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WATERFUND CELEBRATES OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS FOR 58 VILLAGES IN THARAKA NITHI COUNTY

Dr. Gichuyia Nthuraku, County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Health Services and Sanitation, Tharaka Nithi County, together with representatives from Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), spearheaded the celebration of 58 villages in Kamaindi, Tharaka Nithi County which were declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) project. This project aims to improve hygiene and sanitation practices in the community. During the celebrations, the CEC handed over certificates to the representatives of the villages.

Various Community Health Volunteers (CHVs), County Public Health Officials and the local administration emphasized to the community on the need to maintain their household latrines and toilets in order to guarantee no open defecation and to promote sanitation and health in the community.

Under the CLTS project, WaterFund has successfully declared 170 villages ODF in Tharaka Nithi County since the inception of this project and as a result increased access to sanitation access to approximately 16,885 people. The CLTS project has been implemented under WaterFund's Joint Six Programme (J6P) with financial support from the Embassy of Finland and The Embassy of Sweden.



Dr. Gichuyia Nthuraku, County Executive Committee Member, Health Services and Sanitation giving his remarks during the celebration



Dr. Gichuyia Nthuraku, CECM, handing over certificates and ODF boards to CHVs and community members



Public Health Officers of the 58 villages in Kamaindi, Tharaka Nithi County

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 meetings took place.

- WaterFund team held a virtual meeting with implementing partners under the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP). The main agenda was to get an update on the

projects status and closure work plans of the programme 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 to provide 6,000 new households with water and sanitation.



WaterFund and WLP implementing partners during the virtual meeting

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING EXERCISES

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

- WaterFund team conducted a monitoring and inspection exercise of projects in Turkana West Sub-County under the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP). These projects which are at different stages of implementation have been funded by Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) with a goal to improve access to water and sanitation in refugee, host and other vulnerable communities in Kenya.





Before and after pictures of Kakuma mission hill tank after rehabilitation



Complete works of a water kiosk at Kakuma town, Turkana County

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #148 – WATERFUND HOLDS A MEETING WITH WORLD BANK

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 148 (SITREP #148) covered the period **12th to 16th February 2018.** Among the highlights was that Mr. Ismail Shaiye, CEO WaterFund, chaired a meeting between WaterFund and the World Bank to review status and progress of the Fund's Output-Based Aid projects in Kenya.



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