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WATERFUND CELEBRATES OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS FOR 86 VILLAGES IN MIGORI AND THARAKA NITHI COUNTIES

Water Sector Trust Fund is financing implementation of Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) projects in Kuria East and Suna East sub counties in Migori County, through Nyasare Water and Sanitation Company with technical support from the County Public Health Department. The projects have been successfully completed and 34 villages have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) at a total project cost of KSh. 3,546,600 that increased access sanitation to 2,549 households. The Migori and Tharaka Nithi CLTS projects implementation received financial support from Embassy of Finland and Embassy of Sweden.

WaterFund participated in the celebration of this milestone in August 2020 in Nguku B and Amino villages where various community health volunteers (CHVs), county public health officials and the local administration emphasised to the community on the need to maintain their household latrines and toilets in order to guarantee no open defecation and to promote sanitation and health in the community.

Similarly, in Tharaka Nithi County, 52 villages consisting of 22,676 people were also declared Open Defecation Free (ODF). During the celebrations, WaterFund handed over certificates to the representatives of the villages. In the meetings, World Health Organisation (WHO) and Ministry of Health COVID -19 prevention measures such as social distancing, wearing of masks, handwashing and hand sanitisation were observed.



(Left) Community members during ODF celebrations in Migori County

(Right) WaterFund representative and county officials unveiling the ODF sign for one of the villages





(Left) Dr. Gichuyia Nthuraku, County Executive Committee member for health, handing over certificates to community representatives

(Right) Participants during the ODF celebrations in Tharaka Nithi County



WATERFUND CONDUCTS COMMUNITY-LED TOTAL SANITATION TRAINING UNDER EDE-CPIRA PROGRAMME

WaterFund under its Ending Drought Emergency - Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme, funded by Embassy of Finland and Embassy of Sweden, conducted trainings on Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) projects in Kilifi, Mandera, Kajiado, Baringo, Samburu and West Pokot Counties. The attendees were trained on the approach of CLTS activities through informational and video demonstrations. This will enable them to comprehend how the programme works and how then can implement it in their counties in order to promote good health and sanitation.





Participants during Community-led Total Sanitation (CLTS) capacity building workshop in Mandera, Baringo, and West Pokot Counties respectively

WATERFUND IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME UNDER JOINT SIX PROGRAMME (J6P)

WaterFund is supporting community members in Migori County on soap-making under the Joint 6 Programme (J6P) COVID-19 Emergency Response Programme, funded with financial support from Embassy of Finland and Embassy of Sweden. In this programme, WaterFund facilitated the training and purchase of raw materials required for soap-making in order to enhance measures against COVID-19, promote health and to generate income for the community while ensuring sustainability of hand-washing practices.



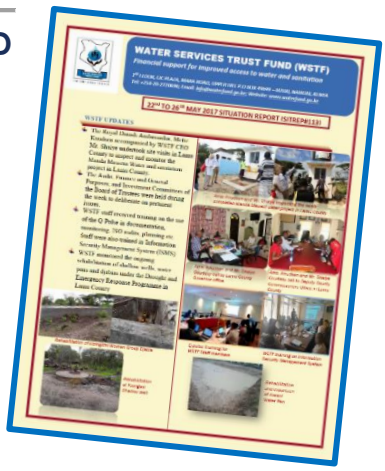
(Left) Community training on soap-making in Migori County

(Right) Community members doing a practical exercise on soap-making



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #113 – WATERFUND MONITORS PROJECTS IN LAMU COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 113 (SITREP #113) covered the period **22nd to 26th May 2017**. Among the highlights was that the Royal Danish Ambassador, Mette Knudsen accompanied by Mr. Ismail Shaiye, WaterFund CEO, undertook site visits in Lamu County to inspect and monitor the Manda Maweni Water and Sanitation project in Lamu County.



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