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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 2022 WORLD WATER DAY IN KITUI COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) in collaboration with water sector institutions joined the rest of the world in celebrating the year 2022, World Water Day 2022, that was held in Maliku Primary School, in Kitui County. World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on March 22nd since the year 1993, which advocates on celebrating water and raising awareness of people living without access to safe water.

This year's theme was *'Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible'*. Ground water is the largest source of water on earth however it is often undervalued, mismanaged and polluted. The theme *'Making the invisible visible'* focused on the hidden water resources that have been critically important but not fully recognized as they play their role in water and sanitation systems, agriculture, ecosystems and climate change adaptation.

Dr. Wathe Nzau, Deputy Governor, Kitui County, as the chief guest, urged the guests to practice water harvesting and storing of groundwater which as a result will increase access to safe and clean water. Other speakers from the water sector urged the participants to collectively stop the overuse, exploitation and wastage of every single drop of water.

In Kitui County, WaterFund is implementing the Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme which has been funded by The European Union. Other counties benefiting from the EDE-CPIRA Programme include, Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu, Taita -Taveta and West-Pokot.

WaterFund's Participation in the Celebrations

To commemorate the day, WaterFund had an exhibition area where staff members sensitized the public on its mandate and highlighted the role of biodiversity and the importance of eco system protection. In addition, WaterFund donated branded polo t-shirts which were evenly distributed to the participants present at the event.

In addition, WaterFund staff also sensitized the public on its Customer Service Delivery Charter and its commitment to engaging with stakeholders which can be measured in terms of service rendered, customer obligations, user charges and timelines. Sensitization on HIV/AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse involved creating awareness on prevention measures of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse. WaterFund issued the community with free condoms as a mitigation measure against Sexually Transmitted Diseases like HIV/AIDS and urged the community members to offer support to the infected and affected in their communities.



Mr. Douglas Mutahi, Director of Administration, (MWSI) makes his speech on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary, (MWSI)



Mr. Wathe Nzau, Deputy Governor, Kitui County giving his remarks



Water Sector Officials present during the World Water Day celebrations



Participants follow keenly the proceedings of the World Water Day



(2nd right) Mr. Wathe Nzau, Deputy Governor, Kitui County at WaterFund's exhibition stand



Senior water sector officials at WaterFund's stand





WaterFund staff interact one on one with the public at the exhibition stand



Sensitization of WaterFund's Customer Service Delivery Charter





WaterFund staff issuing condoms to the public after sensitizing them on the preventive measures of HIV/AIDS



WaterFund branding at the event grounds

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