

## SIGNING OF COMMITMENT LETTER BY COMMUNITIES FOR PROVISION OF SMALL TOWN WATER SCHEME IN LOGO LGA, BENUE STATE

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The organization in collaboration with Water Aid Nigeria is supporting communities in Ado and Logo LGA to take ownership of WASH related interventions especially water facilities that are being provided to poor and vulnerable communities'. All the contractors now work directly with the communities to select sites for the construction of water points.

Three communities were assessed in Logo LGA in April, 2016 to benefit from small town water scheme. The process of signing of commitment letter was followed to ensure that the communities are fully involved in the selection of site. The communities have begun to see the project as their own

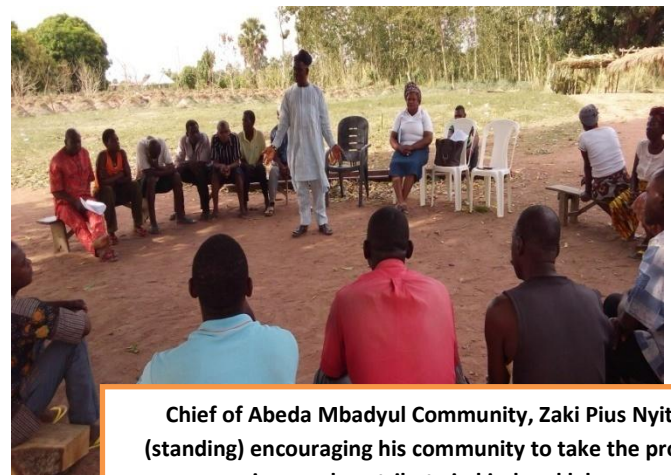


**Community Head of Gondoza, Torlumun Gondoza (standing) making commitments on the security of the STWS**

the contractors and Local Government WASH Unit Staff and communities members who were made up of women, and men. The roles of all the partners were reviewed to ensure the success of water projects. Contractor's terms and conditions were made known to them and their timelines for project completion. Formation of teams and allocation of roles and responsibilities for team members was done to

This has served as a legal backing that will serve as a reference point to remind them as evidence of their commitment. In this exercise, selected contractors were part of the process. This will also help to prioritize communities most vulnerable that meet up with the criteria for selection and ensure funding is efficiently utilized. The communities were Abiem Gbande, Abeda Mbadyul and rehabilitation of STWS in Gondoza community.

During the signing, in attendance were



**Chief of Abeda Mbadyul Community, Zaki Pius Nyitse (standing) encouraging his community to take the project serious and contribute in kind and labour.**

ensure they have a clear understanding of what is expected of them.

**CONCLUSION:** On the whole, the activity of signing the MOU has proven to be very effective in ensuring full participation and involvement of community members in the process of identification and selection of sites for the construction of water point. They also made commitment in providing in-kind contributions like labour and providing security etc. The outcome of the activity will go a long way in sustaining the water project in the various communities of intervention



Staff of First Step presenting a signed copy of MOU to Gondoza Community Chief, Zaki Aondoakaa Nev.



AbiemCommunity Chief, Zaki Yaomyi (Left) signing MOU with the WASHCOM Secretary, OrhembegaMtswenen on behalf of the Community.



Logo WASH unit staff, Audu Danjuma clarifying Gondoza community on terms and conditions in the MOU.