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WATERFUND HOLDS A MEETING WITH THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

On 25th January, 2023, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), led by Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO, held a meeting with USAID. The main aim of the meeting was to discuss on a potential partnership with USAID-Kenya under its new Global Water Strategy 2022-2027, which aligns with: the global goals for reaching underserved areas; and the U.S. Government's (USG) priority goals. During the meeting deliberations on possible areas of collaboration were discussed, since Kenya was prioritized by the USAID as a high-priority Country under its Global Water Strategy.



Mr. Willis Ombai (right) Ag. CEO WaterFund, chairing the meeting with USAID



Ms. Violet Mucheni, Principal programme officer- sanitation, during the meeting



From Left: Mr. Martin Mulongo, Mr. Nicholas Owuor and Ms. Beverly Mademba, all from USAID

WATERFUND CONDUCTS ASSESMENTS AND DOCUMENTATION OF WRUAs AND CFAs

WaterFund is implementing the 3rd Call -Batch II of Water Resources Users Association (WRUAs) and Community Forest Associations (CFAs) projects; with financial support from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) - Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-UTaNRMP). The beneficiary Counties under the Programme include, Kirinyaga, Embu, Meru, Murang'a, Nyeri and Tharaka Nithi Counties.

During the assessment and documentation processes, it was noted that the WRUAs and CFAs had made great progress, however there were pending workloads that needed to be finalized. In regards to the aforementioned, WaterFund and IFAD-UTRANRMP held meetings to document activities and make follow pprovups on the project implementation gaps in 40 identified projects in the 6 Counties.



Inspection of Kangunu spring under itimbogo WRUA in Embu County



Kabuku WRUA performance assessment in Muranga County



Upper Gura WRUA ,assessment and documentation in Nyeri County

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SCOUTS

WaterFund joined the celebration of the pass out event of 15 community scouts from Kabage and 20 community scouts from Kabaru Community Forest Associations (CFAs), in Nyeri County, who had successfully completed training. The scout activity was funded by Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (UTaNRMP) through WaterFund to a tune of KSh. 1.15 Million for Kabage CFA and Ksh. 1.39 Million for Kabaru CFA.

After the pass out, the community scouts will be responsible for managing and offering protection to Kabage and Kabaru forests in Nyeri County, while the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) will support the activity in ensuring smooth operations in the forest. The event was graced by Mr. Patrick ithinji Regional Commandant, Central Region, who was also the chief guest of the ceremony. Present during the event were representatives from Kenya Forest Services (KFS), WaterFund, Kabage and Kabaru Forest Managers and Community members.



Left: Guests and kabage scouts pose for a group photo during the celebrations

Right: Guests and kabaru scouts pose for a group photo during the celebrations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #201-WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL DEVOLUTION CONFERENCE IN KIRINYAGA COUNTY



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 201 (SITREP #201) covered the period **4th to 8th March, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) received the invitation from the Council of Governors to participate and partner in the 6th Annual Devolution Conference that was held from 4th to 8th March, 2019, in Kirinyaga County. The convenors of the Devolution Conference were the Council of Governors (CoG), Ministry of Devolution and ASALs (MoDA), the Senate and County Assemblies Forum (CAF). The theme of the conference was "Deliver, Transform, Measure, and Remaining Accountable". As a proponent of the devolution process, WaterFund participated and collaborated with the CoG's Devolution Conference Secretariat by contributing directly and participating as conference delegates and having an exhibition stand. WaterFund supported the event to tune of KSh. 2 Million as event sponsors.

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