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WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On 10th July 2023, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held its quarterly staff meeting to discuss pertinent staff matters including cross cutting issues from management committees. The meeting created a platform for staff members, to engage and participate in enlightening sessions.

During the meeting, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund expressed gratitude to the staff members for their dedication, hard work and commitment to their responsibilities. In his remarks, Mr. Ombai announced an upcoming event of great significance – the Water and Sanitation Investors Conference. Scheduled to take place in October 2023, the conference aims to enhance financing partnerships for the Water and Sanitation Sector, aligning with the objectives of Vision 2030 and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6.

Subsequently, Ms. Halima Ali, General Manager, Legal Services, delivered a presentation on the Finance Bill 2023. The objective of this presentation was to enhance the awareness of the staff members regarding the potential implications that the Finance Bill may have once implemented. This valuable insight will allow the team to better understand and adapt to any forthcoming changes effectively. Lastly, Mr. David Gitachu, a Sales Representative from Kimisitu Sacco, sensitized staff on ways to improve their financial management skills through saving with saccos, budgeting and loan management.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, addressing staff members during the quarterly meeting



Ms. Halima Ali, General Manager Legal Services, making her presentation



Mr. David Gitachu, Sales Representative, Kimisitu Sacco, delivering his presentation on financial management

COMMISSIONING OF MARERENI PUBLIC SANITATION FACILITY: ENHANCING SANITATION ACCESS IN KILIFI COUNTY

On July 14th, 2023, the Marereni Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kilifi County, Kenya, was commissioned through a collaboration between WaterFund and the County Government of Kilifi. The project, funded by the European Union under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proof Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme, had a total cost of KSh. 5.9 Million, with the County Government contributing 13% of the cost (KSh. 1 Million). The implementation of the project was entrusted to the Malindi Water and Sewerage Company (MAWASCO).

The primary objective of the Marereni PSF is to enhance sanitation access in the Marereni area and reduce the risk of sanitation-related diseases. Approximately 26,000 traders and members of

the public who frequent the highway and trading center are expected to benefit from this facility. The project aligns with Sustainable Development Goal 6, which aims to ensure water and sanitation availability and sustainable management for all by 2030.

During the ceremony, MAWASCO led by Eng. Isaac Chibule, Acting Managing Director, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a local visionary group, Girls to Women, a Community Based Organisation (CBO). The Girls to Women CBO demonstrated an innovative approach by commercializing the sanitation services offered by the facility. Users of the sanitation block will be charged a small fee, generating revenue for maintenance, cleanliness, and payment of workers.

Speaking during the event Mr. Samson Mapinga, Chairperson, MAWASCO, expressed his gratitude for the collaboration between the European Union, WaterFund and the County Government of Kilifi for the successful completion of the project. Additionally, representing WaterFund at the event, Mr. Noel Mbaru, Quality Assurance Monitor (QAM) Kilifi County, highlighted that Marereni PSF will not only improve the sufficiency of public toilets in business areas, but also upgrade the poor sanitation conditions in congested town areas without enough space for household toilets or communal latrines.

Overall, the commissioning of the Marereni Public Sanitation Facility represents a significant step in improving sanitation access, reducing health risks, and advancing sustainable development goals.



From left: Mr. Samson Mapinga, Chairperson, MAWASCO, Eng. Isaac Chibule, Ag. MD, MAWASCO and Mr. Noel Mbaru, QAM WaterFund, unveiling the plague at Marereni PSF site



Eng. Isaac Chibule (seated left), Ag. and Mr. Azani Ngumbao (seated right), Chairperson, Girls to Women CBO, signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



Mr. Samson Mapinga, Chairperson MAWASCO, giving his speech at the event



Mr. Noel Mbaru, Quality Assurance Monitor (QAM), WaterFund, Kilifi County, giving his remarks



Mr. Azani Ngumbao, Chairperson, Girls to Women CBO, addressing the guests during the event



The delegation during a tree planting exercise to commemorate the event



Left: A side view of Marereni Public Sanitation Facility (PSF)

Right: The delegation washing their hands inside the men's toilet during inspection of the PSF facility



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