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COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT: VALIDATING WATERFUND'S 2023-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

On 8th November 2023 Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held a stakeholder validation workshop to seek input on the drafted Strategic Plan 2023-2027. Speaking during the workshop, Mr. Peter Musuva, a representative from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI), expressed the Ministry's full endorsement for WaterFund's efforts in expanding access to water and sanitation in the country, citing key achievements made by WaterFund under its previous Strategic plan 2018-2022.

Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoTs), opened the workshop by acknowledging WaterFund's incredible journey and milestones from the previous 2018 to 2022 Strategic Plan. He emphasized that these achievements not only transformed countless lives through improved access to clean water and sanitation but also contributed to the advancement of the water sector. In regards to that, the chairperson enlightened the stakeholders on the forthcoming 2023-2027, 5-year Strategic Plan, aiming to secure KSh. 52 Billion for water and sanitation projects through innovative funding models. Furthermore, the primary goal is to form partnerships to provide safe water and dignified sanitation to 3.2 million people. In his final remarks, Dr. K. Rutto underscored WaterFund's commitment to promoting research and innovation in the water sector and enhancing conservation of catchment areas in Kenya to mitigate climate change.

Further to the above, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO of WaterFund, informed the stakeholders that the formulation of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan was thoughtfully aligned with global, regional, and national development agendas such as: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); the Africa Agenda 2063; the East Africa Community (EAC); Vision 2050; Vision 2030; Medium Term Plan (MTP) IV; and the Bottom-up Development Agenda (BETA). He emphasized the significance of stakeholder feedback in refining the draft Strategic Plan and positioning WaterFund as a leading financing institution in the water sector. In his closing remarks, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders for their unwavering support throughout the years and most importantly for the creative participation in the development of WaterFund's Strategic Plan 2023-2027.



Mr. Peter Musuva, representative, Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation, giving his opening remarks



Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson, WaterFund BoT, giving his key note speech at the validation workshop



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks at the workshop



Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, Climate and Resilience, DANIDA



Stakeholders keenly following up with the proceedings of the validation workshop



SUPERVISION AND ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS UNDER THE EDE-CPIRA PROGRAMME

WaterFund is currently engaged in the implementation of the Ending Drought Emergencies Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) across eight counties, namely Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Kitui, Kajiado, Baringo, Samburu, Mandera, 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

In view of the above, WaterFund officers embarked on a mission to comprehensively assess the quality of works that has been executed; offer technical support as needed; and foster an environment for stakeholders to share feedback, address challenges, and draw lessons that will contribute to the efficient implementation of projects. Additionally, the mission involved a dedicated effort to closely monitor and follow up on county contribution funds, underscoring the importance of securing financial commitments for the sustained success of these projects.



Monitoring of a tank under Ntonto WRUA in Sirata Oirobi Primary School, Samburu County



Monitoring of Ildamat Public Sanitation Facility (PSF) in Kajiado County



A close-up view of Simaton water pan in West Pokot County

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #224- COMMISSIONING OF HULUGHO WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 224 (SITREP #224) covered the period **6th to 9th August 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Hulugho Water and Sanitation Project was officially commissioned on 5th August, 2019 by Hon. Sophia Abdi, Ijara Constituency, Member of Parliament (MP) and Mr. Ismail Shaiye, the then CEO, WaterFund. Hulugho Water and Sanitation Project was identified by WaterFund as one of the priority projects in Hulugho Sub-County, Garissa County. An approximate total of KSh. 61 Million grant support, from Danish Government under the Drought Emergency Response Programme (DERP), was mobilized for the rehabilitation and improved of the Hulugho Water Pan. At full implementation the Water Project will serve about 11,000 beneficiaries. On a sad note, Hulugho town, was ambushed by Al-Shabaab terrorist group a day after the commissioning, which saw the destruction of property. It is important to note that these are some of the threats that WaterFund staff encounter in their day to day field operations in high-risk areas. WaterFund staff were however not in Hulugho at the time of the at