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WATERFUND COMMITTED TO BUILD FINANCIAL RESILIENCE FOR WATER SERVICE PROVIDERS

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) in collaboration with Gatsby Africa (GA), is implementing the Commercial Viability and Financial Flows (CVF) Programme for Water Service Providers (WSPs), a two-year programme running from January, 2024 to December 2025. The Programme aims to strengthen governance and build the capacity of 18 targeted WSPs. Its focus is to make them commercially viable, improve their creditworthiness and Operational Cost Coverage Ratio (OCCR) and enable access to commercial financing for better service delivery and infrastructure investment.

To champion the programme, WaterFund in partnership with Gatsby Africa organized a workshop in Naivasha from 1st to 5th September, 2025 to capacity build WSPs in resource mobilization and proposal writing. Additionally, the workshop aimed at enhancing WSPs investments to ensure their self-sustainability and improvement of their service delivery. The session further offered a platform for networking and knowledge sharing, with the interest of strengthening partnerships and advancing significance growth in the water sector.

Discussions explored collaborative opportunities and sustainable financing solutions, including adoption of blended financing mechanisms for the WSPs. In attendance were representatives from: Bungoma Water and Sanitation Company; Gatundu Water and Sanitation Company; Homa Bay Water and Sanitation Company; Kiambu Water and Sanitation Company; Ol Kalou Water and Sanitation Company; Nyahururu Water and Sanitation Company and SIBO Water and Sanitation Company.

The networking sessions also attracted players in the private sectors such as: Apex Piping; Davis & Shirtliff; Epicenter Africa; Fresh Life Kenya and Maji Milele. The commercial banks in attendance for collaboration and partnership included: Absa Bank; Co-operative Bank; Equity Bank; NCBA Bank; HF Group and Sidian Bank.

WaterFund remains committed to supporting WSPs through technical assistance and expert guidance. The focus is on strengthening their financial management systems, improving OCCR, and enhancing commercial viability. This support will further equip WSPs to design bankable projects and engage effectively with financial partners for future investments.





Participants engaging in the discussions during the CVF training



Participants posing for a group photo in Naivasha at the end of the training

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #287 - COMMISSIONING OF WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME (WLP) PROJECTS IN TURKANA COUNTY



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 287 (SITREP #287) covered the period **2nd to 6th November, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, Mr. Henrik Larsen, Head of Cooperation, Royal Danish Embassy together with Mr. Ismail Shaiye, the then CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund, jointly commissioned Kakuma Water Supply Project and Kakuma Sub County Hospital Incinerator in Turkana West Sub County. 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 WLP implementing partners were: Oxfam, World Vision Kenya (in partnership with LOKADO), Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Amref and Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). 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, the delegation monitored projects in Turkana County under the WLP programme which were in their last stages of implementation. In addition, during this exercise, the team paid a courtesy call to Mr. Mutua Muthama, County Commissioner Turkana County.

In attendance was a delegation from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), WaterFund Board of Trustees, WLP implementing Partners, Representatives from the County Government of Turkana and WaterFund team.

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