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A MILESTONE IN SUSTAINABLE WATER SOLUTIONS SET TO BENEFIT OVER 8,726 PEOPLE IN KITUI COUNTY

On 18th December, 2023, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by Eng. Peter Koech, Manager Water and Sanitation Services together with Mr. Peter Nkunda, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water and Irrigation, Kitui County; spearheaded the ground-breaking ceremony of the Endau Ilimukuyu Water and Sanitation project in the County. The project has been funded by the European Union under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proof Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme; at a total contract cost of KSh. 86 Million, of which 13% was the County contribution. Overseeing the implementation of this project is Kitui Water and Sanitation Company (KITWASCO).

Endau Ilimukuyu Water and Sanitation project is estimated to benefit over 8,726 community members in the Endau location. The envisioned impact of the project includes improved water quality, increased household-level water access, enhanced public health and quality of life by reduced risk of waterborne diseases. Moreover, the initiative aims to enhance economic growth at the local level and also contribute to the national economy due to the growth of the livestock and agriculture. Furthermore, strategically placed water kiosks in targeted villages will minimize the distance and time required to fetch water.

Addressing the guests, Mr. Peter Nkunda, the CECM Water and Irrigation, Kitui County, affirmed the County Government's commitment collaborating closely with all development partners in addressing water challenges. He pledged diligent project supervision to ensure timely completion, emphasizing the importance of close cooperation between the contractor and the technical team in his Ministry. Echoing the CECM's commitments was Mr. Nathan Kasamba Vungo, Chief Officer, Water in Kitui County; who placed particular emphasis on the active involvement of the community. He highlighted the community's pivotal role in ensuring the success of the project and stressed the need for their participation and collaboration.

Speaking on behalf of the WaterFund CEO, Eng. Peter Koech, Manager, Water & Sanitation Services, expressed WaterFund's gratitude for the collaboration and emphasized on the significance of the Endau project in addressing water challenges. He emphasized WaterFund's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote sustainable water solutions. In his closing remarks, Eng. Peter Koech, commended the community members for their participation so far and stressed the importance of their involvements to ensure project sustainability.

The ground-breaking saw the presence of various dignitaries, including: Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno, Member of County Assembly (MCA) for Endau-Malalani Ward, Mr. John Muthui, Chairperson Board of Trustees, KITWASCO, Ms. June Munyao, Ag. Managing Director of KITWASCO, and representatives from WaterFund and KITWASCO.



Marking the beginning and groundbreaking of Endau Ilimukuyu water and sanitation project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony



Mr. Peter Nkunda, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water and Irrigation in Kitui County giving his key note speech



Eng. Peter Koech, Manager Water & Sanitation addressing the guests during the ground-breaking ceremony



Mr. Nathan Kasamba, Chief Officer Water, Kitui County giving his remarks



Hon. Dr. Erastus Mbuno, Member of County Assembly (MCA) Endau-Malalani Ward, giving his remarks



Members of the public from Kamuusa, Kalungu and Township villages, keenly following the proceedings

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #228- WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 26TH INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS OF KENYA (IEK) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 228 (SITREP #228) covered the period **2nd to 6th September, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the 26th edition of the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) International Conference held at Leisure Lodge, Diani from 3rd to 6th September, 2019.

The conference, whose theme was 'Overcoming the 21st Century Challenges; Implementing sustainable regional and local development agendas', was organized by the Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK) in collaboration with the Engineers Board of Kenya. This created a forum for engineers, academia and other participants to discuss the role and responsibilities of the engineering fraternity in surmounting current and future challenges facing humanity for socio economic development.

The conference was graced by Mr. Simon Chelugui, the then Cabinet Secretary, Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, who challenged engineers to ensure projects designs and costs are brought down in a similar way to other East Africa countries.

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