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MR. JULIUS KORIR, PS, MWSI, SPEARHEADS THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT ANNUAL WATER AND SANITATION SECTOR REPORT (2024)

Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, Water Sector Trust Fund attended a high-level engagement at Pride Inn Mombasa, for the signing and handing over of the Joint Annual Water and Sanitation Sector Report (2024) on 29th October, 2025. The ceremony was graced by Governors, Officials from the State Department for Water and Sanitation, County Executive Committee Members in charge of Water and Natural Resources Management, and Managing Directors of Water Service Providers, which culminated in the signing and handover of the Sector Report.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation representing the Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI); reiterated the Ministry's commitment to strengthen partnership and collaboration with County Governments. He noted that it would be undertaken through the Water Sector Intergovernmental Coordination Framework, a mechanism designed to promote joint planning, accountability and shared investments in water service delivery.

The PS observed that the ceremonial signing of the Sector Report highlighted the strong partnership between the two levels of government and demonstrated a mutual commitment to transparency, performance and tangible results. This effort highlights the Ministry's commitment to ensure service delivery to Kenyan citizens.

In his key note speech, the PS also highlighted the ongoing progress under the Kenya Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (K-WASH) Programme and emphasized that it embodies a shared vision of delivering impact at scale across the Country. He further urged all Counties and Sector institutions to continue embracing performance-based delivery, data driven planning, and strong accountability mechanisms to ensure that available resources deliver meaningful benefits to the people of Kenya.



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, PS, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI.



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, (front left) PS, MWSI and H.E. Joshua Irungu, EGH, (front right), Governor, Laikipia County, signing the Joint Annual Water and Sanitation Sector Report



Participants posing for a group photo after the signing of the Joint Annual Water and Sanitation Sector Report (2024)

WATERFUND CONDUCTS MONITORING ACTIVITIES TO FAST-TRACK IMPLEMENTATION OF SWASAP PROJECTS IN LAMU COUNTY

In its efforts to address climate vulnerabilities and water scarcity in the arid and semi-arid regions, WaterFund is driving progress under its Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP). Financed by the Government of Kenya and the Royal Danish Embassy, this five-year programme focuses on sustainable natural resource management, and improved access to water and sanitation for enhanced community resilience.

In line with this objective, WaterFund officers undertook a one-week monitoring mission in Lamu County, to fast-track project implementation and assess progress of the SWASAP programme to hinder project delays, strengthen project oversight and ensure compliance with the design and implementation standards.

Discussions were held to expedite the ongoing processes and prevent delays in the implementation process. Similarly, the discussions also focused on strengthening coordination and communication between WaterFund and its implementing Partners to improve monitoring, accountability, and timely delivery of project outputs.

WaterFund staff provided both technical and administrative support to Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), Kiunga Community and Pate Marine Community Conservancies, the implementing partners for SWASAP projects in Lamu County. Additionally, the conservancies received support to advance the pending procurement processes for the completion of plastic recycling plants and intake works necessary for the operationalization of the reverse osmosis systems.



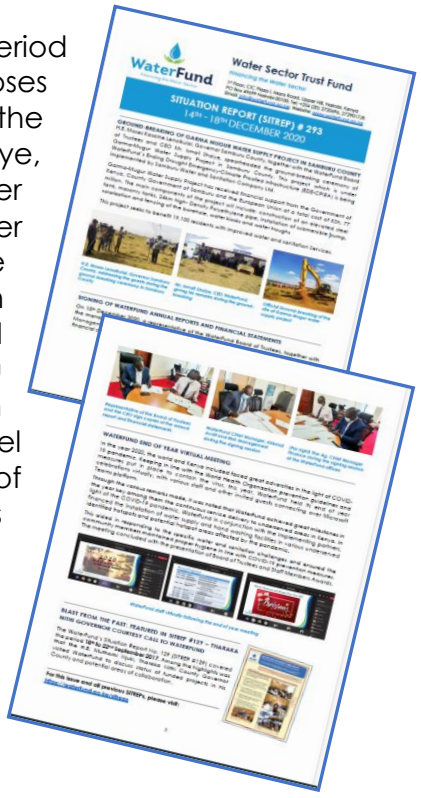
Left: Photo capturing the Reverse Osmosis plant and solarization in Hindi, Lamu County

Right:Ongoing installation of solar powering system



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #293 - GROUND-BREAKING OF GARMA MUGUR WATER SUPPLY PROJECT IN SAMBURU COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 293 (SITREP #293) covered the period **14th - 18th December, 2020**. Among the highlights was that, H.E. Moses Kasaine Lenolkulal, Governor Samburu County, together with the WaterFund Board of Trustees and the then CEO Mr. Ismail Shaiye, spearheaded the ground-breaking ceremony of Garma-Mugur Water Supply Project in Samburu County. The project which was under WaterFund's Ending Drought Emergency-Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA) was being implemented by Samburu Water and Sanitation Company Ltd. Garma-Mugur Water Supply Project received financial support from the Government of Kenya, County Government of Samburu and the European Union at a total cost of KSh. 77 million. The main components of the project included: construction of an elevated steel tank, masonry tanks, 24km high- Density Polyethylene pipe, installation of submersible pump, solarization and fencing of the borehole, water kiosks and water troughs



The project benefited 19,100 residents with improved water and sanitation Services.

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