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COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY MEETING FOR EDE-CPIRA PROGRAMME COMPLETION

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) is executing the Ending Drought Emergencies Climate-Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA) Programme across eight counties: Baringo, Kajiado, Kitui, Kilifi, Samburu, Mandera, West Pokot, and Taita Taveta. All first-phase water projects are complete, while second-phase projects are in various stages of progress. The third-phase projects which include Saos Emining, Takaba, Kyuso, Mtembur Kitalkapel, Kajiado Town reticulation and Kaloleni water projects, are still at different stages of completion.

In view of this, WaterFund led by the CEO Mr. Willis Ombai, held a strategy closure meeting with key officials spearheading the implementation of the EDE-CPIRA programme. The meeting aimed to establish a shared understanding with county leadership and Water Service Providers (WSPs) on the urgency and accelerate all closing activities and how efficiently complete these projects with the limited time available. In his opening remarks, Mr. Ombai, CEO WaterFund, stressed to the implementing partners the importance of completing the projects by 31st July, 2024, as the project timeline ends on 5th August, 2024. He further urged Government leadership and WSPs to ensure that the funds allocated, are used efficiently to enhance water and sanitation projects within their regions.

In attendance in this workshop was WaterFund Management, Water County Executive Committee Members, Chief Officers and Managing Directors of the various represented WSPs.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his opening remarks



Mr. Martin Shikuku, Senior Programme Officer, EDE- CPIRA addressing the participants



Participants keenly following the presengtations

WATERFUND AND GATSBY AFRICA LAUNCH THE CVF PROGRAMME

WaterFund in partnership with Gatsby Africa, launched the Strengthening Commercial Viability and Financial Flows (CVF) Programme. This programme aims to boost the commercial viability of Water Service Providers (WSPs) by enhancing the management and financial governance of selected regulated water utilities. The initiative also seeks to improve the WSP creditworthiness and enable them to secure commercial financing for infrastructure upgrades from banks.

In view of the above 17 WSPs were competitively selected to implement the CVF programme based on established selection criteria, field evaluation, and institutional assessment. Following this WaterFund held an induction meeting with the successfully selected WSPs in addition to having a signing ceremony for the Project Implementation Framework.



From left: Mr. Adipo Isaiah, MD SIBOWASCO, Ms. Ruth Nganga General Manager, Fund Development, Waterfund, and Mr.Wario Bonaya, Programme Director- Water, Gatsby Africa



Ms. Ruth Nganga (2nd Left) and Mr. Isaac Kega (standing) from WaterFund, during the signing ceremony with the leadership of Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company



Key participating stakeholders at the signing ceremony

WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund held a consultative meeting with The Aquaya Institute to discuss possible areas of partnership and collaboration in research and safe water management. Aquaya is a non-profit research and consulting organization dedicated to advancing global health through universal access to safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH).



Mr. Willis Ombai (3rd left), CEO WaterFund and Ms. Rachael Paletz (3rd right) CEO, Aquaya, together with representatives from WaterFund and Aquaya

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MEETING AND MONITORING EXERCISES

Field activities including monitoring and inspection of WaterFund's projects continued across the past weeks;

- WaterFund embarked on a monitoring exercise of projects under the EDE-CPIRA Programme. The projects which are at different implementation stages included: Ewuaso, Masimba and Isinet Public Sanitation Facilities (PSFs) and Kajiado Town Water Project in Kajiado County. Additionally, in Kitui County, the team inspected the ongoing works of Kyuso Water Project and Kyuso, Kabati and Tseikuru PSFs.



Left: Ongoing works at Tseikuru Public Sanitation Facility in Kitui county

Right: Ongoing works at Kajiado Town Water Project in Kajiado County



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