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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY LAUNCHES THE NATIONAL TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN

On 14th April, 2023, Hon. Dr. Chris Wamalwa, Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), launched the national tree planting campaign and restoration of the Sasumua Water Catchment in Nyandarua County. Through this campaign, the MWSI joined by water sector institutions aim to plant 200,000 tree seedlings as part of their commitment to; restore and protect Aberdare catchment which has experienced deforestation by rising human activities and natural causes such as fire and dynamic climatic conditions among others.

In view of the above, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) joined the MWSI in conjunction with Athi Water Works Development Agency and other water sector institutions; in a tree planting exercise at Aberdare catchment, which resulted in the planting of 10,000 tree-seedlings. WaterFund supported this noble activity by donating 1,000 tree-seedlings and mobilizing the community to participate in the tree planting exercise.

Speaking during the event, Hon, Dr. Chris Wamalwa, CAS, MWSI, reiterated on the need for all water sector institutions to support and participate in this campaign which is in line with the governments agenda for increasing the forest cover in Kenya. In addition, he urged the stakeholders to collaborate with local schools, community groups, and volunteers in a bid to raise awareness about the importance of tree growing and restoration. Through this partnership, the stakeholders can provide training and capacity building to empower local communities to take ownership of the conservation efforts and become stewards of their environment.



Hon. Dr. Chris Wamalwa, CAS, MWSI, giving his key-note speech during the national tree planting campaign



Hon. Dr. Chris Wamalwa (right), CAS, MWSI participates in the tree planting exercise at Aberdare catchment in Nyandarua County



Inspection of the Sasumua water catchment project in Nyandarua County



Left: Key stakeholders closely following the proceedings of the national tree planting campaign

Right: A section of the Sasumua Water Catchment in Nyandarua County









WaterFund team during the tree planting exercise in Aberdare catchment

WATERFUND MEETINGS

On 14th April, 2023, Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, WaterFund, chaired a bilateral meeting with representatives from DANIDA to discuss Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP) project implementation modalities. WaterFund with funding of KSh. 1.3 Billion from the Government of Kenya and the Royal Danish Embassy, launched the SWASAP programme with an aim to increase community resilience and adaptation to climate change through sustainable, peaceful use of natural resources, including, improved access to water and sanitation services in the target Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) Counties.



Mr. Willis Ombai (center), CEO WaterFund, chairing the bilateral meeting between WaterFund and DANIDA representatives



Ms. Charlotte Rosen (left), Chief Finance Officer and (right) Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, DANIDA representatives at the meeting



WaterFund and DANIDA representatives, closely following the proceedings of the meeting

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