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CABINET SECRETARY MWSI, LEADS NATIONAL TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE IN KAJIADO COUNTY

Following the declaration of 10th May, 2024, as National Tree Planting Day, Mr. Zachariah Njeru, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI) along with Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, and Mr. Ephantus Kimotho, Principal Secretary, State Department for Irrigation, led a delegation to Namanga Hills in Kajiado County to mark the event. This initiative is in line with the government's objective to plant and nurture 15 billion trees by 2032.

Tree planting is essential for protecting and restoring natural water towers and sources, as trees help conserve water catchment areas, ensure sustainable water availability, and recharge groundwater. During the event the CS expressed gratitude for the support received from the water sector institutions present such as Water Sector Trust Fund, other organizations such as Kenya Forest Service (KFS), the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), and the community members who participated in large numbers. Furthermore, the CS pledged to provide fruit seedlings to the local community as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to encourage environmental care, given the reality of climate change impacts. Additionally, he committed to making spontaneous visits to the planting sites to ensure sustainability of the planted area.



Mr. Zachariah Njeru, EGH, Cabinet Secretary, MWSI, leads the tree planting activity



Mr. Julius Korir, PS, State Department for Water and Sanitation during the tree planting activity



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, representing WaterFund during the tree planting activity

ENHANCING WATER ACCESS: WEST POKOT'S MILESTONE PROJECTS UNDER THE EDE-CPIRA PROGRAMME

West Pokot is one of the counties benefiting under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergency - Climate Proofed Infrastructure programme. This programme has been pivotal in addressing the water and public sanitation challenges in underserved areas across other Arid and Semi-Arid Lands Counties, namely: Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Mandera, Samburu and Taita Taveta.

In light of this, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, joined by H.E. Simon Kachapin, Governor West Pokot County, commissioned the augmentation of Muruny Chepareria Water Supply project. Accompanying him was the Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, member of WaterFund Board of Trustees and Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund. Muruny Chepareria Water

Supply project features a conventional treatment plant which will be able to treat 3000m^3 per day of water and 6.5km pipeline with a 12-inch rising main to Chemaltin storage tank; benefiting approximately 30,000 people. This programme has been funded by the European Union through WaterFund at a total contract cost of KSh. 90 Million. As part of County contribution, West Pokot County Government contributed a total cost of KSh. 11 Million.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, emphasized that the launch of the water project in the region highlights the government's dedication to providing clean water access to its citizens. He noted that this project significantly improves the quality of life for a substantial portion of the community. H.E. Simon Kachapin, Governor of West Pokot, expressed gratitude for the project's transformative effect on the community's well-being. He underscored the importance of investing in resilient water infrastructure to enhance public health and address water scarcity.

Subsequently, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, spearheaded the ground-breaking ceremony for Mtembur-Kitalakapel water project. With funding from the European Union at a total cost of KSh. 83 Million and a county contribution of KSh. 30 million, the project is expected to improve the accessibility of clean water to more than 11,000 people of: Kopoch, Mtembur Serewo and Kitalakapel trading centers, Raila road junction and its environs.

During the groundbreaking, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO of WaterFund, expressed his gratitude for the long-standing partnership between West Pokot and WaterFund, which has resulted in water and sanitation investments amounting to KSh. 309 million and benefiting over 76,330 people. He emphasized that this project will not only supply clean water but also create jobs, enhance food security, and stimulate economic growth in the region.



Mr. Julius Korir (left), CBS, PS, MWSI and H.E. Simon Kachapin (right) Governor West Pokot, unveiling the plague at the Muruny-Chepareria Water Supply Project Site



Mr. Julius Korir (left), H.E. Simon Kachapin (center) and Mr. Willis Ombai (right) unveiling the plague at Mtembur Kitalakapel Water Supply project site



Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, Member WaterFund BoT, giving his remarks



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund addressing the guests



Complete works of Muruny Chepareria Water Supply Project



Ongoing works at Mtembur Kitalakapel Water Supply Project

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