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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 506
3RD – 7TH MARCH 2025

IN BRIEF:

- On 4th March 2025, Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairperson WaterFund Board of Trustees (BoTs) and Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, Member of the Board of Trustees (BoTs) WaterFund, signed WaterFund's Performance Contract (PC) for the Financial Year 2024/2025. The purpose of the PC is to establish the basis for ensuring that efficient and effective services are delivered to Kenyans in line with the provisions of the Constitution within the FY.



Left: Dr. Erick K. Rutto, Chairman Board of Trustees, WaterFund, signing the PC

Right: Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, Member of the Board of Trustees, WaterFund, signing the PC



WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, led a delegation in a meeting with the World Bank to deliberate on modalities of mobilizing private capital. During the discussions, WaterFund shared its experiences and models for leveraging private sector financing in the water sector. The World Bank team was led by Mr. Jason Zengring Lu, Lead for the Water and Finance Global Group, and was accompanied by Mr. David Wanyoike, Senior Water Resource Management Specialist and 2030 WRG East Africa Region Coordinator. The WaterFund delegation also included Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, among other officers.



Mr. Willis Ombai CEO, WaterFund chairing the meeting



World Bank team: Mr. Jason Zengring Lu, (left), Lead Water and Finance Global Group and Mr. David Wanyoike (right), Senior Water Resource Management Specialist and the 2030 WRG East Africa Region Coordinator



Ms. Ruth Nganga (right), General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund in attendance during the meeting

WATERFUND HELD A STRATEGIC MEETING WITH SAVE THE CHILDREN ORGANIZATION

WaterFund and Save the Children convened a strategic meeting on 5th March, 2025, to explore potential collaboration in strengthening water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions across Kenya. The discussions focused on aligning efforts to address WASH challenges, particularly in rural and peri-urban areas, while identifying funding opportunities to enhance water and sanitation initiatives. Additionally, the meeting explored avenues for knowledge-sharing and capacity-building between the two organizations.

Chaired by Ms. Wangui Karanja, Principal Fund Development Officer, WaterFund, the meeting also included a delegation from Save the Children, led by Ms. Beatrice Otieno, Programme Development, Quality, and Impact Director, alongside Eng. Victor Ogowe, WASH Advisor. Both organizations reaffirmed their commitment to collaborating on sustainable and impactful WASH solutions. As a next step, a framework for partnership engagement will be developed to define specific roles, responsibilities, and potential joint initiatives.



Left: Ms. Joan Wangui, Principal Fund Development Officer, WaterFund chairing the meeting

Right: Ms. Beatrice Otieno, (right) Programme Development, Quality and Impact Director, Save the Children, making her remarks during the meeting



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #268– WATERFUND RECEIVES FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY SUPPORT PROGRAMME


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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 268
22ND – 26TH JUNE 2020

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 268 (SITREP #268) covered the period **22nd to 26th June, 2020**. Among the highlights was that Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) was allocated KSh. 28 Million by the European Union (KSh. 20 million) and the Government of Kenya (KSh. 8 million), towards implementation of the Covid-19 Emergency Response Programme under the existing Ending Drought Emergencies: Climate Proofed Infrastructure for Improved Water Supply and Sanitation in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) Areas Programme (EDE-CPIRA).

Under the Covid-19 Emergency Support Programme, WaterFund, in conjunction with the European Union, financed the installation of water supply and hand washing facilities in various underserved identified hotspot and potential hotspot areas affected by the pandemic. Kilifi Mariakani Water & Sanitation Company in Kilifi County, led by Mr. Kenneth Kazungu, Ag. Chief Officer officially flagged off Water Bowsers as an implementation strategy under the Covid-19 Emergency Response Programme in their County.

The water bowsers aided in responding to the specific water and sanitation challenges in Kilifi County and also ensured the community members maintained proper hygiene in line with Covid-19 Prevention Measures. The Water Bowsers were used towards Water trucking in various locations in Kilifi County which enhanced improved access to water in the fight against the spread of Covid-19 in the County.

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