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# SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 447

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## COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES BY WATERFUND IN ADVANCING WATER AND SANITATION ACCESS IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) has supported the County Government of Taita Taveta with funding from numerous development partners; with the objective of increasing water and sanitation access. WaterFund funded projects in Taita Taveta County have been financed in collaboration with the Government of Kenya, European Union, World Bank, German Development Bank (KfW), and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through different programmes.

As part of this collaboration, WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoTs) and the management paid a courtesy call visit to H.E. Andrew Mwadime, Governor of Taita Taveta County. The meeting yielded a series of resolutions that aimed at advancing ongoing water projects in the region, showcasing a collaborative effort between the WaterFund and the County Government. One key resolution involved the County's pledge to finalize its financial commitment made for all ongoing projects.

H.E. Andrew Mwadime, the Governor of Taita Taveta County, expressed the County's commitment to upholding good governance practices, demonstrating support for the existing management of Tavevo Water and Sewerage Company Limited (TAVEVO). This endorsement underscored the importance of effective and transparent management practices in implementing water-related initiatives. Furthermore, Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund, led the discussion addressing the primary obstacles faced by the county concerning the implementation of ongoing projects.

Following the meeting, the team embarked on a field monitoring mission to assess the progress of the Kishenyi-Kishushe water project which has been funded by WaterFund with support from the European Union. This inspection aimed to evaluate on-the-ground developments and ensure the effective implementation of the project.



*Mr. Willis Ombai (left) and WaterFund BoTs representatives holding the Taita Taveta County Water Master Plan (2023 to 2045) with H.E. Andrew Mwadime (2nd right) Governor of Taita Taveta County*



*WaterFund and Taita Taveta County representatives keenly following the proceedings of the meeting*



*Inspection visit of the Kishenyi – Kishushe water project in Taita Taveta County*

## EMPOWERING WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS: WATERFUND'S CLSG II INITIATIVE BOOSTS FINANCIAL RECOVERY IN NAIROBI COUNTY

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

In regards to the above WaterFund, the County Government of Nairobi and Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited convened a signing ceremony for a financing agreement with the WSPs. This agreement formalizes the commitment and understanding between the involved parties regarding the provision of funds for water projects, infrastructure development, and operational activities under the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II.

During the meeting, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund stated that it's crucial for Water Service Providers (WSPs) to have better financial strength to achieve sustainable water accessibility goals. He further emphasized WaterFund's commitment to helping WSPs navigate their finances effectively, making the water sector stronger and more resilient.



*Left picture: Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO WaterFund and Mr. Ibrahim Auma (right), County Executive Committee Member (CECM) Water, Nairobi County, pose for a picture after the signing of the financing agreement*

*Right picture: Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited with WaterFund representatives*



## BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #230- WATERFUND INSPECTS SOLIO SETTLEMENT WATER PROJECT




WaterFund's Situation Report No. 230 (SITREP #230) covered the period **16th to 20th September 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) representatives, together with Hon. Ndiritu Muriithi, Governor Laikipia County, Joseph Irungu, Principal Secretary Ministry of Water and Sanitation and other government officials visited the Solio Settlement Water Project located in Laikipia County to monitor its progress.

The Solio Settlement Water project was officially launched in July 2019 to kick-start the construction of gravity main pipes and water storage tanks that would lead to a water distribution network of approximately 37 kilometers. The Solio Settlement Water Project which was funded under WaterFund's Joint 6 Programme (J6P) at a total cost of KSh. 143 Million is estimated to reach approximately 20,000 beneficiaries with clean and safe water.

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