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EMPOWERING AND BUILDING RESILIENT WSPS THROUGH THE CLSG II PROGRAMME

Across the country, 34 Water Service Providers (WSPs) are taking bold steps toward greater financial stability and improved service delivery through the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant II (CLSG) Programme. With financial support from the World Bank through Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), the initiative seeks to strengthen the resilience of WSPs by offering targeted grant support that enhances both their operations and long-term sustainability.

With the CLSG II Programme nearing completion, WaterFund is focusing on accelerating implementation to ensure all planned activities are finalized on time. To review progress and provide support, WaterFund conducted a technical mission to five Water Service Providers in Thika, Kisii, Garissa, Meru, and Kirinyaga.

The mission aimed to evaluate the overall implementation progress and ensure alignment with programme objectives. The team also reviewed the status of fund disbursements and utilization, assessed compliance with reporting obligations and the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), and identified emerging challenges. From these findings, the team developed actionable recommendations to fast-track project completion and consolidate key milestones achieved.

Building on these insights, notable achievements were recorded across the counties. These include: the installation of consumer water meters; extension and rehabilitation of pipelines; and the solarization of boreholes to enhance energy efficiency. The team also noted progress in the structural rehabilitation of elevated water storage tanks and the deployment of digital tools such as, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system enhancements and Geographic Information System (GIS) integration.

Overall, WaterFund remains committed to providing continuous technical support to the WSPs to fast-track implementation, strengthen compliance, and ensure timely reporting. This continued collaboration will be instrumental in achieving the programmes objectives and sustaining the gains made towards improved water service delivery across the participating counties.



Complete installation of a pulse water meter in Thika, Kiambu County



Solar booster station at Milimani in Kisii County



Rehabilitated Kiamabundu masonry tank, pending branding, in Kisii County



Left: Pumping station at Milimani tanks in Kisii County

Right: Inspection of ongoing construction of a chamber by Thika Water and Sewerage Company



STRENGTHENING SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNDER THE HOAGW4RP

As WaterFund continues to promote equitable access to water resources through the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP), ensuring social harmony and environmental compliance remains central to its implementation approach. In line with this commitment, a field mission was carried out in Garissa County from 13th to 16th October, 2025 to conduct conflict sensitivity assessments, validate Gender-Based Violence (GBV) mechanisms, and facilitate land transfer consultations.

The exercise formed part of the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) requirements, which align with World Bank's Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs). The mission aimed to identify, map, and manage potential conflicts that may arise from project activities such as land transfers, water sharing and the siting of boreholes.

During the consultations, stakeholders discussed practical ways of mitigating potential community-level disputes, and agreed on the need for continuous engagement with local leaders to foster mutual understanding and transparency in project implementation. The team also validated GBV pathways and emphasized the establishment of confidential, survivor-centered reporting mechanisms linked to the project Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).

In conclusion, the exercise marked a critical step toward strengthening the social safeguards of HoAGW4RP and ensuring that its interventions in Garissa County are both sustainable and community-driven.



Left and right: Participants actively participating in the discussions



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #291 – MONITORING OF WATER AND LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME PROJECTS

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 291 (SITREP #291) covered the period **30th November to 4th December, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) signed a financing agreement with the Government of Denmark through Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) under the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP), working with refugee, host and other vulnerable communities in Turkana West Sub-County in Turkana County. The financing agreement was signed at a total cost of DKK 40 million which is equivalent to KSh 600 million. In view of the above, a delegation from WaterFund and representatives of DANIDA inspected and monitored progress of WLP projects implemented by 5 partner organisations namely World Vision, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Action Africa Help International (AAHI), Oxfam and Amref Health Africa

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