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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 416

29TH MAY - 2ND JUNE 2023

STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION FOR CLIMATE-PROOFED WATER PROJECTS IN MANDERA COUNTY

H.E. Mohamed Adan Khalif, Governor of County Government of Mandera, in collaboration with the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF), launched the Takaba Water Supply Master Plan 30th May, 2023. This master plan aims to provide sustainable and climate-resilient water supply infrastructure to the community in Takaba town and its surroundings. This initiative plays a crucial role in tackling the issue of water scarcity and enhancing the region's ability to cope with drought emergencies.

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), a key stakeholder and implementing partner in Mandera County's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA), was invited to participate in the launch of the Takaba Water Supply Master Plan. The presence of WaterFund at the event demonstrated its dedication to supporting the development of sustainable water infrastructure in Takaba.

During the event, H.E. Mohamed Adan Khalif expressed his gratitude to UNICEF and other stakeholders for their support in launching the Takaba Water Supply Master Plan. He highlighted the causes of water shortages and floods in the area and acknowledged the progress made in drilling boreholes. Stressing the importance of preserving forests to combat water scarcity, he also urged communities to actively participate in tree planting initiatives.

The launch event was attended by several prominent individuals including Dr. Ali Maalim, Deputy Governor, County Government of Mandera, Mr. Mahboob Ahmed Bajwa, Deputy Country Representative of UNICEF, Dr. Julius Itunga, CEO, Water Services Regulatory Board, top leadership of the County and representatives from WaterFund.

The participation of WaterFund at the launch event demonstrated its unwavering support for the development of climate-resilient water infrastructure, aligning with the objectives of the Takaba Water Supply master plan. This collaboration between WaterFund and other stakeholders sets a strong foundation for the successful implementation of climate-proofed water projects that will greatly benefit the communities in Mandera County.



H.E. Mohammed Adan Khalif, Governor, Mandera County , giving his key note speech during the launch



Mr. Mahboob Ahmed Bajwa, Deputy Country representative, UNICEF, giving his remarks at the event



Hon. Yussuf Adan Hajj, MP, Mandera west, giving his speech at the event

WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund met with SMEC team led by Mr. John Anderson, its Chief Operating Officer (COO). Mr. Anderson and team paid a courtesy call to WaterFund to discuss opportunities for private sector investments to the water and sanitation sector.
- WaterFund met with Korea Water Resources Corporation (K-Water) to deliberate on possible areas of collaboration. K-Water was represented by its Director, Ms. Kyung Shin, who was in Kenya for the Water and Sanitation Investors Conference.



Mr. John Anderson, Chief Operations Officer, SMEC, giving his remarks at the meeting



Mr. Nicholas Rowse (left), General Manager, Water and Environment and Mr. Elias Ngotho (right), Business Development Manager, SMEC during the meeting



From Left: Mr.Thomas Nyangau, Manager, Urban Investments, Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag, Manager, Research Planning and M&E and Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager Fund Development, keenly following proceedings of the meeting



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager Fund Development, chairing the K-Water meeting



Ms. Kyung Jin Shin, Director, K-Water, giving her remarks at the meeting



Participants pose for a group photo after the meeting

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #212- WATERFUND LAUNCHES THE ENDING DROUGHT EMERGENCIES- CLIMATE PROOFED INFRASTRCTURE PROGRAMME

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 212 (SITREP #212) covered the period **20th to 24th May, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, WaterFund was awarded a KSh. 2 Billion grant to finance the implementation of the Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure for Improved Water Supply and Sanitation in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Areas (EDE-CPIRA)). The European Union, through the 11th European Development Fund, provided financing towards 8 ASAL Counties namely: Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu, Taita-Taveta and West Pokot. On 22nd May 2019, WaterFund in conjunction with the Ministry of Water and Sanitation and the European Union, hosted the official launch of the programme, where 8 beneficiary County Governors signed Memorandums of Understanding to officially implement the EDE-CPIRA Programme in their respective Counties.

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