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ENHANCING WATER ACCESS THROUGH CHAMUNYU MWAMLAI WATER PROJECT IN MOMBASA COUNTY

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), in collaboration with the German Development Bank (KfW), remained steadfast in its commitment to improving access to water and sanitation for underserved communities. As part of these ongoing efforts, a significant milestone was marked with the commissioning of the Chamunyu-Mwamlai Water Project in Mombasa County. The event was presided over by Hon. Abdullswamad Sheriff Nassir, Governor County Government of Mombasa, alongside Mr. Andrew Mbithi, WaterFund Board of Trustee Member.

The Chamunyu-Mwamlai Water Project was funded through the German Development Bank (KfW) under the WaterFund's Urban Projects Concept (UPC 8th Call) and played a critical role in addressing water and public sanitation challenges in low-income urban areas across Kenya. The project featured a 5.5-kilometer pipeline extension and the installation of 900 consumer and cold-water meters, implemented at a cost of KSh. 18,368,343.

During the commissioning event, the Governor reiterated his administration's commitment to ensuring equitable water access for all residents. As part of this initiative, plans were set in motion to engage the management of Mombasa Water Supply and Sanitation Company (MOWASSCO) on measures to facilitate water meter installations and connections, with an installment-based payment model to enhance affordability.

In his address, Mr. Andrew Mbithi provided an overview of WaterFund's investments in the county, which included the Urban Investment Programme valued at KSh. 117.27 million, as well as the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant Programme, which allocated KSh. 364.92 million to support projects implemented by MOWASSCO and the Coast Water Works Development Authority (CWWDA). The commissioning of the Chamunyu-Mwamlai Water Project highlighted the continued collaboration between WaterFund, the County Government of Mombasa, and key stakeholders in the water sector. WaterFund reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening partnerships to improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services for the residents of Mombasa County.



H.E. Abdullswamad Sherrif Nassir, Governor County Government of Mombasa, making his key note speech.



Mr. Andrew Mbithi WaterFund BoT making his remarks during the commissioning



Eng. Paul Kogo Senior Programme Engineer, RBF/Urban Investments WaterFund making his remarks

WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO of WaterFund, chaired a meeting between WaterFund and Plan International. The meeting aimed to introduce the 'Climate Proofing WASH Services Programme in Turkana County, a programme jointly funded by DANIDA and the Grundfos Foundation. This refugee response initiative seeks to improve access to water, sanitation, and hygiene services. The programme includes a climate-proofing WASH project, a sanitation project, community sanitation, climate change adaptation measures, and revenue generation for the local community. During the meeting, the WaterFund team was led by the CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, while the Plan International team was represented by Ms. Iben Marcussen and Mr. Munya Malungu.

- On 23rd January, 2025, WaterFund held a meeting with the DANIDA Sustainable Infrastructure Finance (DSIF) team to deliberate on various blended financing models and explore opportunities for collaboration on the WaterFund Loan Facility Model. DSIF commended WaterFund's preparedness in blended financing and the development of its financial products, which have contributed to the sustainability of the Water and Sanitation Sector. The WaterFund team was led by CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, while the DANIDA team was represented by Ms. Tina Hansen and Mr. Jorgen Larsen.



Mr. Willis Ombai charing the meeting between WaterFund and Plan International



Ms. Iben Marcussen (center) and Mr. Munya Malungu (right) from Plan International during the meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai (3rd Left) hosting the Plan International and WaterFund Representatives at his office



Mr. Willis Ombai charing the meeting between WaterFund and DSIF



Ms. Tina Hansen (Left) and Mr. Jorgen Larsen (right) during the meeting.



WaterFund CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai (Left) joined by DSIF and WaterFund Representatives at his office

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