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WATERFUND HOLDS VIRTUAL CONSULTATION FORUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR THE WATER SECTOR

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) has been working closely with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation & Irrigation (MWSI), the National Treasury and the County Leadership, in consultation with Sector Institutions, Development Partners and the Private Sector, to develop innovative and sustainable ways of financing for the water sector.

In view of the above, WaterFund and MWSI hosted a virtual consultation forum for the CECs Caucus on Water, Forestry and Mining, with participation also from WASH-FIN (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Finance Program) to strategize on the development of a water sector revolving fund. The proposed revolving fund aims at providing affordable loans for Water Services Providers (WSPs) across the 47 counties in Kenya. The revolving fund will be set up through a proposed seed fund of KSh. 5 Billion from the Government of Kenya, to be complemented by funding from Development Partners and leveraging on private, commercial finance through blending mechanisms.

The USAID WASH-FIN programme will provide technical assistance to WaterFund in the process of establishing the revolving fund.

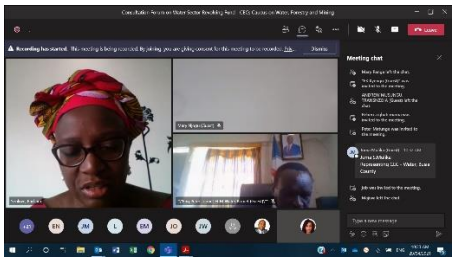


Dr. Dominic Biwott, Board of Trustee at the WaterFund, gives his remarks



Mr. Shaiye, CEO WaterFund, Eng. Kyengo (MWSI Deputy Director), Eng. Festus Ngeno, CEC Caucus, CECs and other participants during the event.





(Left picture) Ms. Barbara Senkwe, WASH-FIN Senior Governance Advisor, gives her remarks at the Forum

(Right picture) Revolving Fund Presentation by WaterFund during the CECs Consultation Forum



WATERFUND HOSTS URBAN INVESTMENTS 8TH CALL PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

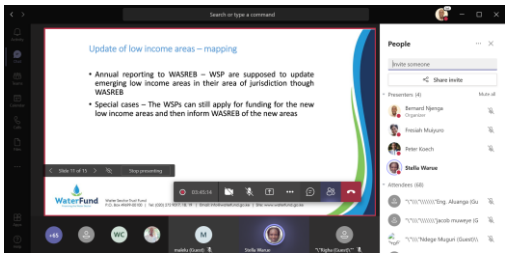
WaterFund has received KSh 1.6 Billion funding from Government of Kenya and German Development Bank (KfW) to finance the implementation of urban water and sanitation projects up to the year 2025. The funds under this grant are to support eligible Water Service Providers (WSPs) to extend water supply and sanitation sector in low-income urban areas of Kenya.

Through a public advertisement, WaterFund invited all eligible WSPs in the country to participate in this 8th Call for Proposals to apply for funding for improvement of water supply in the low-income urban areas and peri-urban areas and public sanitation (either in markets, bus parks or densely populated settlements) within their areas of jurisdiction.

As per the programme guidelines, the WSPs are expected to be trained on proposal development so that they have equal opportunity of submitting fundable proposals. Following the Ministry of Health measures on containment of Covid-19, it was not possible to conduct physical training for WSPs across Kenya. Therefore, the virtual workshop was organised to undertake the training online.

Participants of the virtual training included staff from the WSPs and their respective County governments. For ease of administration, the training was organised into three groups, with Group 1 comprising 25 WSPs from Tana, Northern and Athi regions, Group 2 with 35 WSPs from Rift Valley, Lake Victoria North and Lake Victoria South regions, and Group 3 with 30 WSPs from Coast and Tanathi regions.

The WSPs are expected to submit their proposals by end of May 2021 upon when WaterFund will embark on appraising these proposals for funding.



One of the presentations at the virtual workshop





WaterFund staff presenting at the virtual workshop

WATERFUND MEETINGS

WaterFund is pleased to note that the online meetings have been put in place as a measure to protect its staff and meeting participants from COVID-19 infections. Across the week, the following online meeting took place.

- WaterFund key head of departments held a virtual meeting with implementing partners under the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP). The main agenda was to get an update the projects and key issues pertaining the WLP which is drawing to a close. WaterFund received KSh. 600 million from the Government of Denmark through DANIDA to implement the WLP programme in Turkana County, which targets 6,000 new households with water and sanitation.

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