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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY SIGNIFIES THE COMMENCEMENT OF EL MOLO BAY WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT IN MARSABIT COUNTY

On 22nd November, 2023 H.E. Muhammud Mohammed Ali, Governor Marsabit County together with Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle, Member of Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) Board of Trustees (BoT); collaboratively spearheaded the ground-breaking ceremony of El Molo Bay Water and Sanitation project in Marsabit County. This initiative was made feasible through financial support from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) under WaterFund's Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme; at a total contract cost of KSh. 43 Million. As part of County contribution, Marsabit County Government made a 44% contribution of the total cost at KSh. 12.4 Million. Taking the lead in the implementation of this project is Pastoralist Community Initiative and Development Assistance (PACIDA).

El Molo is a Kenyan community facing a significant risk of extinction. The residents of this community often directly use water from Lake Turkana without undergoing any purification process. Consequently, this practice adversely impacts their health, leading to waterborne diseases such as teeth deformities and skeletal fluorosis. A key Component under El Molo Water and Sanitation project will be the Reverse Osmosis Plant unit which will be designed to purify water from Lake Turkana before its distribution to residences and water kiosks, addressing historical challenges faced by the community with water quality. This project is expected to improve water quality and access for 1000 people in Layeni, Loiyangalani and Komote villages.

In his address at the groundbreaking, H.E. Muhammud Mohammed Ali, Governor Marsabit County, expressed his appreciation for the collaboration between the DANIDA, WaterFund and the County Government of Marsabit in realizing the project. He further applauded WaterFund, through its various donors, for its support in Marsabit County over the years which has improved access to water and sanitation for the people. Additionally, Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle, a Member of WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoT) reaffirmed El Molo community members of WaterFund's commitment to accelerating the construction of this water and sanitation project and ensuring that residents have access to safe and affordable clean water. Lastly, speaking on behalf of WaterFund CEO, Eng. Rose Nyikuri, Manager, Water Resources & Climate Change, restated on WaterFund's steadfast commitment to hastening the implementation of this project which is targeted to improve the well-being and economic status of the target communities.



H.E Muhammud Mohammed Ali, Governor Marsabit, laying the foundation of the reverse osmosis plant at the project site



H.E. Muhammud Mohammed Ali, Governor Marsabit County, giving his key note speech during the ground-breaking



Hon. Marselino M. Arbelle, member WaterFund Board of Trustees, addressing the guests



Eng. Rose Nyikuri, Manager, Water Resources and Climate Change, WaterFund, giving her remarks



WaterFund officers following the proceedings of the ground-breaking ceremony



Members of the Public from Layeni, Loiyangalani and Komote villages listening in to the various key speakers

WATERFUND'S READINESS FOR THE BUSINESS PROCESS RE-ENGINEERING AND ISO 9001:2015 RECERTIFICATION AUDIT

WaterFund has outlined its strategic plan FY 2023-2027, which involves a detailed mapping of its business processes for subsequent reengineering aligned with the strategic goals. This re-engineering initiative is driven by the fundamental goal of ensuring citizens/customers can access services conveniently, in the quickest time, and at an affordable cost. The strategic intent is to not only reduce the overall cost of business operations but also to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness.

Additionally, WaterFund proudly holds the ISO 9001:2015 certification from Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) showcasing its consistent compliance with the standard's requirements. This certification has played a pivotal role in elevating the Quality Management Systems (QMS) of WaterFund, resulting in notable improvements in service delivery efficiency. In preparation for recertification under ISO 9001:2015 Standard, organized for a workshop in collaboration with officers from the State Department for Public Service and Intex Management Consultants, the Q-Pulse service provider.

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, opened the workshop by highlighting the key objectives, which included: Re-engineering WaterFund's business processes; development, review and uploading of QMS documents in Q-Pulse; and development of the internal audit plan. This workshop will play a crucial role in the overall success of the recertification process, underscoring WaterFund's dedication to upholding elevated standards in service delivery.



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

Right: WaterFund officers keenly following the presentations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #225- WATERFUNDS'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE EU-CPIRA PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 225 (SITREP #225) covered the period **12th to 16th August 2019.** Among the highlights was that, WaterFund participated in the European Union- Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EU-CPIRA) proposal development workshop in Taita Taveta County. Counties present during the training included: Mandera, Kitui, Kajiado, Taita Taveta and Kilifi.

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