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Current Appointment: Assistant Administrative Secretary (Water Sector) for Singida Region in Tanzania.

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Area of Research/Teaching interest:

- 1. Integrated policy and technical approaches to sustainable institutional setup for community water supply services in developing countries.*
- 2. Adoptable technologies AND behaviour change campaigns for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for school children.*

Biography/Tell us about yourself

My name is Lydia Nyabhaimba Joseph Massoro (Call me Eng. Lydia). I am a Tanzania woman holding a Bachelor of Science degree qualification in Civil Engineering and a Masters degree in Integrated Water Resources Management from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Since joining the public service in 2005, I have worked and contributed positively to the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector in my country. Eleven years in service has allowed me to understand government systems and mature in leadership skills. I started as a trainee engineer at Dar es Salaam Water Supply and Sewerage Corporation (DAWASCO), and then worked as a District Water Engineer at two different Local Government Authorities of Masasi and Siha. As a District Water Engineer, the main duties were to plan and implement Community Water Supply and Sanitation projects.

Currently, I am working at Singida regional Secretariat in Central Tanzania where I am responsible for supervising policy implementers (District Water Engineers) and setting up regional strategies for sector improvement in Singida region. We are also linking the lower level governments to the central government by harmonizing long term sector development goals and strategies to respond to actual demands.

What I am doing at the moment constitutes a very important base for formulation, analyzing and implementation of policies and strategies aimed at improving and sustaining the Water Sector. My organization (the regional secretariat) is one of the key government instruments in timely advancement of the Water Sector.

Specifically, some of the duties that the Water Section at the Regional Secretariat is mandated to perform are:

- Review and approve structural designs of proposed Community Water Supply and Sanitation Projects.
- Provide technical backstopping to Local Government Authorities.
- Supervision, monitoring and follow – up of constructed projects.
- Providing feedback from districts and communities to the central government at different stages of policy formulation or review.
- Advocating the importance of multi-sectoral approach in the management of Water Resources.
- Providing technical information/evidence to law enforcers and in events of conflicts related to water use.
- Advise political leaders and the Regional Administrative Secretary on matters relating to Water
- Reviewing District Water Sector Development plans to ensure they address the priority needs of the community while taking consideration sustainability of water resources.
- Act as a link for water sector stakeholders in the region.
- Attend and contribute on behalf of the country to various forums involving donors/development partners and other sector stakeholders.

Some of my most recent career achievements:

1. Registered Professional Civil and Water Resources Engineer (PEng (T)).
2. Promoted from District staff to the Regional Secretariat – supervisory roles.
3. Contributor to a research paper financed and published by SNV World Titled “Harmonizing school WaSH in Tanzania: Improving sanitation access for schoolchildren including those with disabilities” (2014).
4. In country awards recognition for best performing districts in Community Sanitation and School WaSH for 3 consecutive years (2013 – 2015).
5. Part of the organizing committee for the 3rd SADC Regional Water Supply and Sanitation Programme (RWSSP) workshop in Arusha on 27th August 2013
6. Organizer and coordinator of two country visits by UNICEF ambassadors based on WaSH in schools in Siha District Council (2012 – 2013)

Thank you!!!

NAME: LYIDIA N. J. MASSORO

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BSC. ENGINEERING, MASTERS IN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

CURRENT APPOINTMENT: ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY FOR WATER SECTOR – SINGIDA REGION

RESEARCH INTERESTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

1. COORDINATOR AND LEAD PERSON OF UNICEF SUPPORTED “COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL WASH PROGRAMME” WITH VERY NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS (2010 -2014, SIHA DISTRICT COUNCIL).

2. CURRENTLY I AM WORKING ON ESTABLISHING A WORKABLE SETUP FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMISSIONED WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN RURAL TANZANIA.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS (OPTIONAL):

1. WATER POLICY AND INSTITUTIONS

2. SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The school sanitation competition

