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WATERFUND CONDUCTS FINAL INSPECTION OF SOLIO SETTLEMENT SCHEME WATER PROECT IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The Solio Settlement Scheme Water project, funded under Water Sector Trust Fund's Joint Six Programme (J6P) was officially launched in July 2019, to kick-start the construction of gravity main pipes and water storage tanks that would lead to a water distribution network of approximately 37 kilometres. Solio Settlement scheme is estimated to reach approximately 20,000 beneficiaries in the seven villages namely: Furaha, Baraka, Makadamia, Rehema, Tetu, Mathingira and Bahati, with clean and safe water.

WaterFund and a team from Laikipia County Government undertook an inspection of the water project to assess on the progress of project implementation.

WaterFund is now pleased to note that as from 1st April 2020, the Solio Water Settlement Scheme project was considered complete. This has now led to the defects liability period stage that kicked off from 1st April 2020.

WaterFund through the Government of Kenya, County Government of Laikipia and Embassies of Sweden and Finland funded Solio water project at a cost of KSh. 143 million.



(Left) Laikipia team conducting inspection of projects funded by WaterFund in Solio

(Right) Ongoing construction of distribution pipelines of 62.5km in the seven villages



COVID-19 PREVENTION AND INSPECTION OF ADADIJOLE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

WaterFund under its Green Growth Employment programme received financial support from the Danish International Development Agency (Danida) to launch the proposed construction of Adadijole water works and sanitation blocks in Wajir County. During the inspection, the staff maintained the recommended Covid-19 prevention guidelines from the World Health Organization (WHO).



Community members during a meeting while maintaining the recommended social distancing guidelines



Ongoing excavation activities at the proposed sanitation block site

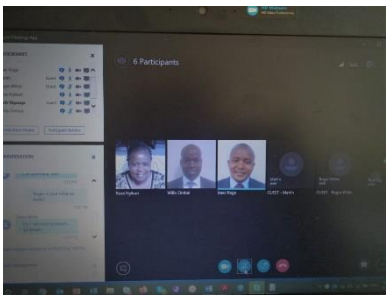


A handwashing facility located at the at the project site to ensure the members stay protected from Covid-19 infections.

WATERFUND MEETINGS

Across the week, the following meetings took place via videoconference. WaterFund is pleased to note that project implementing agencies are putting in place measures to protect their staff and members of the public from Covid-19 infections.

- In recent weeks, the WaterFund has held several online meetings and discussions with partners regarding emergency intervention to increase water supply and handwashing facilities in underserved Covid-19 hotspots. Several partners including Danida, EU, Sweden, Finland and the Gates Foundation have expressed interest to allocate or reallocate funding to the Response. European Union has already approved the intervention through a letter dated 14th April 2020 and activities have commenced. The WaterFund will continue to update on progress of the interventions through the SITREP and other avenues.
- The WaterFund held an online meeting on 16th April 2020 in continued deliberations to formulate the Development Engagement Document for a new Danida-funded Programme.



(Left) WaterFund staff meeting with development partners on skype

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #95 – MONITORING OF WATERFUND-FUNDED PROJECTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



The WaterFund's situation report no. 95 (SITREP #95) covered since **October to December 2016**. Among the highlights was that operations monitoring of all WSTF projects since the year 2010 were carried out across the country using the operations monitoring tool.

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