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WATERFUND SUPPORTS GARISSA COUNTY IN DEVELOPING THE COUNTY'S WATER SECTOR DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP) is designed to improve sustainable access to and management of groundwater resources across the underserved communities within Mandera, Garissa, Wajir, Marsabit and Turkana counties. The initiative emphasizes on the rehabilitation and development of boreholes, the sustainable management of groundwater systems and the restoration and conservation of aquifers.

To support these efforts, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) engaged Maxworth Associate Limited to support Garissa County stakeholders in the development and preparation of the County Water Sector Drought Contingency Plan (CWSDCP). The objective was to enhance the county's capacity to manage drought risks more effectively and strengthen its resilience. As part of this process, the consultant carried out a drought situation analysis for Garissa County in February 2025. The purpose of this analysis was to evaluate existing institutional capacities in drought risk monitoring, mitigation, and response, identifying both strengths and gaps. These findings will guide the formulation of the CWSDCP.

Hon. Ahmed Mohamed, County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Water, Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources, Garissa County, addressed the participants during the workshop. He highlighted the need for active stakeholder involvement in the development of the plan and reaffirmed the county government's commitment to supporting the drafting process. Representing WaterFund was Mr. Anthony Wachira, Senior Environmental Specialist. In his remarks, he outlined the key components of the initiative and emphasized the forum's objective of ensuring community involvement at every stage. He also highlighted the importance of raising awareness about the plan and assessing the county's drought risks, impacts, and mitigation measures.



Hon. Ahmed Mohamed Ibrahim, CECM, Water, Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources, Garissa County, making his remarks



Mr. Anthony Wachira, Senior Environmental Specialist, WaterFund making his presentation



Mr. Enosh Bolo, MBA, BEd HRD, MKIM, Consultant, Maxworth Associates Limited, addressing the participants





Stakeholders from Garissa County in their various breakout rooms during the group discussions

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #284 - COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME UNDER JOINT SIX PROGRAMME (J6P)



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 284 (SITREP #284) covered the period **12th to 16th October, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) was allocated KSh. 26 million by the Embassy of Finland and Embassy of Sweden towards implementation of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Programme under Joint Six Programme (J6P).

Under the COVID-19 Emergency Response Programme, WaterFund, financed the installation of water supply, hand washing facilities, distribution of face masks and sanitizers, sensitization in various underserved identified hotspot and potential hotspot areas affected by the pandemic.

In regards to the above, WaterFund team monitored and inspected projects implemented through Kobujoi Water Users Association and Kapsabet-Nandi Water and Sanitation Company in Nandi County.

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