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STRATEGIC MEETING BETWEEN CS MWSI AND CEO WATERFUND ON WATERFUND'S PROJECTS PROGRESS AND PARTNERSHIPS

On 11th September, Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, hosted Mr. Willis Okello Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), at Maji House. The courtesy visit provided an opportunity to review the progress of WaterFund's ongoing projects and programmes that finance water, sanitation, and water resources management initiatives in the underserved and marginalized rural and urban communities across Kenya.

During the meeting, Mr. Ombai presented a comprehensive update on the status of these projects, underscoring the need for timely funding to sustain momentum, prevent delays and avoid budget overruns that could hinder successful implementation. Additionally, the deliberations also focused on partnerships for water and sanitation programmes, which will expand WaterFund's interventions in delivering advanced innovative water and sanitation infrastructure to improve access and strengthen the community's resilience.



Left: Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, MWSI

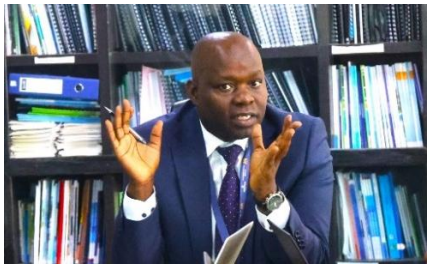
Right: Mr. Willis Ombai (right), CEO WaterFund, in the CS's office at Maji House



WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- On 9th September 2025, representatives from WaterFund's Management, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) held a preparatory meeting to outline the audit scope, expected deliverables, timelines, and mutual commitments. The session was part of preparations for the external audits for the Financial Year 2024/2025 and aimed to promote transparency and accountability in the management of public financial resources. The meeting closed with an agreement that WaterFund will provide timely documentation as OAG and PwC oversee the audit in line with international standards to ensure a smooth process.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund charing the entry audit meeting



Ms. Khadija Alugongo, Deputy Director at OAG



Mr Francis Muriu, Partner at PWC during the entry audit meeting

OVER 5,000 RESIDENTS SET TO BENEFIT AS WATERFUND COMMISIONS KAPKWEN WATER PROJECT IN BOMET COUNTY

Kapkwen town, a peri-urban center in Bomet County, long struggled without a piped water supply, leaving residents dependent on unsafe sources. This shortage of clean, readily available drinking water exposed the community to frequent water-borne diseases and created persistent health challenges for households across the area. To address these long-standing problems, WaterFund commissioned the Kapkwen Water Project, a landmark initiative funded under its Urban Project Concept (UPC) Programme.

The key components funded under this project include: Laying of a 9.4 km pipeline extension; Purchase of 161 volumetric water meters;108 m^3 elevated steel tank; Installation of 50 No. yard taps; and purchase of 1 No. electric pump set with a capacity of 75m3/hr. The project has been funded by WaterFund with financial support from German Development Bank (KfW) at a total cost of KSh. 19.8 Million with a contribution of KSh. 3.1 Million by Bomet Water and Sanitation Company (BOMWASCO).

Speaking at the commissioning, Hon. Josea Samoe, the area Member of the County Assembly, applauded WaterFund for strengthening water infrastructure in the region. He pledged to work closely with the area chief and the officer commanding station to safeguard the newly installed pipeline from vandalism; assuring residents that the project will remain secure and continue delivering clean water to the community. Mr. Kipngetich Towett, Ag. Managing Director, BOMWASCO, also expressed his appreciation to WaterFund for financing the Kapkwen Water Project, highlighting its vital contribution to reliable water access and improved living standards for the people of Kapkwen. He further encouraged residents to take ownership of the facility by using water responsibly and supporting its upkeep, ensuring the project's benefits are sustained for years to come.

The project's success underscores WaterFund's dedication to expanding safe water and sanitation services for underserved communities in Kenya. This project is projected to supply clean, dependable water for drinking and household needs to about 5,408 residents and to enhance sanitation conditions in surrounding schools and adjacent health facilities.



Hon. Josea Samoe (holding the microphone) MCA, Kapwen officially commissions Kapkwen Water Project



Mr. Kipngetich Towett, Ag. Managing Director BOMWASCO making his remarks during the commissioning



Complete water kiosk under the Kapkwen Water Project in Bomet County

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