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## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY MARKS THE START OF KISHENYI-KISHUSHE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

On 25th May, 2023, H.E. Andrew Mwadime, Governor, Taita Taveta County together with Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) spearheaded the ground-breaking ceremony of Kishenyi-Kishushe Water Supply Project in Taita Taveta County. This initiative was made possible with funding from the European Union under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proof Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme; at a total contract cost of KSh. 87.5 Million. As part of County contribution, Taita Taveta County Government made a 13% contribution of the total cost at KSh. 25 Million. Kishenyi-Kishushe Water Supply project will be implemented by Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company Limited (TAVEVO).

The Kishenyi-Kishushe Water Supply Project is expected to have transformative effects for approximately 20,000 community members in Werugha, Kishushe, and Sangenyi. Anticipated impacts include: improved water quality and access at households; reduced risks associated with waterborne diseases, adequate water for livestock and gardens, and shorter distances covered to fetch water.

In his address at the ceremony, H.E. Andrew Mwadime, expressed his appreciation for the collaboration between the European Union, WaterFund and the County Government of Taita Taveta in realizing the project. He acknowledged their continued support in financing similar water initiatives in other water-stressed regions within the county. Additionally, Eng. Rose Nyikuri, the Manager of Water Resources & Climate Change, reaffirmed WaterFund's commitment to accelerating the construction of water projects, ensuring that residents have access to safe and affordable clean water, especially in arid and semi-arid areas.

Present during the ground-breaking ceremony were: Mr. Granton Mwandawiro, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Sanitation, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources, Taita Taveta County, Mr. Bill Lay, Advisor for Blue Economy and Investments, Taita Taveta County, Mr. Houghton Mombo, Chairperson Board of Director TAVEO, Mr. Richard Kibengo, Ag. Managing Director, TAVEVO and WaterFund representatives.



*WaterFund led by Eng. Rose Nyikuri (left) makes a courtesy call to H.E. Andrew Mwadime (right), Governor County Government of Taita Taveta*



*Mr. Bill Lay (left), Advisor for Blue Economy and Investments at Taita Taveta County, Mr. Houghton Mombo (2nd Left), Chairperson TAVEVO and other participants during the courtesy call*



*Mr. Martin Shikuku (Left), Senior Programme Officer WaterFund and Mr. Richard Kibengo (right), Ag. Managing Director TAVEVO listening in on the remarks*



*H.E. Andrew Mwadime (center), with the WaterFund and TAVEVO Delegation at the Kishushe-Kishenyi Water Project Site*



*H.E. Andrew Mwadime (center), officially launching the Kishushe-Kishenyi Water Project*



*The Delegation inspecting the project sign board*



*H.E. Andrew Mwadime, giving his key note speech during the launch*



*Eng. Rose Nyikuri, giving her speech during the Launch*




*Members of Public from Werugha, Kishushe and Sangenyi locations listening in to the various speakers during the launch*

## WATERFUND ENGAGES IN HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AT WASH BANKABILITY CONFERENCE FOR WATER COMPANIES AND SMEs

WaterFund participated in the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Bankability Conference organized by United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The conference, which took place at Safari Park Hotel, was specifically tailored for Water Companies and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) operating in the water sector.

During the event, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, participated in a high-level panel discussion centered on the challenges associated with financing in the water sector. His valuable insights and expertise shed light on the crucial financial hurdles facing the water sector and sparked meaningful conversations on finding sustainable solutions. Furthermore, Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development at WaterFund, made a presentation focusing on opportunities for financing available to companies and SMEs operating within the water sector.



*Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, taking part in the high-level panel discussions*

*Right: Participants pose for a group picture after the conference*



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