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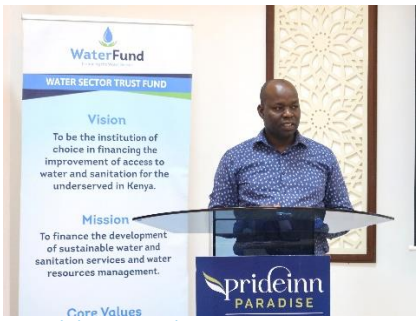
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WATERFUND CEO SIGNS FINANCING AGREEMENTS FOR 3RD CALL WATER PROJECTS UNDER EDE-CPIRA PROGRAMME

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) with financial support from the European Union has financed the implementation of the Ending Drought Emergencies- Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) programme. This programme targets Counties in drought-prone areas namely: Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Kitui, Kajiado, Baringo, Samburu, Mandera, and West Pokot of which all the 1st call water projects are complete while 2nd call projects are in various stages of completion. Recently, the WaterFund Board of Trustees approved water project proposals under 3rd projects namely: Saos Emining in Baringo, Takaba in Mandera, Kyuso in Kitui, Mtembur Kitalkapel in West Pokot, Kajiado Town reticulation and Kaloleni in Taita Taveta.

In view of the above, on 17th February 2024, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, along with County government officials from the department of water and managing directors of Water Service Providers (WSPs), oversaw the signing of financing agreements in Mombasa County. During the signing event, the importance of promptly executing the projects and expediting all preparatory activities was emphasized, as the EDE-CPIRA programme is set to conclude in August 2024.

In his remarks, Mr. Ombai, CEO WaterFund, placed particular emphasis on the fast tracking of these projects, highlighting that only 7 out of 16 water projects had been completed and are operational. He further identified various factors contributing to project delays which include: delayed county contributions, change of guard within the WSPs and generally slow implementation process. To address these challenges, Mr. Ombai proposed strategies to streamline processes and enhance project delivery efficiency.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his opening remarks during the signing of financing agreements



Mr. Peter Nkunda (left), County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water and Irrigation in Kitui County and Mr. Willis Ombai (right), pose for a picture after signing the financing agreement



County government officials, Managing Directors and WaterFund representatives pose for a picture after a successful signing ceremony

WATERFUND'S STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP: ENHANCING SERVICE DELIVERY AND INTEGRITY IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

WaterFund has recently completed its Strategic Plan for the period 2023-2027, aligning it with government sectoral policies and priorities. Under the leadership of Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund conducted a workshop from February 12th to 17th to strategize and finalize the implementation of its mandate, with a specific focus on improving service delivery efficiency. The workshop aimed to achieve several objectives, including: review of institutional performance; internal audit findings based on ISO 9001:2015; alignment of key planning instruments; and discussions on proposed frameworks for financing implementing partners.

During the meeting, Mr. Willis Ombai emphasized the crucial role of integrity in monitoring and evaluation processes, especially in addressing audit queries related to WaterFund projects. The CEO further highlighted the importance of staff taking ownership of the strategic plan. Overall, the workshop served as a platform for strategic planning and collaboration among WaterFund officers to ensure the effective implementation of the organization's objectives in the coming years.



Left; Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving is remarks at the workshop

Right: WaterFund officers keenly following up the proceedings of the workshop



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #236- WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE INAUGURAL KENYA SANITATION CONFERENCE 2019 IN NAIROBI


WaterFund Participates in the Inaugural Kenya Sanitation Conference 2019 in Nairobi

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 236 (SITREP #236) covered the period **28th October – 1st November 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) received the invitation from the Ministry of Water & Sanitation and Irrigation to participate in the inaugural Kenya Sanitation Conference that took place from 28th to 31st October, 2019, at Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi, Kenya. The theme of the conference was "Sanitation for All".

As a lead agency in the Water and Sanitation Sector, WaterFund participated in the Conference as a Gold Category Sponsor to the event by contributing KSh. 5.2 Million. The contribution went towards a convener session, exhibition, delegate registration as well as sponsorship towards the innovation awards, co-sponsored by Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA). WaterFund also participated in key organizing committees that ensured success of the conference: Executive committee, Steering committee and also spearheaded the Resource Mobilisation and Budgeting sub-committee

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