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## ENHANCING WATER AND SANITATION ACCESS THROUGH ILIMUKUYU ENDAU WATER PROJECT

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) paid a courtesy visit to H.E. Dr. Julius Malombe, Governor of Kitui County, to discuss progress on the Ilimukuyu Endau Water Project. This initiative, supported by the European Union through WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proof Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme, aims to enhance water supply and sanitation infrastructure in drought-prone counties. The meeting focused on project updates, addressing challenges and developing strategies for the successful completion of projects.

In addition to visiting the project site Mr. Willis Ombai, held a meeting with the Kitui Water and Sanitation Company (KITWASCO) to further discuss the project's progress. The Ilimukuyu Endau Water project aims to benefit 8,726 residents of Endau location by improving water quality, increasing household-level water access, and enhancing public health and quality of life by reducing the risk of waterborne diseases.



*H.E. Dr, Julius Malombe Governor, County Government of Kitui during the courtesy call visit*



*Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, making his remarks during the courtesy call at the Governors office*



*Mr. Willis Ombai (centre) chairs the meeting between WaterFund, KITWASCO and the Ilimukuyi Endau Water project contractor*

## WATERFUND UNDERTAKES A GBV STAKEHOLDERS MAPPING FOR THE HOAGW4RP PROGRAMME

WaterFund under the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP) carried out a stakeholder mapping exercise of Gender - Based Violence and Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (GBV-SEAH) actors, within the implementing counties of Turkana, Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir and Garissa.

The exercise was essential as the implementation of project infrastructure can potentially expose communities, workers and project personnel to risks of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. As a result, WaterFund in collaboration with the Project Gender Based Violence (GBV) consultant; formulated comprehensive strategies within the projects framework to facilitate the identification of strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for enhancing GBV service delivery. This initiative aims to contribute to effective GBV prevention and response efforts within counties implementing the HoAGW4RP.

WaterFund team, led by Eng. Rose Nyikuri, Manager, Water Resources and Climate Change, paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Salah Maalim, the County Executive Committee Member for Lands and Urban Development, Mandera County. During the visit, the team presented an overview of the HoAGW4RP and highlighted components that WaterFund is implementing, emphasizing the significance of identifying Mandera County as one of the implementers of the project. Mr. Maalim, appreciated WaterFund's contribution to his County and stressed on the importance of initiating public participation early to ensure smooth running of the project.

In addition, WaterFund conducted a five-day workshop which encompassed the following: Orientation of PIU (Project Implementing Unit) and Sub Project Implementing Unit (SPIU) on the mapping tools and assigning of roles and responsibilities; a one-day GBV stakeholder's consolation forum; a two-day session for GBV-SEAH service providers mapping, capacity needs assessment and service mapping; and mapping of GBV rescue centers, shelters and safe spaces.



*Left: WaterFund team led by Eng. Rose Nyikuri (seated right) during a courtesy call visit to Mr. Samuel Ochako (Center in white) County Commisioner, Mandera County*

*Right: Participants during the stakeholders mapping exercise in Mandera county*



## WATERFUND'S EDE-CPIRA INITIATIVES ENHANCING WATER AND SANITATION ACROSS EIGHT COUNTIES

WaterFund is actively engaged in implementing the Ending Drought Emergencies Climate-Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) across eight counties in Kenya. The program focuses on providing financial support for water projects, public sanitation facilities (PSFs), and community-led total sanitation (CLTS) initiatives.

In this context, WaterFund inspected and monitored several projects under EDE-CPIRA, including the Mtembur Kitakalapel Water Project in West Pokot, the Kabarnet Water Project in Baringo, the Nkutak Elmuget Water Project in Samburu, the Voi Bus Park & Msharinyi PSFs, and the Kishenyi Kishushe Water Project in Voi. Additionally, the team supervised the final stages of Lapile Dam in Taita Taveta and the Kaloleni PSF in Kilifi County. These initiatives underscore WaterFund's commitment to improving water infrastructure and sanitation facilities in these regions.



*Ongoing construction af a water kiosk at Nketuk Elmuget Water Project in Samburu County*



*Ongoing works at Kishenyi Kishushe Water Project in Taita Taveta County*



*Construction of a Composite Filtration Unit (CFU) at Mtembur-Kitakalapel project site in West Pokot County.*

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