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WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below.

- On 5th August 2025, the Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held a strategic meeting with the Stone Family Foundation (SFF). The meeting aimed to explore collaboration in blended financing approaches for energy and operational efficiency in Kenya's water and sanitation services delivery. The meeting reaffirmed both Institutions' commitment to innovative financing models and technical assistance as drivers for improved access to water services. The WaterFund team was led by Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, while Mr. Tom Chaplin, Managing Director, headed the SFF delegation.



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, chairing the meeting



Mr. Tom Chaplin, Managing Director, SFF



WaterFund staff staff present during the SFT meeting

WATERFUND COMMITTED TO BUILD FINANCIAL RESILIENCE FOR WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS

WaterFund in collaboration with Gatsby Africa, is implementing the Strengthening Commercial Viability and Financial Flows for Water Service Providers (CVF) Programme. This two-year programme targets 18 Water Service Providers (WSPs) with the aim of improving their creditworthiness and Operational Cost Coverage Ratio (OCCR).

To that effect, on 4th to 8th August, WaterFund, in collaboration with Gatsby Africa, hosted an interactive forum focused on strengthening the commercial viability and financial flows of Water Service Providers (WSPs). The event provided a valuable platform for networking and knowledge sharing, with the aim of fostering partnerships and advancing the growth of the water sector.

Discussions during the sessions explored collaborative opportunities and sustainable financing solutions for selected WSPs. Seven WSPs participated in the event: Embu Water and Sanitation Company, Tetu Aberdare Water and Sanitation Company, Othaya-Mukurweini Water and Sanitation Company, Nakuru Rural Water and Sanitation Company, Kilifi-Mariakani Water and Sanitation Company, Meru Rural Water and Sanitation Company, and Ngagaka Water and Sanitation Company.

The networking sessions also attracted private sector players such as: Sanivation; Fresh Life; Epi Centre; and Apex Piping, as well as development partners including Impact Fund Denmark and Aqua for All. County representatives and Chief Officers from Embu and Nakuru Counties were

also in attendance, helping to bridge the gap between local governments and water sector stakeholders.

This engagement reinforced WaterFund's commitment to building resilient partnerships and unlocking innovative financing models that can drive sustainable growth in the sector.



Left: Ms. Ruth Nganga (left), General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, making her presentation

Right: Participants following keenly on the presentations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #285 - DATA COLLECTION TOOLS FOR MONITORING AND VERIFICATION OF DISTRIBUTED WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS TO 74 WATER COMPANIES IN KENYA



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 285 (SITREP #285) covered the period **19th to 23rd October, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund, led by the representatives of the Board of Trustees and the then CEO, Mr. Ismail Shaiye, monitored and inspected water chemicals delivered to various Water Service Providers (WSPs) across the country. The aim of the activity was to ensure all the procured water treatment chemicals were delivered as per specifications indicated including safety of the chemicals, proper handling of the chemicals and the right quantities to the 74 WSPs.

In view of the above, WaterFund developed an Android mobile monitoring tool using the Open Data Kit (ODK) Collect application to assist in monitoring of all deliveries by collecting key data. The ODK Collect app is an open-source Android app that replaces paper forms used in survey-based data gathering. The app also enabled the WSP contact person to append their signatures as a form of confirming the collected data.

The procurement and distribution of water treatment chemicals was being managed by WaterFund at a total cost of KSh. 200 million, funded by the National Treasury through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation. The water treatment chemicals went a long way in supporting sustainable water service provision during the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the verification and monitoring exercise, using ODK collection application, WaterFund was able to monitor the geo-locations and quantities delivered of the distributed chemicals across the country, and thus visualize the data on a map.

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