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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY IN GATANGA, MURANGA COUNTY

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) in partnership with the Murang'a County Government, launched the Kihumbu-ini Water Project, executed by the Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company. This project was financed at a total cost of 17.8 Million by the German Development Bank (KfW) through WaterFund's Project Concept (UPC) 8th Call Programme. The scope of the project includes: Installing HDPE pipes; construction of standard chambers and markers posts; installation of service lines for the consumer connections; and provision of consumer meters.

As a result of this project, residents of Kihumbu-ini Market and the surrounding areas now benefit from better water supply services. This has led to enhanced hygiene, improved health, reduced water stress, and an overall enhancement in quality of life. Additionally, Gatanga Water and Sanitation Company (GATAWASCO) has expanded its service coverage area, increased revenue collection, and improved its service provision.

Hon. Edward Muriu, Member of Parliament, Gatanga Constituency in Muranga county expressed his gratitude to WaterFund and KfW for the water rehabilitation project which is set to benefit 8,292 beneficiaries. Adding to that, Dr. Andrew Mbithi, a Member of the WaterFund Board of Trustees, assured the County Government of Muranga that WaterFund will continue to work diligently, united in the pursuit of increasing access to water and sanitation services for underserved and marginalized communities across Kenya.



Official commissioning of Kuhumbu-ini Water Project by Hon. Wakili Edward Muriu (left), MP Gatanga Constituency and Hon. Andrew Mbithi (far right) Member of WaterFund BoTs



Hon. Wakili Edward Muriu (right) MP Gatanga Constituency, at one of the yard taps



Hon. Andrew Mbithi, Member WaterFund BoTs addressing the guests



Left picture: Mr. John Kairu, Managing Director, GATAWASCO giving his remarks

Right picture: WaterFund team with other guests during the commission



SIBOWASCO PRESENTS SMART METER PROPOSAL TO WATERFUND TO REDUCE NON-REVENUE WATER

WaterFund recently met with the Siaya Bondo Water and Sanitation Company (SIBOWASCO), where they presented a proposal seeking funding to implement smart meters. The adoption of smart meters is anticipated to increase the collection rate of water bills, enhance SIBOWASCO's control over water production and distribution, reduce non-revenue water losses, and minimize billing errors and human errors in collection. By tackling the issue of non-revenue water, SIBOWASCO aims to provide more reliable water service delivery and improve resource management.



Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Research, Planning and M&E chairing the meeting



SIBAWASCO representatives follow keenly the proceedings of the meeting



WaterFund and SIBAWASCO representatives during the meeting

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #244 – TATU KENGA REPORTS TO FORM 2



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 244 (SITREP #244) covered the period **6th to 10th January 2020.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund under the Corporate and Social Responsibility adopted Tatu Kenga in the year 2008, where the WaterFund took up Tatu's education; signifying giving back to the community, through this little girl who had rightly depicted the plight of women, girls and water underserved areas in Kenya. In order to guarantee Tatu's future in school, in the year 2010, WaterFund invested in an education policy aimed at securing Tatu's education up to university.

Tatu's Kenga is now a form two student at Mazeras Girls' Memorial Secondary school. WaterFund has taken up the responsibility of occasionally checking up on Tatu and her family, by purchasing family home food supplies and school necessities for Tatu as she

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