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WATERFUND JOINS MINISTRY'S EFFORTS IN REFORESTATION OF KIRISIA FOREST IN SAMBURU COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) organized a five-day tree-planting exercise in Kirisia Forest, Samburu County, following the successful completion of similar activities in Kiambu and Kajiado County. This initiative aligns with the presidential directive to plant 15 billion trees by 2032. Kirisia Forest, covering 91,944 hectares, was selected to enhance conservation efforts and increase the area's forest cover.

Officiating the event on behalf of Eng. Eric Mugaa, CS, MWSI, was CPA Andrew Rage, CEO Northern Water Works Development Agency (NWWDA). He urged the community to stay committed to conservation efforts and prioritize the protection of the forest. CPA Rage applauded their active participation in the initiative and stressed the importance of ongoing care to ensure the seedlings thrive to maturity. Additionally, he reaffirmed MWSI's commitment to environmental conservation, announcing plans to return in April during the long rains to continue the reforestation efforts in Kirisia Forest.

WaterFund supported this significant exercise by purchasing and planting 1,000 indigenous trees, including Olea Africana and Acacia species. These trees, known for their water efficiency, adaptability to local conditions, and longevity, will help promote water conservation and sustainable forest growth.

The tree-planting event saw participation from various stakeholders, including NWWDA, Lake Victoria North Water Works, Athi Water Works Development Agency, Tana Water Works Development Agency, and members of the local community.



CPA Andrew Rage, CEO NWWDA spearheads the tree planting exercise



Mr. John Cheruiyot, County Commissioner, Samburu County planting a tree during the exercise



Mr. Kennedy Ondieki, representative from the MWSI



Offloading tree seedlings procured by WaterFund





A portion of land allocated to WaterFund for the tree planting exercise at Kirisia Forest



WaterFund staff participating in the tree planting activity





WaterFund staff participating in the tree planting activity



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #260– WATERFUND ISSUES SAFISAN SUBSIDY CHEQUES IN KWALE COUNTY



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 260 (SITREP #260) covered the period **27th to 30th April, 2020**. Among the highlights was that Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) awarded subsidy cheques amounting to KSh. 200,000, to SafiSan toilet owners in Kwale County. SafiSan is a project that targets urban low-income areas that have poor access to adequate sanitation covering the entire sanitation value chain.

The Award ceremony was attended by representatives from WaterFund, and from Kwale Water & Sewerage Company Limited (KWAWASCO), the Managing Director, Commercial Manager, Technical Manager and Social Animators. During the exercise the staff on the ground were provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and maintained the recommended social distancing guidelines in response to World Health Organization (WHO) Covid-19 prevention guidelines.

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