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WATERFUND HOSTS TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFUND INTEGRATED INFORMATION SYSTEM

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) hosted a virtual technical workshop on development of WaterFund Integrated Information System. Invited participants included the Consultant who will develop the system, Technical Advisors and Development Partners. WaterFund staff comprising the technical working group that helped to formulate the technical documents for the system also participated.

Development of this system is a major milestone in the Systems Integration Project (SIP). WaterFund management kicked off SIP in January 2018 in order to spearhead the development of an information system that unified various other project systems that had been procured in the institution but which followed different designs and technical standards, and, due to various other issues, had suffered adoption challenges.

During the technical workshop, the Consultant presented the Inception report followed by extensive plenary discussions on various aspects of the forthcoming development which is expected to take the next 10 or so months. In addition to project management, the new system is expected to automate other aspects of WaterFund's operations including work planning and automating office operations such as petty cash management, travel requests, performance management and IT helpdesk.

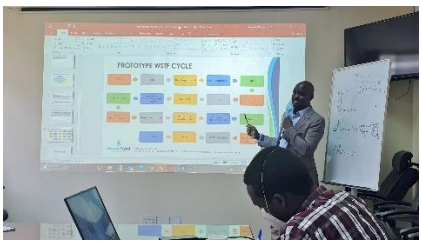
Later during the week, the project steering teams from both WaterFund and the Consultant met to kick off the development by having a common understanding of the WaterFund project cycle.



Screenshot of the virtual technical workshop showing participants



Presentation of the inception report by the consultant

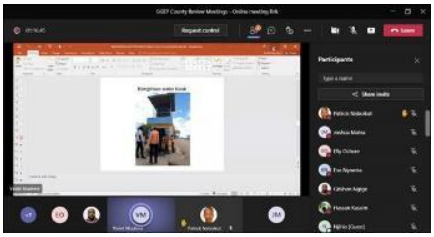


WaterFund staff explains the project cycle to the project steering committee

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 under its Green Growth and Employment Programme (GGEP) held a virtual programme review meeting with various Counties and implementing partners. The main agenda of the meeting was to get updates on: the projects status (technical and financial); completion and closure work plans; challenges experienced; lessons learnt, sustainability measures; and success stories. The GGEP programme has been funded by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) through WaterFund. Present during the meeting included Implementing Partners, Water Service Providers (WSPs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Water Resources Users Associations (WRUAs) and representatives from Water Resources Authority (WRA).



One of the presentations at the GGEP virtual review meeting

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING EXERCISES

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

- WaterFund staff inspected the complete works of Nkatu Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kajiado County. This project is being implemented by Olkejuado Water and Sewerage Company under the County Government of Kajiado. Nkatu PSF is currently under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies - Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) funded by the European Union.
- Under WaterFund's EDE-CPIRA Programme, Upper Mwatate Water Resource Users Association (WRUA) procured 12No. 10,000-litre water tanks for ready distribution to various identified schools in Taita Taveta County. The water tanks, which are as a response to water and sanitation challenges faced by schools, will ensure the they are able maintain proper hygiene in line with COVID-19 Prevention Measures. The EDE-CPIRA Programme has received financial support from the European Union.



Complete works of Nkatu Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kajiado County





One of the 10,000-litre water tanks to be delivered to Dembwa Primary School, Taita Taveta County

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