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WATERFUNDS URBAN PROJECTS CONCEPT SET TO TRANSFORM WATER AND SANITATION CRISIS IN EMBU COUNTY

On February 7th 2024, H.E. Cecily Mbarire, the Governor of Embu County, alongside Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, and Mr. Andrew Mbithi, Member of the Board of Trustees (BoTs) of WaterFund, jointly commissioned two significant projects: the Gachuriri Water Supply Project and Ena Household Sanitation Project at Ena market in Embu County. These initiatives, financed by the German Development Bank (KfW) through WaterFund's Urban Projects Concept (UPC), demonstrate a collaborative effort to enhance water supply and sanitation services throughout the county.

The Gachuriri Water Supply Project, funded under UPC 8th Call at a total cost of KSh. 13 Million, is set to benefit over 9,484 individuals in the community. The project aims to improve water quality, promote public health, and stimulate economic growth by strategically placing water kiosks in targeted villages. This approach will not only reduce the distance and time required to fetch water but also empower local residents and stimulate economic activities. The implementation of this project will be overseen by Embu Water and Sanitation Company Limited (EWASCO).

Concurrently, Ena Household Sanitation Project marks a crucial step towards improving the sanitation challenges in Embu County. The project has been funded under UPC 3rd Call at a total cost of KSh. 20 Million under implementation of EWASCO. As a result, 200 SafiSan toilets have been constructed in Ena area.

During the ceremony, H.E. Cecily Mbarire expressed deep gratitude for the completion of both projects, acknowledging the collaborative efforts of stakeholders, including KfW, WaterFund, and EWASCO. Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, echoed her sentiments, emphasizing the transformative impact of these initiatives on residents' lives. He highlighted the importance of strategic planning and collaboration in ensuring the success of such projects, expressing optimism for the future and reaffirming the commitment to supporting similar endeavors aimed at improving access to clean water and enhancing livelihoods across Embu County.



H.E. Cecily Mbarire, Governor Embu County, giving her remarks during the commissioning



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his speech at the commissioning of Gachuriri Water project

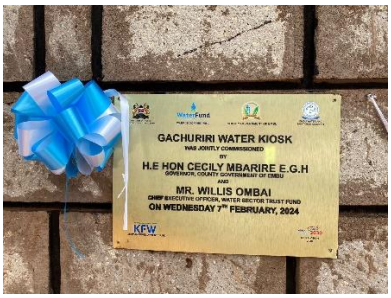


High level officials at one of the water kiosks under Gachuriri Water Project

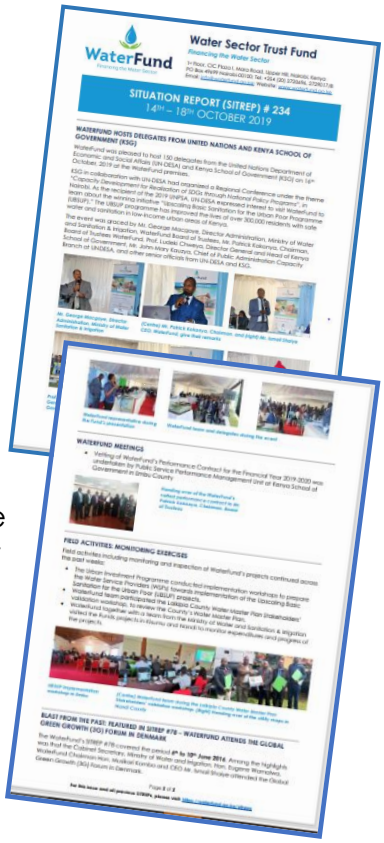


Left: Community members keenly following up the proceedings of the commissioning

Right: The commissioning plaque for Gachuriri Water Kiosk



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #234- WATERFUND HOSTS DELEGATES FROM UNITED NATIONS AND KENYA SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT (KSG)



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 234 (SITREP #234) covered the period **14th to 18th October 2019.** Among the highlights was that, WaterFund was pleased to host 150 delegates from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) and Kenya School of Government (KSG) on 16th October, 2019 at the WaterFund premises. KSG in collaboration with UN-DESA had organized a Regional Conference under the theme "Capacity Development for Realization of SDGs through National Policy Programs", in Nairobi.

As the recipient of the 2019 UNPSA, UN-DESA expressed interest to visit WaterFund to learn about the winning initiative "Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor Programme (UBSUP)." The UBSUP programme has improved the lives of over 300,000 residents with safe water and sanitation in low-income urban areas of Kenya. The event was graced by Mr. George Macgoye, Director Administration, Ministry of Water and Sanitation & Irrigation, WaterFund Board of Trustees, Mr. Patrick Kokonya, the then Chairman, Board of Trustees WaterFund, Prof. Ludeki Chweya, Director General and Head of Kenya School of Government, Mr. John-Mary Kauzya, Chief of Public Administration Capacity Branch at UNDESA, and other senior officials from UN-DESA and KSG.

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