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WATERFUND UNDERTAKES A PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF ITS STRATEGIC PLAN

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) has successfully completed the first year of implementing its 5th Generation Strategic Plan for 2023-2027. In light of this milestone, the management recently conducted a comprehensive performance review to assess the progress made so far. The review also aimed to develop key institutional planning instruments, including the preparation of annual workplans, procurement plans, performance contracts, and consolidated institutional budgets for the FY 2024/2025.

Additionally, the management evaluated the current programme cycles to accelerate the implementation of ongoing projects and ensure the timely closure of completed initiatives across the Country. The team also engaged in discussions regarding the proposed funding mechanisms for implementing partners and support, aiming to streamline and enhance the efficiency of these processes moving forward.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund (standing) making his remarks at the review meeting.

Right: WaterFund team during the review of the Strategic Plan activities



WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the week, the below meeting took place as highlighted:

- WaterFund recently hosted a delegation from the German Development Bank (KfW), led by the outgoing Country Director, Mr. Oskar Van Maltaz. The visit served to introduce the incoming Country Director, Ms. Kristinna Laarmann. During the introductory meeting, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, assured Ms. Laarmann of his full support and commitment to collaboration in achieving their mutual goals.



Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund giving his key remarks during the introductory meeting



Mr. Oskar Van Maltaz (left) the outgoing KfW Country Director, with Ms. Kristinna Laarmann (right) the Incoming Country Director



WaterFund management team present during the introductory meeting

WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND HOLDS ITS QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING

On 29th July 2024, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held its quarterly staff meeting to discuss pertinent staff matters including cross cutting issues from management committees. The meeting created a platform for staff members, to engage and participate in enlightening sessions.

During the meeting, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund expressed gratitude to the staff members for their dedication, hard work and commitment to their responsibilities. He also encouraged the staff to embrace teamwork in their various departments, including collaborative implementation of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. In his concluding remarks, the CEO praised the staff for their excellent work and urged them to maintain their momentum to ensure the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan. He also emphasized the importance of time management, adhering to protocols, and fostering good working relationships.



Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund making his key note speech during the staff meeting.



WaterFund Management during the staff meeting



WaterFund staff at the meeting.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #247 – INSPECTION OF OUTPUT BASED AID (OBA) PROJECT IN NYERI COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 247 (SITREP #247) covered the period 27th to 31st January, 2020. Among the highlights was that Mr. Joseph Irungu, C.B.S., Principal Secretary, Ministry of Water & Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), together with WaterFund CEO, Mr. Ismail Shaiye and H.E. Mutahi Kahiga, Governor, County Government of Nyeri inspected a WaterFund funded sewer extension project in Nyeri County.

The project was implemented by Nyeri Water and Sanitation Company Limited (NYEWASCO) under the Fund's Output Based Aid (OBA) Programme. The OBA Programme sought to provide financial incentives through subsidies to Water Service Providers to invest in expansion of water and sanitation infrastructure. The OBA Programme was funded by Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) - Embassy of Sweden, through World Bank. The sewer extension project which was funded at a total cost of Ksh. 262.6 million to benefit 2,906 households was also was awarded a KSh. 45 million subsidy cheque.



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