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WATERFUND CEO COMMENDS STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE END OF YEAR MEETING

In December 2023, Mr. Willis Ombai, the CEO of Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), led the organization's end-of-year staff meeting. The primary objective of the meeting was to reflect on the achievements of the organization throughout the year. Mr. Willis Ombai, addressing the staff, conveyed his appreciation for the exceptional performance and collaborative spirit demonstrated by the WaterFund staff. He took the opportunity to thoroughly assess the goals set for the year, providing a detailed overview of accomplishments; which included the successful implementation of Human Resource Instruments and the effective execution of the Strategic Plan for the year 2023 to 2027.

As a culmination, WaterFund staff were duly acknowledged and presented with a token of appreciation in recognition of their commendable efforts to uphold WaterFund's mission in underserved and marginalized areas of Kenya.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his remarks during the end of year meeting



WaterFund staff members keenly following the proceedings of the meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai (left) presenting a token of appreciation to Ms. Irene Mwelu, Intern, Finance department

WATERFUND JOINS THE WORLD IN THE COMMEMORATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY 2023

WaterFund actively participated in the observance of the World AIDS day at Kinoru stadium, Meru County. The 2023 theme was "Let communities lead"; held a significant meaning, underscoring the crucial role that communities play in the fight against HIV/AIDS. WaterFund staff under its HIV/AIDS and Non-Communicable Diseases Committee, responded to the global appeal by actively engaging in community education. They focused on highlighting the impact of HIV, advocating for an end to stigma and discrimination, and promoting preventive measures like abstinence and protection. Furthermore, as part of their commitment to environmental sustainability, WaterFund contributed to a meaningful tree-planting activity at Kithirune Forest which was spearheaded by all key stakeholders during the commemoration.

Speaking at the World AIDS day event, Dr. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Health, underscored the vital importance of collaborative efforts in the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS. The CS emphasized the necessity for continuous community engagement, proactive health education, and joint initiatives to effectively address the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS.

Among the distinguished attendees were Hon. Kawira Mwangaza, Governor of Meru County, Ms. Florence Bore, Cabinet Secretary for Labor, Mr. Ayub Mutai, Principal Secretary for the State

Department of Medical Services, Mr. Fred Dunga, the County Commissioner of Meru, Hon. Ledama Olekina, the Senator of Narok County and Hon. Patrick Munene, the Member of Parliament for Chuka.



Dr. Susan Nakhumicha Wafula, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Health, giving her speech during the Worlds AIDS day celebrations



Participants keenly following the World Aids Day Celebrations



WaterFund representatives (standing left) and National Water Harvesting & Storage Authority (standing right) pose for a picture during the Worlds AIDS day celebrations

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #229- WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE SECOND ARID AND SEMI-ARID LANDs (ASALs) CONFERENCE


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WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND PARTICIPATES IN THE SECOND ARID AND SEMI-ARID LANDS (ASALs) CONFERENCE

WATERFUND MEETINGS

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #73 – WATERFUND MEETS WITH KENYA INTEGRATED WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (KIWASH) TEAM ON FUTURE COLLABORATION

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 229 (SITREP #229) covered the period **9th to 13th September 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the second Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) conference held at Amboseli National Park in Kajiado County from 10th to 12th September 2019. The theme of the conference was 'Consolidating Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) development for prosperity'. The annual conference provided a platform for capturing the voices of the people living and working in the ASALs as well as providing an avenue for sharing milestones, challenges and business potential existing in the ASALs.

The conference brought together stakeholders drawn from the communities, development partners and both levels of government. Kajiado County is one of the recipients of funding by the European Union under the programme Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure for Improved Water Supply and Sanitation in Arid and Semi-Arid Land Areas. European Union's total funding towards the eight Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, namely, Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu, Taita-Taveta and West Pokot is at a total of KSh. 2 Billion.

WaterFund took part in the panel discussion on Water and Infrastructure Development. The discussion focused on governance of water resources between national and county government.

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