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WATERFUND LAUNCHES THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT AND ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION IN THE ASALs PROGRAMME (SWASAP)

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), with funding of KSh. 1.2 Billion from the Government of Kenya and the Royal Danish Embassy, launched a 5-year programme titled the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP). This programme aims to increase community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources, including, improved access to water and sanitation services in the target Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) Counties. Approximately 40,000 households from the targeted Counties namely: Garissa, Isiolo, Lamu, Marsabit, Tana River and Turkana are expected to benefit under the SWASAP programme.

On 18th February, 2022, the Chief Guest, Dr. Andrew K. Tuimur, C.B.S., Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, officially launched the SWASAP programme. This came after a 2-day programme workshop that aimed at sensitizing representatives of the implementing counties and officials in the water sector, on the SWASAP programme. During the launch, WaterFund, led by the acting CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Governors of the beneficiary Counties. The MoUs will provide a framework agreement between WaterFund and the Counties so as to ensure the provision of water and sanitation in the targeted counties.

Present during the launch were H.E. Fahim Yassin Twaha, Governor Lamu County, County officials from the 6 ASAL areas, Mr. Fredrick O. Josiah, member of the WaterFund Board of Trustees, Mr. Willis Ombai, WaterFund Ag. CEO. Also present were Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, and Ms. Elizabeth Matoli, Team leader, Climate and Resilience team, both of The Royal Danish Embassy, and UNHCR and WaterFund Staff.





(Left pic) Dr. Andrew K. Tuimur, C.B.S., C.A.S, MWSI and (Centre pic) Mr. Fredrick O. Josiah, Member of WaterFund Board of Trustees, giving their remarks during the SWASAP launch



Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund (third from left), during media press briefing





WaterFund staff members making presentations during the sessions



Participants follow keenly the proceedings of the SWASAP Launch



(Seated from right to left) H.E. Fahim Twaha, Governor, Lamu County, Dr. Andrew K. Tuimur, C.B.S., C.A.S, MWSI and Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, during the signing of MoUs



Participants of the SWASAP Launch pose for a group picture after the workshop

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE LAUNCH OF THE WATER SECTOR ROADMAP

The Water Sector Road Map for Kenya was funded by International Climate Initiative (IKI) and developed by AECOM under the Global NDC Implementation Partners (GNI^{plus}). The GNI^{plus} is an organization that aims to collaborate with relevant sectorial ministries to help the Government of Kenya achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) goals.

Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) and WaterFund among other partners were consulted during its formulation and as result launched the Water Sector Roadmap. The purpose for the report is to address the linkage between water and climate change in Kenya and provide means for delivering the Kenyan Nationally Determined Contributions.

During the week, a workshop was held to highlight the methodology and key findings from the development of the sector roadmaps. The participants were trained on using tracking and evaluation tools for monitoring implementation progress, as well as accessing international finance for priority projects.



(Left picture) Participants follow keenly during one of the presentations

(Right picture) Participants pose for a group picture



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