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WATERFUND HELD A STRATEGIC MEETING WITH CONCERN WORLDWIDE TO REVIEW PROJECT PROGRESS

On 29th September 2025, WaterFund held a meeting with a delegation from Concern Worldwide, an Implementing Partner for WaterFund's Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP). Currently, Concern Worldwide is implementing water and sanitation projects in North Horr, Moyale and Laisamis Sub-Counties in Marsabit County.

The discussions focused on the progress and challenges of SWASAP Programme Call 1 and 2 projects. It was agreed that Concern Worldwide will expedite the call 2 project works including the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and resolve all the arising technical issues. These included immediate submission of a clear strategy and timelines for project completion, adherence to financing agreements, proper budget realignment, reporting on CLTS and timely submission of monthly reports. Concern Worldwide agreed to demonstrate its commitment and accelerate delivery to meet the programme closure deadline of December, 2025.



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



Mr. Peter Koech, Manager, Water & Sanitation services Co-chairing the meeting



Mr. Alessandro Bini, Ag. County Manager, Concern Worldwide



Left: WaterFund staff from the Water & Sanitation Services Division present during the meeting.

Right: WaterFund staff and Concern Worldwide actively participating in the meeting



WATERFUND CONDUCTED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORUMS UNDER HoAGW4R IN WAJIR AND MANDERA COUNTIES

WaterFund undertook a one-week Environmental Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) disclosure in the Counties of Wajir and Mandera under The Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP). The projects are purposed to rehabilitation of groundwater infrastructure which will

augment the availability of freshwater to enhance climate change adaptation across five Counties namely Garissa, Mandera, Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir.

The project public participation was done in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) of The World Bank, which requires appropriate and effective ESIAs to be completed for the sub-projects followed by effective disclosure of the ESIA findings to all relevant stakeholders including the affected communities and the beneficiaries.

To support the above, WaterFund staff joined by Sub Project Implementation Units, Project Implementation Units and consultants from the Project Coordinating Unit, engaged with County officials and stakeholders in Wajir and Mandera Counties. Among the projects sites in discussions were Griftu scheme, Arbahajan and Barmish scheme in Wajir County and Degmarer and Rhamudimtu in Mandera County among other sites.



Courtesy call to Mr. James Chacha County Commissioner, Mandera County



Public participation at Degmarer scheme in Mandera County



Liya Mango Environmental consultant taking participants through Environmental issues identified in Rhamu Dimtu



Public participation at Griftu scheme scheme in Wajir County



Public participation at Arbahajan scheme in Wajir County



Public participation at Barmish scheme in Wajir County

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #289 - WATERFUND AND CONSULTING ENGINEER SIGN CONSULTANCY CONTRACT UNDER THE SAUDI FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) Situation Report No. 289 (SITREP #289) covered the period **16th to 20th November, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, In April 2017, the Government of Kenya and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Saudi Programme for Drilling of Wells and Rural Development in Africa. In the MoU, the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) was appointed the Administrative Authority for the Programme and Water Sector Trust Fund the Executing Agency for the Programme. As part of Programme implementation, WaterFund was represented by the then Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Ismail Shaiye who signed a Contract with the Consulting Engineer, SCET Tunisie, represented by Mr. Fourat Binous Regional Director, East Africa on 17th November, 2020. The scope of the Consultancy Services covered the construction of 42 Drilled Wells Equipped with Solar pumping generators and pipelines connections to supply various underserved areas in Kenya under SFD.



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