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WATERFUND SUPPORTS PRESIDENTIAL-LED TREE GROWING DRIVE AT KAPTAGAT FOREST

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in and sponsored the 9th edition of the Kaptagat Forest Annual Tree Growing event in Elgeyo Marakwet County to a tune of KSh. 250,000. The event which falls under the broader Kaptagat Restoration Programme, is part of a 10-year community-led effort focused on forest conservation, sports development, and economic sustainability.

The event began with a tree planting activity at Simotwo Boys High School, where WaterFund, alongside other institutions, demonstrated their shared commitment to protecting the environment. This was followed by a marathon that united athletes, community members, and stakeholders in support of environmental conservation and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, CGH, President of the Republic of Kenya, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest, underscored the critical role of increasing forest cover in combating climate change. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to achieving a 30% forest cover and emphasizing its significance in enhancing climate resilience and sustainability. In a decisive move, the President announced plans to fence the Kaptagat Forest Ecosystem, an important water catchment and biodiversity hotspot, as part of a national strategy to protect state forests from illegal activities and support sustainable management.

Dr. Deborah Mulongo, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, lauded the ongoing tree planting efforts and encouraged continued collaboration among institutions to help Kenya meet its target of growing 15 billion trees by 2032.

Representing the CEO WaterFund was Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager, Human Resource and Administration. He reiterated the Funds commitment to sustainable water resource management, environmental conservation, and grassroots-led tree planting efforts. He noted that WaterFund continues to support such initiatives through both financial sponsorship and active participation across the country.



H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H., President of the Republic of Kenya making his keynote speech



Dr. Deborah Mulongo Barasa, CS, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forestry giving her remarks



Mr. Felix K. Koskei, EGH, Chief of Staff and Head of Public Service addressing the guests



Hon. Lucas Chepkitony, (2nd left) former WaterFund Board of Trustees, with WaterFund staff



Community Members and guests during the marathon winners award ceremony



State agencies and key sponsors planting trees at Kapsabet Forest







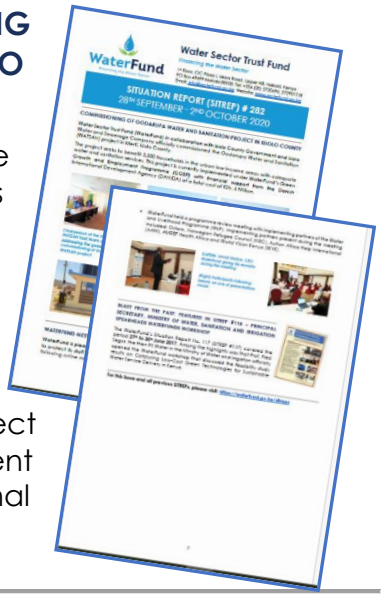
WaterFund staff participating in the tree planting activity



WaterFund branding at the Kaptagat annual tree growing event



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #282 - COMMISSIONING OF GODARUPA WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT IN ISIOLO COUNTY



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 282(SITREP #282) covered the period **28th September to 2nd October, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, WaterFund in collaboration with Isiolo County Government and Isiolo Water and Sewerage Company officially commissioned the Godarupa Water and Sanitation (WATSAN) project in Merti, Isiolo County.

The project aimed to benefit 3,500 households in the urban low-income areas with adequate water and sanitation services. This project was implemented under WaterFund's Green Growth and Employment Programme (GGEP) with financial support from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) at a total cost of KSh. 6 million.

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