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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 402

20TH – 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

WATERFUND TAKES PART IN THE 23RD REGIONAL NILE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Mr. Bill Lay, Chairperson, Board of Trustees (BoT) and Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, took part in the 23rd Regional Nile Day Celebrations that was held at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC). The event was graced by Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, Prime Cabinet Secretary, of the Republic of Kenya, who was the Chief Guest at the event. The Regional Nile Day, with the theme "*Deepening Nile Cooperation: Sustainable Development in a changing climate*", sort to mark the historic day in 1999, when the Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) was launched by the Nile Council of Ministers in charge of Water Affairs in East Africa.

Hon. Alice Wahome, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) called on all present, to deliberate on matters Nile cooperation and collaboration in order to equitably share the resources, without causing conflict among riparian Countries. Speaking as the chief guest at the event, Hon. Musalia Mudavadi, urged the Nile Basin member states to develop tangible solutions, for the conservation of the Nile River Basin in the wake of climate change.

At the event, WaterFund showcased its mandate by having an exhibition, where top management took the opportunity to highlight WaterFund's achievements in increasing water and sanitation access to underserved Kenyans in the Counties. Present during the event were: The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation top leadership, Water Sector Institutions and Nile Basin Initiative Member State representatives.



Mr. Bill Lay (right) Chairperson, WaterFund, welcoming Hon. Musalia Mudavadi (centre), Prime Cabinet Secretary and Hon. Alice Wahome (Left), CS MWSI to WaterFund exhibition



Mr. Willis Ombai (2nd right) giving an explanation on WaterFund's mandate to Hon. Alice Wahome (left), CS MWSI and Hon. Musalia Mudavadi (2nd left).



WaterFund's exhibition space

WATERFUND MEETINGS

WaterFund led by Mr. Wills Ombai, Ag. CEO, held the Rural Steering Committee Meeting on 21st February, 2023. The meeting deliberated on the Quarter Two Rural Harmonized Report, financial and audit highlights. In addition, WaterFund updated the present Development Partner representatives, on the ongoing Joint Annual Operations Monitoring Exercise (JAOME) 2022. In attendance were representatives from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI), Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), European Union (EU), Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project (UTaNRMP) and Water Resources Authority.



From left: Mr. Willis Ombai, Ag. CEO WaterFund, Mr. Stephen Wathome, Programme Manager EU and Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, DANIDA



From Left: Mr. David Thiongo, Technical Officer, MWSI, Ms. Faith Livingstone, Project Coordinator, UTaNRMP and Ms. Rose Nyikuri, WaterFund



Participants keenly following the proceedings of the meeting

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING EXERCISES

During the week, WaterFund undertook the below highlighted field activities:

- Inspection of Kangu Baptist Primary School roof water catchment facility in Embu County funded by WaterFund, with financial support from International Fund for Agricultural Development - Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-UTaNRMP). The project scope included installation of roof water harvesting facilities in 8 public instituions,10m^3 water tank, riparian land conservation, pegging of 60 Km of Upper Thuci river, planting of 10,000 tree seedlings and 4000 bamboo seedlings, all at a total cost of KSh. 4.8 Million.
- Inspection of Kingongo – Gatende sewer treatment facility under Nyeri Water and Sewerage Company (NYEWASCO) Sewer Extension Project, funded under Output-Based Aid Programme. The project cost was KSh. 262.6 Million and is set to benefit over 2,900 people in the County.





Inspection of the roof water harvesting facility and storage tank in Kangu Baptist primary School in Embu County.



Inspection of the NYEWASCO Sewer Extension Project in Nyeri town

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #203- WATERFUND AND EUROPEAN UNION INTRODUCES THE ENDING DROUGHT EMERGENCIES (EDE)–CLIMATE PROOFED INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 203(SITREP #203) covered the period **18th to 22nd March, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund in conjunction with European Union held an inception meeting for the 'Ending Drought Emergencies (EDE) – Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme for improved water supply and sanitation in Arid and Semi- Arid Lands'. The Water Fund was awarded KSh. 2 Billion grant to finance the implementation of the programme towards 8 Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Counties, namely; Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu, Taita Taveta, and West Pokot. The consultative meeting involved representatives of the 8 county governments including the County Executive Committee members, and Chief Officers in charge of water from the counties.

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