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GRANT SIGNING CEREMONY UNDER CLSG II MARKS THE START OF FINANCIAL RECOVERY FOR WSPS IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

WaterFund is implementing 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, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, convened a signing ceremony for grant agreements under the CLSG II with Mavoko and Machakos Water and Sewerage Company. The grant agreement marks a significant step towards implementing CLSG II interventions, with the financing expected to commence in February spanning a 12-month period. This move is anticipated to positively impact the financial resilience and sustainability of the WSPs in the post-pandemic era.

During the signing ceremony, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, shared positive expectations for the impact of CLSG II. He further emphasized that the initiative is a vital move to help the Water Service Providers (WSPs) navigate their finances effectively, making the water sector stronger and more resilient.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chairing the meeting with the Mavoko and Machakos Water and Sewerage Company

Right: Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO WaterFund and Mr. Abdullahi Guliye (right), Chief Officer, Water, Machakos County, pose for a picture after signing the financing agreement



WATERFUND'S SWASAP PROGRAMME SET TO ENHANCE WATER QUALITY IN LAMU COUNTY

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) is implementing the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) programme in Lamu County to actively address critical challenges in water investments. Other targeted Counties supported under this programme include: Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Tana River and Turkana.

In view of the above, WaterFund officers joined by key implementing partners embarked on a field visit to Lamu County; with an aim to engage with potential suppliers of the Reverse Osmosis (RO) technology in Kenya. This engagement focused to deepen their understanding of Reverse Osmosis science, a pivotal step in developing high-quality Bills of Quantities (BoQ) for the acquisition of this technology. This effort aligns with SWASAP's programme commitment to implement desalination plants in Kiwayu Island and Kiunga Village, ultimately elevating the water quality for drinking purposes in Lamu East Constituency.

The team's involvement extended beyond technology exploration, as they actively monitored the progress of integrated projects covering water, sanitation, and water resource management.

Some of the implementing partners present included: Kiunga Community Conservancy; Pate Marine Conservancy; Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT); and Lamu Water and Sewerage Company (LAWASCO), who have particularly played a crucial role in technical oversight, administration of County funds and the coordination of Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) implementation under this programme.

During this exercise, WaterFund officers confirmed that Lamu County has finalized arrangements to transfer funds to the implementing partners, including the allocation of 5% of the Lamu County Contribution for technical supervision. This demonstrates a strengthened commitment from the technical arm to oversee the implementation of SWASAP projects, ensuring not only timely completion but also maintaining high-quality standards.



WaterFund officers and Implementing Partners during a brief meeting with the Chief Officer for Water in Lamu County



Mr. Yussuf Hussein (standing) Principal, Supply Chain Officer, WaterFund, giving his remarks at the meeting



Community engagement during a site visit at Kiwayu village in Lamu County.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #231- MONITORING OF WATERFUND FUNDED PROJECTS IN LAMU COUNTY



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 231 (SITREP #231) covered the period **23rd to 27th September, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) representatives, accompanied by Ms. Tine Lunn, Chief Finance Officer and Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, both from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) visited Lamu County.

The main aim of the visit was to monitor the current status of projects funded by DANIDA under the Drought Emergency Response Programme (DERP) as well as record keeping of the projects. The key areas of interest were: Kizingitini women djabias in Pate Island, Shella shallow wells and Manda Maweni project which has so far expanded as a result of support from Water Resources Authority (WRA) and Lamu County.

This is an annual visit organized by DANIDA to conduct technical and financial monitoring visits for the EU SHARE and Drought Emergency Response Programme (DERP).

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