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CABINET SECRETARY MWSI COMMISSIONS MTEMBUR-KITALAKAPEL WATER PROJECT IN WEST POKOT COUNTY

On 25th April 2025, Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), and H.E. Simon Kachapin, CBS, EGH, Governor of West Pokot County, jointly commissioned the Mtembur–Kitalakapel Water Project in West Pokot County. Joining the delegation were Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI; Hon. Lucas Chepkitony and Mr. Rolex Kirui, representatives of the WaterFund Board of Trustees; and Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund).

The residents of Mtembur-Kitalakapel have long faced significant challenges in accessing clean and reliable water, often relying on distant or unsafe sources. These hardships, common across the arid and semi-arid regions of West Pokot, have negatively affected public health, school attendance and local economic activity. This is set to change through the implementation of the Mtembur-Kitalakapel Water Supply Project, funded by the European Union under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergency-Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) Programme.

Speaking during the commissioning, Eng. Mugaa, CS described the initiative as a crucial step in ensuring water accessibility in remote and marginalized areas. He noted that the project had received approximately KSh. 53 Million from the European Union through the WaterFund, with an additional KSh. 30 Million contributed by the County Government of West Pokot. He emphasized that the project will play a vital role in addressing the community's water needs, including serving over 20 schools, healthcare facilities, and supporting both livestock and household supply.

In his closing remarks, Governor Kachapin expressed confidence that the gravity-driven project would serve the community efficiently while keeping maintenance costs low. He added that local women would now be able to establish kitchen gardens, enhancing household food security. Mr. Ombai, CEO WaterFund highlighted that, beyond the EDE-CPIRA Programme, WaterFund has provided financial support to West Pokot County through other donor-funded initiatives, including German Development Bank (KfW) and the World Bank, reaching 12,721 households at an approximate cost of KSh. 86 million.



H.E. Simon Kachapin (left) CBS, EGH Governor, West Pokot County and Eng. Eric Mugaa (right) CS, MWSI (right) unveiling the plaque at the Mtembur-Kitalakapel project site



Eng. Eric Mugaa CS, MWSI making his key note speech during the commissioning ceremony



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, interacts with a beneficiary at one of the commissioned water kiosks



The delegation inspecting the water treatment works at Mtembur-Kitalakapel project site



Residents witnessing the commissioning of Mtembur-Kitalakapel Water Project in West Pokot County



WATERFUND MEETINGS

During the past weeks, the following meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund hosted a consultative meeting with the Sanitation and Hygiene Fund (SHF) to explore opportunities for collaboration in financing sanitation initiatives across utilities. The engagement focused on the development of practical financial frameworks and the joint identification of investment priorities in the sanitation sector. The discussions provided valuable insights and opened new possibilities for mobilising additional resources to strengthen sanitation services.
- Recently, Mr. Willis Ombai handed over a brand-new Toyota Landcruiser to the County Government of Turkana to support delivery of services under the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience (HoAGW4R) Programme. Receiving the brand-new vehicle was Mr. Patrick Lokaimoe, County Executive Committee Member for Water Services, Turkana County.



Ms. Nandita Kotwal (left), Sanitation Country Markets Specialists and Mr. Anton Jantunen (right), Sanitation and Hygiene Markets Specialist, SHF



WaterFund and SHF representatives during the meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO WaterFund and Mr. Patrick Lokaimoe (right), CECM, Water Services, Turkana County receiving the vehicle

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #273 – WATERFUND IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME UNDER EDE-CPIRA



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 273 (SITREP #273) covered the period **27th to 30th July 2020.** Among the highlights was that Kilifi County led by Kilifi Mariakani Water & Sanitation Company (KIMAWASCO) conducted an outreach activity at Mnarani Dispensary which involved handing over of a 10,000-litre water tank, masks, sanitizers and hand washing soap. The activity which targeted approximately 500 patients who visit the dispensary, is was an implementation strategy under the COVID-19 Emergency Response Programme in Kilifi County.

In addition, Olkejuado Water and Sewerage Company (OWASCO) in Kajiado County, a beneficiary of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Programme, handed over water tanks, hand washing soap and sanitizers to Isinya Health Centre, Mashuuru Health Centre and Isinya Police Station

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