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WATERFUND HOLDS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HANDOVER CEREMONY

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held a handover ceremony on 25th February 2022 between the outgoing CEO Mr. Ismail Fahmy Shaiye and the acting CEO Mr. Willis Ombai. Mr. Shaiye had served as WaterFund's CEO since late 2014.

Representing the WaterFund Board of Trustees at the ceremony were Mr. Fredrick Josiah; Daniel Mutua, WaterFund's Alternate Trustee to the Cabinet Secretary, The National Treasury; and Mr. Chrysostom Njeru, WaterFund's Alternate Trustee to the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation. Also present were members of management team.

In his remarks, Mr. Josiah noted that the outgoing CEO has lifted WaterFund to the high profile it currently enjoys, having recently won consecutive United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA) in 2019 and 2021. WaterFund also emerged as the top public institution in Kenya in 2021, with the Public Service Commission (PSC) ranking WaterFund as No. 1 out of 263 government agencies countrywide on the compliance to the values and principles in Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution of Kenya.

The acting CEO enumerated the many milestones that WaterFund has undergone and grown under the leadership of Mr. Shaiye over the last seven years and pledged to keep up the institution's high profile. In his remarks, Mr. Shaiye thanked the Board of Trustees, management and the staff for their diligence and work ethic, saying that he is honoured to have served in his previous capacity at WaterFund and is looking forward to serving the public in other capacities.



Left picture: (Far left) Mr. Fred O. Josiah, Board of Trustees representative, makes his remarks during the meeting

Right picture: Board of Trustees representative and the outgoing CEO (right) Mr. Ismail Shaiye, sign the handover report





Left picture: Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, signs the handover report

Right picture: WaterFund Board and staff members during the handover meeting



WATERFUND SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TURKANA COUNTY

WaterFund signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with H.E. Josphat Nanok, Governor, Turkana County for the implementation of a 5-year programme, The Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP). The MoU will provide a framework agreement between WaterFund and Turkana County so as to ensure improved provision of water and sanitation.

The Government of Kenya and the Royal Danish Embassy through WaterFund has financed the SWASAP programme to the tune of KSh. 1.2 Billion. Other Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) counties set to benefit under this programme include: Garissa, Isiolo, Lamu, Marsabit and Tana River.



Left picture: H.E. Josaphat Nanok, Governor Turkana County signing the MOU

Right picture: (from right to left) Mr. Peter Koech, Manager Rural Investments, H.E. Josphat Nanok, Governor, Turkana County and Ms. Ruth Nganga, Manager, Partnership Development and Resource Mobilization pose for a picture during the signing session



ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY DELEGATION INSPECTS WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS IN TURKANA COUNTY

WaterFund has been implementing the Water and Livelihood Programme in Turkana county since its launch in December, 2019. The programme has over the years recorded improved water access, sanitation and also the livelihood status of host and refugee communities in the county.

In view of the above, a delegation from the Royal Danish Embassy led by, Mr. Ole Thonke, Royal Danish Ambassador to Kenya, WaterFund staff and WLP implementing partners embarked on a monitoring mission in Turkana County. The delegation visited three main projects namely: Kakuma water supply booster station and an automated water kiosk implemented by OXFAM and Choro Farm implemented by AAHI.

It was encouraging to see Erica Lokoropon, a water kiosk operator in Lokichoggio town, who in addition to selling water to the residents, also sells basic food commodities. When community members come to fetch water there was always a need to purchase basic food stuff available and take home. This in return improved the livelihood of Erica and that of her family, as she can now afford to support them on top of the KSh1,500 paid by the Water Service Provider for managing the water kiosk.





(Far left in both pictures) Mr. Ole Thonke, Royal Danish Ambassador to Kenya, inspecting one of the rehabilitated masonry tanks implemented by OXFAM in Turkana County



Erica Lokoropon, water Kiosk operator, waiting to serve her customers in Lokichoggio town

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