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WATERFUND HOSTS WEBINAR EXPLORING PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY FOR WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES DURING AND POST COVID-19

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, and in collaboration with Kenya Markets Trust, together with the County leadership and other stakeholders organized a webinar themed *Pathways to Sustainability for Water and Sanitation Services During and Post COVID-19*. The webinar aimed to marshal sector players to dialogue on sustainable solutions that would see the return to normalcy and measures to be adopted to sustain water services in the country through financing, regulation, turn-around strategies and policies.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Andrew Tuimur, C.B.S., Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, emphasized on the need to fast-track development projects not just against the current COVID-19 pandemic but as a disaster management strategy for other unforeseeable circumstances. Dr. Tuimur also gave the participants updates on the achievements of the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation towards mitigation and containment measures against COVID-19 countrywide. Additionally, WaterFund emphasized the need for sustainable financing through co-funding models, affordable credit, blended finance and leveraging on public private collaboration.

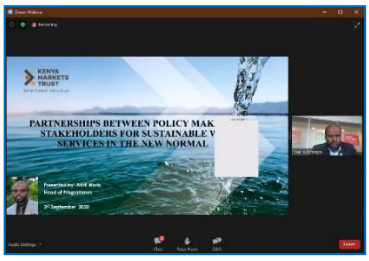
Panellists during the webinar included representatives from Ministry, Council of Governors, Kenya Markets Trust (KMT), WaterFund, Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), Water Service Providers Association (WASPA), Royal Danish Embassy, Embassy of Sweden, Equity Bank and Davis & Shirtliff. The webinar was attended by close to 180 participants.



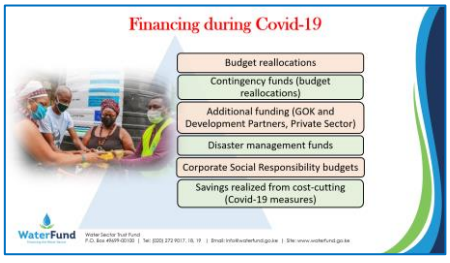
Panellists during the webinar event

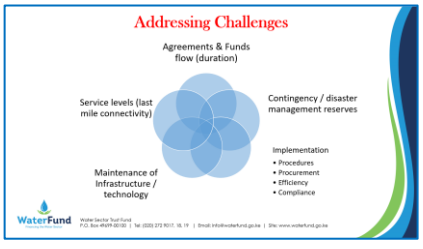


Dr. Andrew Tuimur, C.B.S. (CAS, MWSI) giving his key note speech



A presentation by KMT during the webinar session





Left and Right: WaterFund's presentation during the webinar that highlighted funding models during COVID-19 and challenges affecting funding in the water sector

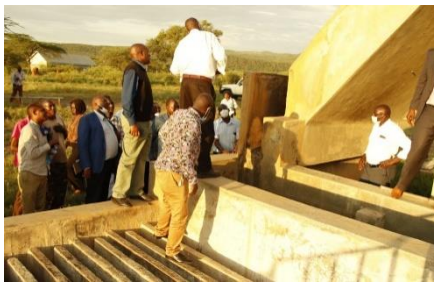
CONTRACT SIGNING AND SITE HANDOVER OF OL-ARABAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

Water Sector Trust Fund through the County Government of Baringo and Kirandich Water and Sanitation Company Limited officially signed contracts for the rehabilitation of Ol-Arabal Water Supply Project at Musuro, Mukutani ward and the Building of Marigat Public Sanitation Facility in Marigat town.

The rehabilitated project seeks to benefit 3,645 household with water and sanitation services. This project is currently implemented under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergency-Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) funded by the European Union.



Signing of rehabilitation works contracts by the Managing Director (centre), Kirandich Water and Sanitation Company Limited



Local leaders inspecting Ol-Arabal Water Project in Baringo County



Local leaders addressing Marigat community members on the importance of the Public Sanitation Facility (PSF)

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING EXERCISES

Field activities including monitoring and inspection of WaterFund's projects continued across the week. 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.

- WaterFund under its Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP) programme conducted an induction session to new incoming County Resident Monitors (CRMs). The main role of the CRMs will be to monitor and act as the liaison persons between the County, the implementing partners and WaterFund among other duties.
- Monitoring and inspection of an ongoing construction of Mutomo Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kitui County. This project is currently implemented under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergency-Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) funded by the European Union.



(Left picture) Induction of new County Resident Monitors (CRMs)

(Right picture) Ongoing construction of Mutomo Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kitui County



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #115 – WATERFUND CEO FEATURES ON TV

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 115 (SITREP #115) covered the period **5th to 9th June 2017**. Among the highlights was that Water Sector Trust Fund CEO Mr. Ismail Shaiye was hosted on KTN News' *Kivumbi Show* to discuss water availability and distribution in the country.

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