and address climate stressors and vulnerabilities are encouraged.

Innovation in WASH Delivery

LUWASH will actively support grants that explore innovative technologies to enhance WASH service delivery. Potential areas of focus include:

- Blockchain-Based Water Credits: Develop a system to promote equitable access to water and sanitation.
- Gamification of Water Conservation: Encourage community participation and reduce water usage through gamified approaches.
- Cross-Sector Partnerships: Foster collaborations to improve water access and sustainability.
- Innovations to foster data management across water and sanitation services value chain.

Applicants are encouraged to propose innovative approaches and ideas that address key sector challenges and opportunities. These ideas should aim to improve governance and institutional arrangement to deliver improved WASH services, improve public and private services provider performance, increase access to safe and sustainable water services and increase household access to safe and sustainable sanitation and improve the quality of source water.

Grant activities funded by USAID through LUWASH must meet the following general criteria:

- Grants must promote the project objectives set forth in this Annual Program Statement (APS) and contain expected outcomes and results consistent with and linked to the project's overarching goals. The proposed activities may be the sole or primary work of an organization, or a special dimension or function of an organization largely dedicated to other project as stated in section 1C.
- Sufficiency and intensity of proposed activities with clearly illustrated causal linkages between hierarchy of results.
- Execution of grant activities must take place in Lagos.
- The activities funded by the grants should be focused on achieving results that are pertinent and technically robust, with an emphasis on being results-oriented or performance-based.
- Grants will cover only necessary and allowable costs linked to the execution of the activity such as program staff salaries, consultant fees, training, meetings and seminars, publications, purchase and/or rental of equipment, office and travel expenses, and other direct costs. The specific costs to be funded must conform to the USAID guidelines for funding activities.

If deemed necessary by LUWASH, the grants will also include expenses related to activities aimed at mitigating the environmental effects of the grant-funded activities. These mitigation measures should clearly outline associated resource needs.

Award Information: LUWASH anticipates awarding up to 10 grants to eligible organizations. It is anticipated that each grant award may range from between USD equivalent to \$100,000 - \$250,000 (in Naira), but the final amount will be dependent upon grant activities and final negotiation. All the proposed work (including reporting) under the grant must be completed within 12 -18 months. There will be no extensions. The specific type of grants to be issued will be decided during the negotiation process.

Eligibility: For this APS, applicants must be Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) (not-for-profit and for-profit), local cooperatives, Small and Medium Enterprises, and other business associations including women-owned businesses currently operating in Nigeria, and already working in or familiar with the WASH sector.

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Application and Submission Information: Applications shall be submitted in English and may not be more than 20 pages. Please refer to the Annex for further guidelines on page/word count limits.

Applications (including the budget and supporting documentation) should be submitted in electronic format (email) to NGA-LUWASH-Grants@Chemonics.com and should reference: **LUWASH APS No. 002_ (insert name of your organization)**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and for the first review circle, applications must be submitted no later than the deadline indicated on the APS cover page. LUWASH will continue to accept applications through 11:59 Nigeria time, on May 5, 2025, or until funds are no longer available. Late or unresponsive applications will only be considered at the discretion of LUWASH.

In addition to the application forms, applicants should submit the following to LUWASH.

- Application Budget Form and Note
- Implementation Plan - Applicant Self-Assessment Form
- A copy of the Applicant's valid legal registration and related documents
- Copy of the organization's charter and/or by-laws.

Please submit all questions concerning this solicitation via email to NGA-LUWASH-Grants@chemonics.com. LUWASH will assist applicants in understanding the application process. The LUWASH Activity may not respond individually to each question submitted. Instead, questions and responses related to this APS 002 will be sent to all applicants on or before November 25, 2024. The grants will be awarded and implemented in accordance with USAID and US Government regulations governing grants under contracts and LUWASH internal grant management policies.

LUWASH and Chemonics employees may not ask for, and applicants are prohibited from offering any money, fee, commission, credit, gift, gratuity, thing of value, or compensation to obtain or reward improper favorable treatment regarding this solicitation. Any improper request from a project employee should be reported to the chief of party or BusinessConduct@chemonics.com.

The following Annexes are included with this APS:

- **Annex A** – Grant Application Form
- **Annex B** – Grant Application Budget Form
- **Annex C** – Implementation Timeline
- **Annex D** – Applicant Self-Assessment Form

Issuance of this APS and assistance with application development do not constitute an award or commitment on the part of LUWASH, nor does it commit LUWASH to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of an application. Further, LUWASH reserves the right to accept or reject

any or all applications received and reserves the right to ask for further clarifications from the applicants. Applicants will be informed in writing of the decision made regarding their application.

To receive the Full Annual Program Statement (APS) and application document, please submit a request to nga-luwash-grants@chemonics.com.

Attachments

Full Annual Program Statement: [LUWASH-APS-2024-002](#)

Supplemental Documents: [APS-2024-002_Application Document](#)