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WATERFUND HOLDS A DELIBERATION MEETING WITH 4LIFE SOLUTIONS

On 17th January, 2023, WaterFund led by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, held a meeting with representatives from 4Life Solutions to deliberate on possible areas of collaboration. 4Life Solutions is an organization seeking to solve the problem of access to safe drinking water, using Sodis technology. This technology purifies microbial-contaminated water for drinking using SaWa (Safe Water) bags; a well-proven Danish invention, that is an affordable solar-based, safe drinking water solution, for people in low-income communities.

During the meeting, deliberations were held on possible avenues of collaboration in order to accelerate the distribution of the SaWa bags. This potential partnership will aim to: reach more people with safe drinking water; incorporate the Sodis technology in the existing WaterFund programmes; partner in future carbon trading projects; and development of joint proposals with WaterFund in the core aspects of innovation research, underwater resources, and climate change investments.



Mr. Willis Ombai (centre), Ag. CEO, WaterFund, chairing the meeting between WaterFund and 4Life Solutions



Mr. Jonas Pilgaard (right), CEO, 4Life Solutions, during the meeting



Mr. Per Gjode (left), Regional Director and Mr. Steen Londal (right), Board Member, 4Life Solutions







WaterFund led by Mr. Willis Ombai (left image), Ag. CEO, reviewing samples of the SaWa Bags during the meeting

WATERFUND SUPPORTS 3RD CALL PROJECTS UNDER THE EDE-CPIRA PROGRAMME

The European Union (EU) awarded WaterFund KSh. 2 Billion Grant to implement the Ending Drought Emergency-Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) programme in eight ASAL Counties namely: Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu, Taita-Taveta and West Pokot

Counties. In August 2022, the EDE-CPIRA programme launched the 3rd call for projects proposal which was followed by a desk appraisal of submitted projects and a subsequent field appraisal for successful projects. Therefore, WaterFund officers embarked on a field visit to Samburu, Kitui and Taita Taveta Counties to address gaps identified during the appraisal process. On the other hand, in Taita Taveta County, WaterFund held a meeting with officials from the County Government, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company; to discuss the proposed interventions within Tsavo National Park with an aim of reducing human wildlife conflict and increasing access to safe water.



Left Picture: H.E. Lati Leletit (left), Governor, Samburu County and (right) Mr. Quintine Ochola, Principal Internal Auditor, WaterFund, during the meeting

Right Picture: Ms. Rose Lekalesoi (left), CEC, Water, Samburu County, giving her remarks during the meeting





From left to right: Mr. Sylus Owiti, Principal Programme Officer, EDE-CPIRA, Mr. Wilson Njue, Senior Warden, KWS and Eng. Patrick Wadu, Technical Services Manager, Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company



WaterFund, KWS and Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company representatives pose for a group picture after the meeting



Inspection of the proposed desilting project of Ndara Water Pan at Tsavo East National Park

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING

WaterFund inspected the status of implementation of a fish pond under Kiwe Water Resources Users Association (WRUA) in Kirinyaga County. This project has been funded under Call 4 by WaterFund with financial support from International Fund for Agricultural Development - Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-UTaNRMP), to the tune of KSh. 2 Million. Subsequently, in Muranga County, the team inspected 2 fish ponds under Ndera WRUA which have been funded to the tune of KSh. 1.8 Million. Other Components under this project include 2 spring protection initiatives.



Left: Inspection of Kiwe WRUA fish pond in Kirinyaga County

Right: Inspection of Ndera WRUA fish ponds in Muranga County



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