INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITATIVE WASH SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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INTRODUCTION

1. World Vision International; a Child focused Relief and Development Christian NGO.

2. Working in over 90 countries, supporting the neediest communities attain their basic needs.

3. One major basic needs: water supply, and its related sanitation and hygiene (WASH) e.g.; West Africa Water Initiative (WAWI) and its predecessor projects in Ghana, Niger and Mali had constructed 1,600 village wells (boreholes), and 28,000 household latrines by 2009.
PROBLEM:
Noted about 6% of the community members had difficulties in accessing water and sanitation facilities, and practicing good hygiene due to various forms of disabilities.

ACTION:
Identification of appropriate facilitative solutions in partnership with the affected community, the Messiah College, local entrepreneurs and institutions, using funding from the Hilton Foundation; through a pilot in Mali from 2007-09, *to scale up in WAWI countries and replicate in others e.g., Rwanda & Uganda*
