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WATERFUND FOSTERS INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH MALAWI DELEGATION VISIT

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in a Malawi Delegation learning visit on 4th August 2024. The visit, hosted by the Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), aimed at sharing best practices on water supply and sanitation regulations, underscoring the growing collaboration between nations in the Eastern and Southern Africa region. The Malawi delegation consisted of a team of fourteen (14) Senior Malawi Government Officials, led by Mr. Prince Mleta, Director of Water Supply Services, Ministry of Water and Sanitation.

WaterFund played a central role in this visit, offering insights into its innovative commercial financing processes and funding mechanisms. With over a decade of experience in mobilizing resources to support water and sanitation initiatives, WaterFund's mandate is to provide conditional and unconditional grants to the Counties and to assist in financing the development of and management of water and sanitation services in the marginalized and underserved areas; was of particular interest.

The benchmarking visit highlighted the importance of cross-border water collaboration, underscoring WaterFund's commitment to fostering international partnerships, regional integration, and sustainable development.



Left: Eng. Rose Nyikuri Manager, Water Rresources and climate change making her remarks during the workshop

Right: Ms. Joan Karanja Principal officer Fund Development making her remarks during the forum









Key participants from WaterFund, WASREB and Malawi Delegations keenly following the presentations.

REINFORCING THE WATER AND SANITATION SECTOR THROUGH THE KWASH PROJECT

WaterFund participated in the second implementation support mission in the Kenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (KWASH) funded by World Bank. The six-year Program running from 2024 to 2030 covers 19 Counties and involves 33 Water Service Providers within these Counties. This Program seeks to enhance rural water supply, improving sanitation services,

improve business performance of WSPs, and promoting Water Sector efficiency and Policy reforms.

The mission sought to assess progress towards achievements of year one (1) year results, and progress on meeting legal covenants that will guide the K-WASH collaboration. Under the Programme, WaterFund will support the WSPs in improving business performance, and growing their credit-worthiness with an aim to access commercial financing through blended arrangements.

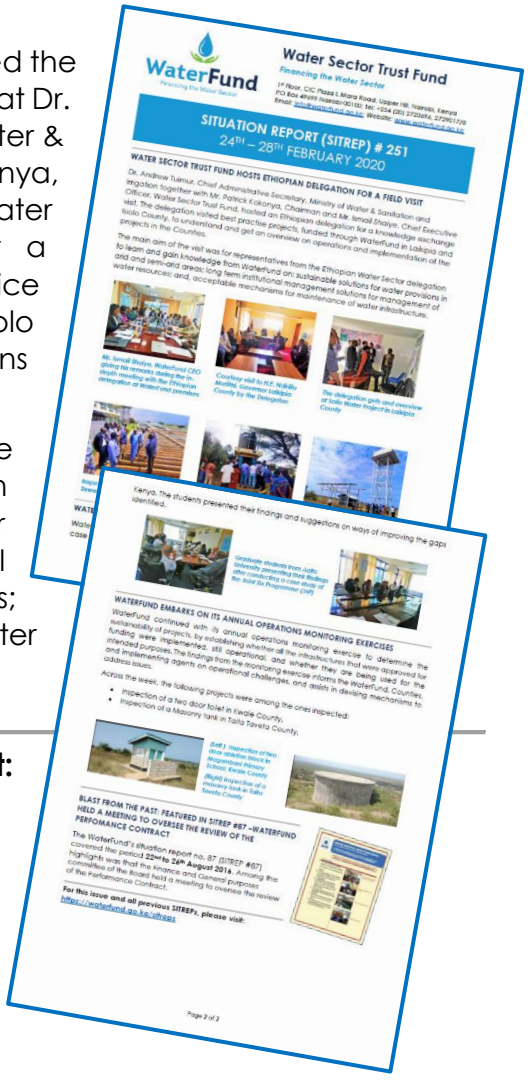


Kenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Program meeting for the implementation support mission group photo at the lake Naivasha Simba lodge.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #251 – WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND HOSTS ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION FOR A FIELD VISIT

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 251(SITREP #251) covered the period **24th to 28th February, 2020**. Among the highlights was that Dr. Andrew Tuimur, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Water & Sanitation and Irrigation together with Mr. Patrick Kokonya, Chairman and Mr. Ismail Shaiye, Chief Executive Officer, Water Sector Trust Fund, hosted an Ethiopian delegation for a knowledge exchange visit. The delegation visited best practice projects, funded through WaterFund in Laikipia and Isiolo Counties, to understand and get an overview on operations and implementation of the projects in the Counties.

The main aim of the visit was for representatives from the Ethiopian Water Sector delegation to learn and gain knowledge from WaterFund on: sustainable solutions for water provisions in arid and semi-arid areas; long term institutional management solutions for management of water resources; and, acceptable mechanisms for maintenance of water infrastructure.


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