

## **“Sanitation 2” description for SuSanA website**

### **West Africa Sanitation Policy and Advocacy Activator**

2017-2020, Speak Up Africa Senegal & Niyel

#### **Purpose**

*To advocate for effective safely managed non-sewered sanitation policies in francophone West Africa.*

Speak up Africa and Niyel are working through a three-tiered approach as the cornerstone for accelerating results. The model targets direct improvement in the lives of people living in select urban centers, an enabling policy environment at the national level and finally a regional commitment around strengthening non sewered sanitation in Francophone Africa’s growing cities.

#### **Activities**

To advocate for effective safely managed non-sewered sanitation policies, aligned with SDG6, in francophone West Africa, contribution to health, economic and gender equality outcomes for the region’s underserved.

Since 2017, Speak Up Africa has been working with Niyel, an advocacy and public affairs organization based in Dakar, on the West African Sanitation Policy and Advocacy Activator project. The joint supports other advocates in launching successful, sustainable and impactful sanitation campaigns.

The Speak Up Africa Niyel Consortium work closely with two Dakar-based research institutes, Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale (IPAR) and Consortium pour le Recherche Économique et Social (CRES). These two research institutes will provide evidence-based research that will support the development of advocacy strategies tailored to local contexts.

Niyel and Speak Up Africa work with policy makers, cities, the private sector, research institutions, and civil society organizations to:

- Encourage the development of appropriate policies, regulations and institutional frameworks.
- Identify, at the city, regional and country levels, partners to move governments and key stakeholders to implement FSM solutions in addition to sewers.
- Expand the role for the private sector in service delivery and treatment operations.
- Build a portfolio of success in utilizing a viable resources and results approach with monitoring mechanisms.
- Continue to press on harmonization and alignment issues, with a focus at the regional, country and community levels.
- Intentionally look for opportunities to stress women empowerment at every level identified.



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- Aggressively leverage emerging experiences and lessons.

### **Countries of activity**

Senegal, Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso.

### **Current state of affairs**

After several months of research and analysis about non-sewered sanitation in West Africa, the consortium organized three national workshops, one per country, to elaborate national advocacy strategy about non-sewered sanitation, with all the key stakeholders of the sector.

### **Biggest successes so far**

- Situational analysis conducted to determine cities with the most potential for impact.
- National sanitation guidelines and political documents reviewed.
- Stakeholders mapping elaborated in each country, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast, in order to know which actors are more powerful and active in sanitation.
- Briefing sessions held in each country to meet and discuss national advocacy strategy with the key stakeholders in sanitation and introduce the opportunity fund provided by Speak Up Africa and Niyel for civil society organizations.
- Multi-stakeholders fora held in Senegal, Burkina Faso and Ivory Coast.
- Training workshops with journalists conducted to build their capacity to effectively and accurately report on sanitation trends and create content

### **Main challenges**

- Coordination with the different organizations working on different aspects of NSS in the region.
- The delays in the development of sanitation guidelines continentally.
- Challenges within national agencies that are responsible for sanitation.

### **Links, further reading**

Speak Up Africa's website:

<http://www.speakupafrika.org>

Niyel's website:

<http://www.niyel.net>

Working with partners to raise the profile of non sewered sanitation and fecal sludge management in francophone Africa:

<http://www.speakupafrika.org/blog/2018/6/14/working-with-partners-to-raise-the-profile-of-non-sewered-sanitation-and-fecal-sludge-management-in-francophone-africa>