FGD with Female Community Members of Sauwa Bayan Saula

1st June 2024

**Habiba**: we hope that you had a wonderful trip.

**Interviewer**: I thank God.

**Habiba**: how was your family?

**Interviewer**: they are all fine. My name is Interviewer and I am here to discuss with you about your wellbeing before and after this borehole.

**Habiba**: we really recorded so many improvements, we are very much happy with the water.

**Interviewer**: how was the life before this borehole?

**Habiba**: we were in daring need of water before getting this borehole.

**Interviewer**: where were you fetching water at that time?

**Habiba**: from the local wells, which do not have certainty, we sometimes get and must atimes we do not get.

**Interviewer**: Are your houses somewhere nearer?

**Fatima**: the well is there behind that building.

**Interviewer**: is it functioning now?

**Habiba**: people fetch water from it before the borehole start working later in the day.

**Interviewer**: you all fetch water from there, right?

**Habiba**: yes.

**Interviewer**: are you still fetching from it?

**Group**: yes, but we are not going as before, due to this borehole.

**Interviewer**: now that the borehole was constructed. Are you fetching water by yourself or you send your children?

**Habiba**: we go ourselves we also assign our wards to go, because the water may not be adequate.

**Interviewer**: do you also reserve the water in your houses?

**Fatima**: we reserve, so that we have the water for today and tomorrow.

**Interviewer**: what about your health?

**Fatima**: we thank God.

**Interviewer**: how was your health condition when you were using such water from the wells?

**Habiba**: we don’t have any concern with regard to this water; we can even drink it from the kettle, contrary to those from the wells that we have to filter it before usage.

**Interviewer**: are you all members of WASHCOM?

**Group**: yes. Others are not around; one of use is not feeling fine.

**Interviewer**: do you have anything doing as your source of income?

**Group**: no, we don’t have standard source of income, we only do businesses and not regularly.

**Interviewer**: what type of business?

**Habiba**: I sell textile and used cloths.

**Interviewer**: where do you buy them from?

**Habiba**: from everywhere, precisely Sokoto and Argungu.

**Interviewer**: how have you been doing when the WASHCOM was functioning regularly and you have your own business, how do you manage the two?

**Group**: it has never for once, hinder our activities. We do attend to it no matter what.

**Interviewer**: so are you now saying that WASH-COM did not divert your attention from other personal engagements?

**Group**: not at all. In fact, we really appreciate it.

**Interviewer**: are you been paid in this WASH-COM?

**Fatima**: no, but we hope so in the future.

**Interviewer**: but why don’t you think of doing your businesses so you can get some income rather than doing these activities for free?

**Habiba**: we are just optimistic that we will one day get something here, and even the business is a risk-taking venture, no one has the certainty of getting richer from it.

**Fatima**: we only rely on Allah.

**Habiba**: Allah can give us something better in the future, because even this borehole we never thought of having it, but due to the will of Allah, we now have it and it will benefit us and our grandchildren.

**Interviewer**: how have you been coping while dealing with the people in this community?

**Habiba**: like in what angle, precisely?

**Interviewer**: I mean were you enjoying the relationship? Do you believe in all they say or you give your own suggestion?

**Group**: we actually believe in them. We don’t think that they will cheat on us.

**Interviewer**: do you ever think of something that if it was done differently, better result can be achieved?

**Habiba**: we only have that optimism that one day we will get something to proud of in the whole community.

**Interviewer**: how have you been doing in terms of awareness creation on environmental hygiene?

**Habiba**: can you elaborate more?

**Interviewer**: I know that your activities do not rely only on water; there are issues of open defecation and toilets, you all did that campaign right?

**Fatima**: yes we did that, and we continue doing it.

**Interviewer**: how was the work at that time?

**Fatima**: pardon!

**Interviewer**: I mean do the people have toilets before or they build it after your campaign?

**Group**: only few have it before compared to now that it is been built almost everywhere.

**Interviewer**: how do you see your role in changing them?

**Fatima**: we felt so happy.

**Habiba**: we understand that most of the diseases are as a result of poor hygienic toilets.

**Interviewer**: what is your observation with regard to the duration people take before accepting and agreeing on your campaign? Do you have to educate them like how many times before they understand?

**Fatima**: we never witness that before.

**Habiba**: do you mean the door to door campaign we have been doing?

**Interviewer**: yes.

**Habiba**: people welcome us as soon as we solicit their attention. Some even have their toilets, we just tried in modifying it and they welcome our ideas. We understand that open defecation is our main source of diseases, because if a child can defecate in an open fly will take it into our food, as soon as one eat that food it will lead him/her to contacting a disease. But once there is toilet, you don’t have any problem.

**Interviewer**: do you have any additional information?

**Habiba**: like on what?

**Interviewer**: how this your WASHCOM activities have been going before and now.

**Group**: we are very much delighted with this borehole, and we pray to Allah to guide and bless anyone who has a say in its realization.

**Interviewer**: can you please tell me your names?

**Habiba**: Habiba Adamu.

**Interviewer**: and you?

**Fatima**: Fatima Tukur.

**Interviewer**: what is your position in WASH-COM?

**Habiba**: what do you mean?

**Interviewer**: you know there must be treasurer or secretary, or are you ordinary members?

**Fatima**: I am the secretary.