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IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH THE ISIOLO INTEGRATED WATER PROJECT

The commissioning of the Gafarsa Water Supply and Iresaboru Water Pan under the Isiolo Integrated Water Project, held on 19th August, 2025, marked a major milestone in delivering sustainable water and sanitation solutions to Isiolo County. The project funded by Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) with financial support from Danida, has been implemented under WaterFund's Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme. Implemented by the Kenya Red Cross Society the projects highlight the impact of strong partnerships in transforming lives for underserved and marginalised communities in Kenya.

The Isiolo Integrated Water Project will provide over 2,400 households with access to clean and reliable water, improve sanitation for 1,356 households, and enable 32 villages to achieve open-defecation-free status. Additionally, more than 821 households will benefit from improved water resource management, supported by a 50,000m³ capacity water pan. These interventions not only enhance access to safe water but also strengthen community resilience against drought and improve livestock production, which is central to livelihoods in the region and an output under the SWASAP Programme.

The project, with a total cost of KSh. 76.9 million, was financed by WaterFund at a total cost of KSh. 69.8 million, with a 15% contribution from the County Government of Isiolo at a total cost of KSh. 7 million. The Isiolo Water and Sanitation Company also played a key role in providing technical oversight.

Speaking during the commissioning, WaterFund CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, alongside Mr. Tobias von Platen-Hallermund from the Royal Danish Embassy, emphasized that the success of the project illustrates how collaboration between national and county governments, development partners, and communities can drive sustainable development. This achievement emphasizes WaterFund's commitment to ensuring equitable access to water and sanitation across Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands.



Mr. Tobias Hallermund (3rd left) and Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund (3rd right) together with Isiolo County, Danida and Kenya Red Cross leadership commissioning the Gafarsa Water Supply Project



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund giving his key note speech at the commissioning ceremony



Mr. Tobias von Platen-Hallermund from the Royal Danish Embassy giving his remarks at the commissioning



Inspection of a water kiosk under Gafarsa Water Supply Project



Inspection of Iresaboru Water Pan project by the delegation





Left and Right: Inspection of Gafarsa Water Supply solar pumping system by the delegation



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #286 – MONITORING OF THE WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME (WLP) PROJECTS IN TURKANA COUNTY


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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 286
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MONITORING OF WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME (WLP) PROJECTS IN TURKANA COUNTY

FIELD ACTIVITIES: MONITORING EXERCISES

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #122 – H.E. JOSHUA IRUNGU COMMISSIONS JOINT SIX PROJECTS IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

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The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 286 (SITREP #286) covered the period **26th to 30th October, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) received KSh. 600 million from the Government of Denmark through the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) to implement the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP) in Turkana County. The programme which targeted 6,000 new households aimed to improve water access, sanitation, hygiene, and water resources management, with concepts of livelihood through small scale agriculture and social empowerment.

In view of the above, WaterFund team together with the County Government of Turkana, implementing partners and representatives from Water Resource Authority (WRA), monitored and inspected projects in Turkana West Sub County under the WLP Programme. The main aim purpose of the field visit was to monitor progress of implemented projects and to offer feedback on future programming and scale up. In addition, during this exercise, the team paid courtesy calls to H.E. Josphat Nanok, the former Governor Turkana County and to representatives of County Executive Committee Members in the County.

The WLP implementing partners are: Oxfam, World Vision Kenya (together with LOKADO), Action Africa Help International (AAHI), AMREF and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

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