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WATERFUND CEO SPEARHEADS A CSR INITIATIVE WITH NAIROBI HOSPICE

On 28th March 2023, Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), officially handed over 2 water storage tanks, to Nairobi Hospice, as a WaterFund Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. As the chief guest, Mr. Ombai was pleased to note that WaterFund had supported such a noble cause which greatly resonated with its mandate.

The support actively demonstrated WaterFund's obligation towards impacting societal needs in the provision of improved water access. WaterFund's contribution to Nairobi Hospice is a step forward towards ensuring underserved Kenyans, in need of medical aid and assistance, have access to quality water. The water storage facilities will enable Nairobi Hospice provide care to over 1,000 patients annually, who will be accessing palliative care, chemotherapy and inpatient services at the facility.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks at the introductory meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO WaterFund and Dr. Asaph Kinyanjui, (right) CEO Nairobi Hospice, during handover ceremony



WaterFund staff and Nairobi Hospice team pose for a group picture, in front of one of the tanks

WATERFUND CONDUCTS A CTLS TRAINING UNDER THE SWASAP PROGRAMME

WaterFund rolled out the implementation of the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP), in 6 Counties namely; Garissa, Isiolo, Lamu, Marsabit, Tana River and Turkana. The first disbursement of the programme focused on supporting Community Led Total Sanitation (CTLS) projects. CLTS is an approach that focuses on igniting a change in sanitation behavior, through community participation, with the aim of ending open defecation. One of the key deliverables of the programme is to strengthen the capacity of the Counties and implementing partners, for improved service delivery and maintenance of the programme in the targeted ASAL Counties.

In regards to the above, WaterFund officers conducted a Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) training targeting SWASAP implementing partners, public health officers and community health assistants. The training aimed to equip the participants with necessary knowledge to effectively implement the CLTS in the targeted ASAL counties, which aims to declare approximately 540 villages Open Defecation Free (ODF).



Participants keenly follow presentations by WaterFund Officers in Lamu and Isiolo counties (respectively)





WaterFund officers lead the participants during the CLTS triggering process

WATERFUND MEETINGS

- On 29th March, 2023, WaterFund held a meeting with representatives from Fresh Life. Fresh Life is offering specialized expertise in city-wide inclusive sanitation, in a bid to be included as a co-partner in the application process in the Africa Water Facility (AWF) Call for Proposals. The Call for Proposal gives WaterFund the opportunity to further its mandate to realize financing climate-friendly water and sanitation initiatives. During the application process, The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation will have an oversight role in coordination, while WaterFund, as the lead applicant, will take charge in managing the implementation of the programme.
- Following the appointment by the CEO, in order to ensure quality and productivity of submitted proposals, The Fund Development Committee held its first meeting on 29th March, 2023. Among the key functions, the committee was tasked with was to; review funding needs of WaterFund programmes and operations based on the Corporate Strategic Plan and the Fund Development Strategy; review existing niche products and programmes, and propose other available opportunities for effective funds mobilization, among others.



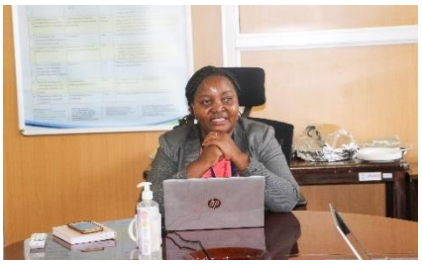
Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, chairing the meeting between WaterFund and Fresh Life group



From left: Samantha Gikuhi, Business Development, Senior Specialist, Penina Olum, Director, Business Development and Michelle Otieno, Government Relations Lead, New Cities, Fresh Life



Participants keenly follow WaterFund's presentation during the meeting



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, chairing the Fund Committee meeting



Ms. Audrey Njeri (left), Fund Development Officer and MS. Joan Karanja (right) Principal Fund Development Officer



Participants deliberating on key issues during the Fund Development committee meeting

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