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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN MINISTERIAL TREE-PLANTING IN LAMBWE FOREST, HOMA BAY COUNTY

Following the Presidential Circular in 2018 on inclusion of tree-planting in CSR activities of public institutions, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation launched the tree planting campaign together with the Water Sector Institutions. This is in order to support the National Government's target of 10% forest cover by the year 2022.

In the FY2020/2021, Lambwe Forest in Homa Bay County was identified as the venue of the ministerial tree-planting exercise slated for March 2021. Following the invitation by the Ministry, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the tree-planting activities by sending a team to Lambwe Forest from 5th to 9th March 2021 to collaborate with the Ministry and other Water Sector Institutions to extend the conservation activities and ensure reforestation of Lambwe Forest.

WaterFund Adopts a Section of Lambwe Forest for Rehabilitation

WaterFund was allocated a section of the Lambwe forest for rehabilitation purposes. The area of section is 10.6 acres (4.3 hectares) as shown in the polygon from Google Earth. WaterFund donated 2,000 cypress tree seedlings and also set aside some funds for payment of the community members undertaking the clearing of bushes, digging holes, planting tree seedlings and then care and maintenance for their growth. This will ensure both conservation activities and also livelihood for the members of the community.

WaterFund is committed to ensuring that this section of the forest will grow back into a thriving forest ecosystem. We hope to accomplish this goal within the next few years.



WaterFund members of staff plant tree seedlings



Staff member planting at Signpost showing section of Lambwe Forest assigned to WaterFund



Aerial view of the Lambwe Forest section allocated to WaterFund for rehabilitation

SICILY KARIUKI (MRS.) CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION INSPECTS WATERFUND FUNDED PROJECTS IN EMBU COUNTY

Sicily Kariuki (Mrs.) E.G.H., Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, together with Ms. Rose Muguchu, representative of WaterFund Board of Trustees inspected

the sewer extension in Embu County under WaterFund's Output Based Aid (OBA) project. The main components of the project include: construction of sewer treatment works, laying of 32km sewer pipeline network, construction of 1,000 manholes and supply of sewer pipes.

The OBA project which has been funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) through the World Bank to the tune of KSh. 450 million, aims to benefit 5,000 beneficiaries with improved water and sanitation services.



(Left) Sicily Kariuki (Mrs.) E.G.H., CS, Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation addressing the guests

(Right) Ms. Rose Muguchu, representative of the WaterFund Board of Trustees, giving her remarks



MR. JOSEPH IRUNGU, C.B.S., PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION COMMISSIONS WATERFUND FUNDED PROJECT IN MARAGUA CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Joseph Irungu, C.B.S., Principal Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation accompanied by Hon. Mary Wamaua, Member of Parliament, Maragua Constituency, together with WaterFund representatives commissioned sanitation facilities under WaterFund's Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP) project. The commissioning occurred during a field visit by the Principal Secretary to inspect projects being implemented by Murang'a South Water and Sanitation Company.

In addition, the delegation distributed various food items to Maragua Muslim Community, Maragua Sub-County, and Nginda in Maragua.



Commissioning of UBSUP toilets in Maragwa Constituency



Mr. Joseph Irungu, C.B.S, PS, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation addressing community members



Mr. Joseph Irungu, C.B.S, distributing food items to community members in Maragua

WATERFUND CONDUCTS SUSTAINABILITY MISSION TO WATER PROJECTS IN KWALE COUNTY UNDER THE JOINT SIX PROGRAMME (J6P)

WaterFund conducted a suitability assessment of water supply projects in Nandi, Migori, Tharaka Nithi, Laikipia, Kwale and Narok Counties. These implementing counties are under WaterFund's Joint Six Programme (J6P). Upon conclusion of this activity, whose main objective was to identify specific sustainability measures for the utilities supported in batch 1 and 2, the team identified the challenges faced in each county.

In view of the above, WaterFund engaged a Capacity Development Advisor (CDA) through Finnish Consulting Group (FCG) in order to address the key issues faced by the water utilities. In the past week, WaterFund representatives conducted a sustainability assessment mission and monitoring activities of J6P Projects in Kwale County.

WaterFund's J6P Programme receives financial support from The Embassy of Finland and Embassy of Sweden.



Ongoing construction of a sanitation facility at Mgandini Primary School in Kwale County



Inspection of tree nurseries implemented by Mbunguni Water Resources Users Association (WRUA), Kwale County



Monitoring of beehives implemented by Mbunguni WRUA in Kwale County under the J6P programme

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #138 – COMMISIONING OF CHWELE PUBLIC SANITATION FACILITY (PSF) IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 138 (SITREP #138) covered the period **20th to 24th November 2017**. Among the highlights was that Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water and Irrigation and Hon. Musikari Kombo, WaterFund Chairman, presided over the Chwele Public Sanitation Facility ground breaking ceremony in Bungoma County.


WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND (WSTF)

Financial support for improved access to water and sanitation

20TH TO 24TH NOVEMBER 2017 SITUATION REPORT (SITREP#138)

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