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WATERFUND JOINS THE MWSI TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE FOR A GREENER FUTURE FOR KINALE FOREST

Following the declaration of 10th May 2024, as National Tree Planting Day, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) organized two significant tree planting campaigns in Namanga Hills, Kajiado County and Kinale Forest, Kiambu County. After successfully planting approximately 100,000 tree seedlings in Kajiado County, the Ministry continued with this initiative in Kinale Forest. This effort aligns with the national goal to plant and nurture 15 billion trees by 2032, emphasizing the critical role of environmental conservation and sustainable water management.

In regards to this, on 17th May 2024, Mr. Charles Karondo, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA), officiated the tree planting activity on behalf of H.E. Zachariah Njeru, the Cabinet Secretary of MWSI. He was joined by Mr. Stephen Kihara, Secretary of Administration for the State Department for Water and Sanitation. In his opening remarks, Mr. Karondo thanked the stakeholders and community members for their commitment to the success of this environmental initiative. Through their collective efforts, a total of 120,000 tree seedlings were planted by the various institutions present, contributing to the restoration of Kinale Forest.

WaterFund contributed to this commendable effort by purchasing and planting 3,000 tree seedlings in addition to rallying the community to join in the tree planting exercise. These seedlings symbolize a commitment to a greener, more sustainable future. Additionally, WaterFund provided educational resources on forest conservation and sustainable practices to ensure the long-term success of the newly planted trees. Their involvement not only enhanced community engagement but also fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among participants, especially the local community members. This collective effort is a crucial step towards preserving the environment and ensuring the health and vitality of the ecosystem for future generations.

The tree planting event at Kinale saw participation from numerous organizations including: Kenya Forest Service (KFS), Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA), Water Resources Authority (WRA), Tana Water Works Development Agency, Northern Water Works Development Agency, Water Police Unit (WPU), Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources and Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB). Local community members including students, also actively participated, further emphasizing the collective commitment to environmental stewardship.



Mr. Charles Karondo, Chairperson, BoT, AWWDA, giving his remarks on behalf of the CS MWSI



Mr. Stephen Kihara, Secretary Administration, MWSI, addressing the guests



Ms. Linda Gwada, Principal Officer, Corporate Communication, WaterFund, giving her remarks during the event



Stakeholders and community members keenly follow the proceedings of the event



3,0000 tree seedlings purchased by WaterFund for the tree planting exercise



Part of the land allocated to WaterFund for the tree planting exercise







WaterFund team during the tree planting exercise in Kinale Forest



Mr. Stephen Kihara (3rd right) poses for a picture with officers from WaterFund, WRA and Water Police Unit



WaterFund team pose for a picture during the tree planting exercise



A view of Kinale forest set aside for the tree planting exercise

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