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WATERFUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES REVIEW KEY STRATEGIC DOCUMENTS

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) management is in the process of developing three key institutional documents namely: The Strategic Plan 2022-2027; the Project Funding Criteria; and the Gender-Based Violence Policy. Each document is in different review stages. To ensure transparency and collaboration, WaterFund organized a 3-day board retreat, where the status of the updated documents was presented to the WaterFund Board of Trustees.

During the retreat, key issues were also deliberated upon which included: WaterFund's financial status, the 20th cycle Performance Contract guidelines for the financial year 2023-2024, and preparations towards the upcoming Water Sector Investors Conference to be held in October.



Left: Mr. Fredrick Josiah (standing) Member of the Board of Trustees WaterFund, giving his remarks during the retreat

Right: Board of Trustees and WaterFund staff pose for a picture after the retreat



WATERFUND'S COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING SANITATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN MERU COUNTY

WaterFund, led by CEO Mr. Willis Ombai, held a meeting with Eng. Jackson Muthamia, the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Environment Natural Resources, and Climate Change in Meru County. This meeting was attended by Mr. Patrick Mugendi, the Acting CEO of Meru Urban Water and Sanitation Services Corporation, as well as representatives from various Water Service Providers (WSPs) in the county.

The primary objective of the meeting was to officially sign the financing agreements between WaterFund and the WSPs responsible for implementing sanitation projects in Meru County. The agreements pave the way for the commencement of two crucial projects. The first is the Magundu Household and Sanitation Project, led by Meru Water and Sewerage Company, which project aims to construct 200 household toilets. The second project, the Timau Household and Sanitation Project, overseen by Imetha Water and Sanitation Company which involves the construction of a Decentralized Treatment Facility (DTF) 50 and 200 household toilets.

During the meeting, Mr. Jackson Muthamia, the CECM for Water in Meru County, expressed his sincere appreciation for WaterFund's financial support, recognizing its pivotal role in improving the overall quality of life for local communities in Meru County. This successful collaboration exemplifies WaterFund's commitment to facilitating sustainable and impactful initiatives that positively impact the well-being of the residents of Meru County.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund chairing the meeting



Eng. Jackson Muthamia (left), CECM for Water, Meru County and Mr. Patrick Mugendi (right), Ag. CEO, Meru Urban Water and Sanitation Services Corporation



Mr. Patrick Mugendi (left) and Mr. Willis Ombai (right) signing the financing agreements

WATERFUND CELEBRATES OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS FOR 6 VILLAGES IN KILIFI COUNTY

WaterFund participated in the celebration of six villages in Kilifi County, Kenya, which were declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) project. The villages of Gede, Ndarako A, Ndarako B, Shirango, Ng'ambo, and Chamamba have achieved this milestone through WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergency-Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) programme, with financial support from the European Union.

The CLTS project's primary objective is to eradicate open defecation, preventing the spread of diseases and promoting sustainable development by ensuring access to adequate sanitation facilities for all. The County Government of Kilifi has developed a roadmap that aims to declare the entire County ODF by the end of 2024. To support this commitment, the County has pledged an annual allocation of KSh. 10 Million for sanitation until 2027.

The celebration witnessed the presence of key stakeholders, including Community Health Volunteers (CHVs), County Public Health Officials, Local administration, and representatives from WaterFund. This achievement highlights the collective efforts of the Government, community, and WaterFund in creating healthier and more hygienic living conditions for the residents of Kilifi County.



Mr. Noel Mbaru (left) Quality Assurance Monitor (QAM) Kilifi County and Mr. Robert Adala (right), Senior Programme Procurement Specialist- EU-CPIRA, giving their remarks at the event



Local administration, Public Health Officials and WaterFund representatives pose for a picture after the placement of the ODF signpost



Participants keenly following the proceedings of the event

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