

## GLOBAL WOMENS WATER INITIATIVE (GWWI) -- 2011 OVERVIEW

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**The Global Women's Water Initiative (GWWI)** is a program of Women's Earth Alliance in partnership with CRABGRASS, providing trainings for grassroots women and groups to implement water related-strategies through appropriate technologies, action planning, seed funding and leadership development so they can improve their communities' health, self-reliance, and resilience to climate change. It is our belief that investing in women's critical role in the WASH sector (water, sanitation, and hygiene) — whether at the village, government or NGO level—will lead to a marked improvement in communities facing health, water, sanitation, and climate change-related crises. You can follow Crabgrass and GWWI's work on: [www.globalwomenswater.org](http://www.globalwomenswater.org).

### **BACKGROUND**

GWWI's history in Africa includes grassroots trainings in Nairobi, Kenya (2008) and Kokrobite, Ghana (2010). Since 2008 GWWI has trained 30 two-person teams of African women and provided seed funding for their water and sanitation projects in communities in nine African nations, improving health, livelihoods, and environmental conditions.

In 2011, GWWI will enroll 50 African and international women to participate in the East African Training Programs. The Training Programs include the **3<sup>rd</sup> Grassroots Women and Water Training** and the first **Advanced Trainer's Training**, as well as a **Fellowship Program** that augments both trainings with a global development perspective.

### **THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM IN EAST AFRICA**

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**The Advanced Trainer's Training-Uganda, July 4-8, 2011.** The Advanced Training Program builds a cadre of African women WASH practitioners steeped in a holistic set of skills in WASH education, appropriate technology, action planning, economic livelihood development, climate change resilience and women's empowerment. This year-long Training Program begins with an intensive hands-on workshop followed by training and direct implementation in the field.

**The Grassroots Women and Water Training- Uganda, July 11-17, 2011** introduces WASH planning strategies, appropriate technologies, entrepreneurial and leadership skills to 15 teams of grassroots women so they can implement WASH solutions in their communities. Beginning with a week of hands-on training, the program continues to provide financial, technical, and networking support to each team and their organizations throughout the course of a year.

**The GWWI Fellowship Program** integrates a global team of women graduate students and development professionals into the Advanced and Grassroots Training Programs. Fellows gain a holistic and hands-on training in international development, WASH-related education, and appropriate technology by participating in Trainings and field visits, assisting Grassroots Teams in the implementation of their water projects, and supporting the monitoring and evaluation process for GWWI.