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WATERFUND SUPERVISION MISSION IN WEST POKOT COUNTY: ASSESSING PROGRESS AND ADDRESSING WATER CHALLENGES

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) has successfully implemented the Muruny Chepareria Water Project in West Pokot County, in collaboration with Kapenguria Water and Sewerage Services (KEWASES) as part of the Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA).

In this regards Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, conducted a supervision mission in West Pokot County to monitor the progress of the organization's projects and initiatives in the area. The visit aimed to assess the effectiveness of water-related programs, address any challenges encountered, and explore opportunities for further growth. Mr. Ombai actively engaged with local officials, community leaders, and stakeholders to gather valuable insights into the water needs and challenges faced by the residents of West Pokot County.



Left: (From right) Hon. Lucky Litole, County Executive Commissioner (CEC) Water, West Pokot County, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund and Mr. Sammy Chesongol, Principal, Human Resources, WaterFund

Right: Participants pose for a photo after the meeting



WATERFUND SUPPORTS FIRST LADY'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

On June 9th, the First Lady of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. Rachael Ruto, initiated an environmental conservation project known as "*Mama Doing Good*" in Kitany, Elgeyo Marakwet County. The primary objective of this initiative is to raise awareness on environmental conservation throughout the Country. Currently the project has successfully facilitated the planting of 400,000 trees in the Uasin Gishu and Elgeyo Marakwet watersheds. The collaboration in actualizing this initiative includes various stakeholders such as; the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, International Fund for Agriculture and Development (IFAD), Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company (ELDOWAS), and local Community Forest Associations. The First Lady aims to plant a total of 500 million trees by 2032, which aligns with the President of the Republic of Kenya, H.E. William Ruto's call to plant 15 billion trees by the same year.

During the launch, H.E. Racheal Ruto emphasized the importance of women transitioning from wood fuel to environmentally friendly fuel alternatives, in order to safeguard the diminishing forest cover. She further emphasized on the destructive consequences of deforestation, including the occurrence of severe droughts in Arid and semi-arid Lands (ASAL), which have led to the loss of human lives, livestock, and wildlife. Additionally, she encouraged Kenyans to actively support President William Ruto's campaign for tree-growing restoration, which aims to plant 15 billion trees within a decade.

During the launch, the First Lady was accompanied by: Grace Cheserek, Deputy Governor Elgeyo Marakwet County; Fiona Rotich, First Lady Elgeyo Marakwet County; Selina Bii, First Lady Uasin Gishu County; Mr. Peter Biwott, Managing Director Eldoret Water and Sanitation (ELDOWAS); and WaterFund Representatives.

WaterFund's contribution as a key stakeholder in the event demonstrated its commitment to environmental conservation, sustainable water management, and collaboration with other stakeholders to achieve shared objectives.



H.E. Rachel Ruto, planting a tree at Kaptagat forest in Elgeyo Marakwet County



Mr. Sammy Chesongol, Principal Human Resources, WaterFund planting a tree during the event



Mr. Chesongol (Left) with Mr. Peter Biwott (right), Managing Director, Eldoret Water and Sanitation Company at the event

FIELD ACTIVITIES: TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR EDE-CPIRA PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

WaterFund is currently engaged in the implementation of the Ending Drought Emergencies Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) across eight counties, namely Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Kitui, Kajiado, Mandera, Samburu, Baringo, and West Pokot. Within these counties, WaterFund is overseeing the execution of projects related to Water Public Sanitation Facilities (PSF), Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTs), and Water Resources Users Association. The progress of these projects varies across the different counties, with some already completed, others in advanced stages, and some still in their initial phases. However, certain challenges have arisen in the course of implementation, requiring attention and intervention from WaterFund.

To address these matters, the management of WaterFund conducted visits to the project sites in the respective Counties. The primary objectives of these visits were to monitor the progress of project implementation and offer technical support as needed. Additionally, the management sought to engage with the newly elected County Government officials and provide them with a comprehensive overview of the program's key issues. The visit aimed to address any outstanding concerns and explore suitable solutions to ensure the successful continuation of the projects.



Monitoring of Ilbissil PSF in Kajiado County implemented by Olkejuado Water Sewerage &Company



Monitoring of Marereni County, implemented by Malindi Water and Sewerage Company in Kilifi County,



Monitoring of the Rain water harvesting tank 10M³ at Maralal Prison in Samburu County

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