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NAVIGATING FINANCIAL RECOVERY THROUGH WATERFUND'S CLSG II PROGRAMME

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) is overseeing the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II, with a specific emphasis on assisting Water Service Providers (WSPs), in achieving financial recovery to levels equal to, or better than those before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through set criteria, established by the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), a total of 31 WSPs were selected to receive support under the CLSG II Programme.

In view of the above, WaterFund and WASREB organized an implementation workshop aimed at providing training to the selected Water Service Providers (WSPs). The workshop's core purpose was to: provide orientation on the fundamental components of the project; deliberate on the expected outputs, associated activities, and the scheduled timelines; and lastly, cover the financial terms and program duration among other key agendas.

Leading this workshop was Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund who expressed optimism about the transformative potential of the workshop. He additionally emphasized the crucial role of improved financial resilience for WSPs in achieving sustainable water accessibility goals. Mr. Willis Ombai reiterated on WaterFund's commitment to supporting WSPs in effectively navigating the financial landscape, fostering a stronger and more resilient water sector.

A key objective of the workshop was to officially sign the financing agreements between WaterFund, the Counties and the WSPs responsible for implementing Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II. This agreement establishes a formal commitment and understanding between the two parties regarding the provision of funds for water projects, infrastructure development, and operational activities. Additionally, this collaborative effort symbolizes a shared commitment to improving water accessibility, quality, in the marginalized and underserved communities in Kenya.



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

Right: (From left) Mr. Moses Kinya, Managing Director, Thika Water & Sewerage Company, Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, WaterFund and Mr. David Kuria, County Executive Committee (CEC) Water, Kiambu County with the CLSG Financing agreements



THE ROYAL DANISH EMBASSY EXPLORES WATERFUND PROJECTS IN TURKANA COUNTY

WaterFund hosted a delegation from the Royal Danish Embassy, led by Mr. Jørgen Larsen, Sector Advisor, Water, and Erick Ogallo, Programme Officer, Strategic Sector Cooperation, for a field mission in Turkana County. The objective of their mission was to gain insights into WaterFund's projects and engage with the County and partners to assess and formulate a new programme called "Strategic Sector Cooperation (SCC)." This programme will specifically focus on ground water management and nature-based solutions for water resources management. Its primary

goals will encompass: peer-to-peer learning, capacity building, and research for policy formulation, with the aim of enhancing systems in diverse areas.

The Strategic Sector Cooperation (SCC) programme is designed to be integrated with and build upon the ongoing Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme and previous funded DANIDA programmes; highlighting the emphasis on achieving efficient service delivery. During the mission the delegation paid a courtesy call to Hon. Faith Aletea, County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Water for Turkana County to explore areas of partnership and collaboration.



Hon. Faith Aletea (center) CEC Water, Turkana County during a courtesy call meeting with the Royal Danish Embassy and WaterFund



Royal Danish and WaterFund representatives pose for a photo at the Deputy County Commissioner's office



The delegation during a site visit at Choro farm in Turkana County

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #226-WATERFUND MEETS WITH THE FINNISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 226 (SITREP #226) covered the period 19th to 23rd August, 2019. Among the highlights was that, on 21st August, 2019, WaterFund delegation had a one on one meeting with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Finland, Kauko International and the Finnish Water Forum in Helsinki, Finland.

During the meeting, the delegations discussed ways to explore opportunities for partnership towards enhanced water safety, security and climate change resilience in Kenya.



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