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WATERFUND AWARDS AND SIGNS CONTRACTS UNDER THE URBAN PROJECT CONCEPT (UPC) 8TH CALL PROJECTS

On 6th April 2022, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, signed and awarded contracts to 44 Water Service Providers (WSPs) who will be implementing the Urban Projects Concept (UPC) 8th call projects. The UPC project which is under WaterFund's Urban Investment programme aims to respond to the water and sanitation challenges of urban low-income areas in the country. WaterFund has received financial support from the German Development Bank (KfW) for the implementation of this projects. Present during signing were CEOs and representatives of the WSPs and WaterFund staff.



Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks



Mr. Anthony Ambugo, CEO WASPA, addressing the guests



Participants follow keenly the proceedings of the event







Signing of contracts with the Water Service Providers (WSPs)

WATERFUND SIGNS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MARSABIT COUNTY

WaterFund signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with H.E. Mohamud Ali, Governor, Marsabit 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 Marsabit County in order 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, Turkana and Tana River.



Left Picture:(Left) Hon. Mohamud Ali, Governor, Marsabit, County, (right) Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, WaterFund, signing the MOU

Right picture: Hand over of the signed MOU between WaterFund and Marsabit County



WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE MINISTERIAL TREE-PLANTING IN LAMBWE FOREST, HOMA BAY COUNTY

Following the Presidential directive which is geared towards increasing the national forest coverage by 10% by end of year 2022, the Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) in collaboration with water sector institutions joined in the tree-planting campaign in Lambwe Forest, Homa Bay County.

In view of the above presidential directive, Water Sector Institutions took up this initiative as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities. In 2019, the MWSI identified Mwache Dam in Kwale county where Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) donated 2,000 indigenous tree seedlings towards reforestation. In FY 2020/2021, Lambwe Forest in Homa Bay County was chosen and WaterFund was allocated 10.6 acres (4.3 hectares). To kick start the campaign WaterFund donated 2,000 cypress tree-seedlings which to date has reported an 80 % survival rate.

On 4th to 7th April, 2022, WaterFund joined by other water sector institutions embarked on this year's tree-planting campaign in Lambwe Forest, Homa Bay County. Lambwe Forest is a water catchment area serving not just the downstream communities but also wildlife living in the neighbouring Ruma National Park. WaterFund participated in this noble exercise by donating 2,500 cypress tree-seedling and extending its land by 2 acres. This brings the entire land adopted by WaterFund for rehabilitation to 12.6 acres (5.1 hectares).

The MWSI partnered with Lake Victoria South Water Works Development Agency (LVSWWDA) and Million Tree March (MTM) organization, a Community Based Organization, to ensure regular maintenance of the trees planted every season. In addition, WaterFund will be at the forefront in monitoring of the trees through the community members on the ground who will be undertaking the maintenance work on a regular basis.



Offloading of cypress tree-seedlings purchased by various water sector institutions



WaterFund team make their way into the forest for the tree planting exercise



An aerial view of the Lambwe forest allocated to WaterFund for rehabilitation





WaterFund team during the tree planting exercise in Lambwe forest



Group picture at the end of the tree-planting exercise

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