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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 2021 WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATIONS IN MERU COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) in collaboration with other water sector stakeholders participated in the 2021 World Water Day celebrations. The celebrations took place on 22nd March 2021 at Kibirichia Boys' Secondary School, Meru County, with some prior activities that included tree-planting.

The 2021 World Water Day theme, '*Valuing Water*', explored how water is important to our homes and family life, our livelihood, our cultural practices, our wellbeing and our local environment. By celebrating all the different ways water benefits our lives, we can value water properly and safeguard it effectively for everyone.

Tree-Planting Activities

Following the Presidential Circular in 2018 on inclusion of tree-planting in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities of public institutions, WaterFund adopted a 2.7-acre (1 hectare) piece of land at Kibirichia Boys' Secondary School and donated 2,000 tree seedlings towards its reclamation. Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) students joined WaterFund in planting the tree seedlings at this section.

WaterFund will be at the forefront in ensuring regular maintenance of the trees by the school community as an essential part of the trees' growth and longevity. This will contribute towards attainment of the National Government's target of 10% forest cover by the year 2022.

WaterFund's Public Sensitisation on Customer Service Delivery Charter Timeliness and Reduction of HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination

In addition to showcasing WaterFund programmes at the event, WaterFund also undertook public sensitisation. Sensitisation on customer service delivery charter timelines involved informing the public of WaterFund's services to the public, the customer obligations, the expected timelines of service delivery and recourse mechanisms if service expectations or timelines are not met for whatever reasons. Sensitisation on reduction of HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination involved individual and group counselling so that those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS do not face stigma and discrimination.



Aerial view of the 2.7-acre piece of land at Kibirichia Boys' Secondary School allocated to WaterFund for rehabilitation



WaterFund staff making his remarks during the 2021 World Water Day Celebrations in Meru County



Public Sensitisation on Reduction of HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination

WATERFUND INSPECTS PROJECTS UNDER THE GREEN GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME (GGEP) IN LAMU COUNTY

WaterFund team paid a courtesy call to Mr. Irungu Macharia, Lamu County Commissioner to discuss on WaterFund-funded projects in Lamu County. In addition, the team inspected Kizingitini Water and Sanitation Project in Lamu East Sub-County. This project which is under WaterFund's Green Growth and Employment Programme (GGEP) is being implemented by Lamu Water and Sewerage Company Limited.

Kizingitini Water and Sanitation Project seeks to benefit 687 households and 4,624 beneficiaries with improved water quality and access in the rural low-income areas. The project has been funded by WaterFund through the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) at an approximate cost of KSh 40.5 million.

The main components of the project include: Installation of 242 solar panels, 50m^3 elevated steel tank, sanitation facilities and a perimeter fence for Kizingitini water station.



WaterFund team during a courtesy visit to the office of Mr. Irungu Macharia, Lamu County Commissioner



Installed solar panels at Kizingitini Water station in Lamu County



Inspection of Kizingitini renovated Water Station

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #140 – WATERFUND HOLDS A MEETING WITH GOVERNOR BUNGOMA COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 140 (SITREP #140) covered the period **11th to 15th December 2017**. Among the highlights was that Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water and Irrigation chaired a meeting with H.E. Wycliffe Wangamati, Governor, Bungoma County, where Mr. Ismail Shaiye WaterFund CEO made a presentation on WaterFund's Water and Sanitation Projects in Bungoma County.



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