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MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION AND IRRIGATION LAUNCHES THE WATER UTILITY CREDITWORTHINESS COURSE

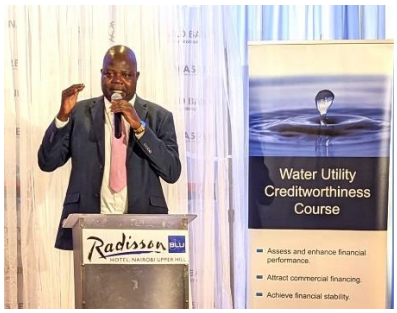
On 3rd April 2024, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) joined by Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, officially launched the Water Utility Creditworthiness course. The online program, a collaborative initiative between WASREB and the World Bank, targets to train key decision-makers in the water sector to assess and improve utility financial performance.

The main objective is to address the financing gap through commercial financing, emphasizing the paramount importance of utility creditworthiness. Other key objectives include: equip participants with a deeper understanding of financial management principles tailored to the water and sanitation sector; foster awareness of innovative financing mechanisms and strategies to attract commercial funding for water utility projects; and enhance participants' ability to develop robust financial plans and proposals that align with industry best practices and meet the expectations of potential financiers.

The training is specifically designed for key personnel in the water and sanitation sector who are directly involved/ anticipated to be involved with the Water Service Providers. This will include representatives from; The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) and selected Water Service Providers (WSPs). Representing WaterFund during the launch was Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer. Other high-level attendees included, CEOs from the water sector institutions and a delegation from World Bank.



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI, giving the key note speech during the launch



Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, addressing the guests during the launch



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund makes his remarks



Left: Mr. Julius Korir CBS (2nd left), Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI, officially launching the Water Utility Creditworthiness Course

Right: The delegation poses for a picture after the launch



MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF PROJECTS FINANCED UNDER KFW PHASE IV

WaterFund officers embarked on a monitoring activity in Machakos County to inspect projects funded through KfW phase IV under the Urban Project Concept (UPC), Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP), and the Aid on Delivery Project (AOD) programmes. These projects have been funded by WaterFund with financial support from German Development Bank (KfW).

The implementation of these projects is at different stages necessitating monitoring to ensure: efficient execution of ongoing works; transparency in expenditure; to access physical infrastructure development, community engagement and feedback mechanisms. Among the key projects inspected were Kathale-Ikulu Water Project in Machakos County and Machinery Town Water Project in Kibwezi. Furthermore, comprehensive evaluations were conducted to measure the impact of improved sanitation access on the community's well-being.



Left: 150M³ Masonry Tank at Machinery Town in Kibwezi

Right: Ongoing construction of a water kiosk in Kiatineni, Machakos County



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #238 - WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL WATER AND HEALTH CONGRESS IN ANTALYA, TURKEY



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 238 (SITREP #238) covered the period **11th to 15th November, 2019.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund took part in the 3rd International Water and Health Congress that was held in Antalya, Turkey. The theme, "Everything about Water", brought together academicians, scholars, researchers and experts in the water sector to share their knowledge, new ideas as well as the future developments water policies.

The congress also created a platform for discussions on issues related to sustainable water management during emergencies and livelihoods. WaterFund was represented by the then CEO, Mr. Ismail Shaiye together with representatives from the Board of Trustees.

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