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MR. JULIUS KORIR, PS, MWSI, CHAIRS A MEETING TO STRENGTHEN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HoAGW4R PROGRAMME

On 5th November, 2025, Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary for the State department for Water and Sanitation under Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), led a delegation from the World Bank, implementing partners and other key officials in a strategic meeting for the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience (HoAGW4R) programme. The meeting aimed at reviewing progress on the project and addressing key issues identified in the March Aide Memoire.

The engagement served as a tracker for the HoAGW4R programme to specifically strengthen financial management and procurement processes and reviewing of its compliance with environmental and social safeguards. These efforts aim to streamline the business processes and enhance service delivery to the target counties.

Targeted to benefit five counties namely Turkana, Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir and Garissa, this programme is designed to increase the sustainable access and management of groundwater in the Horn of Africa borderlands. The programme focuses on interventions in aquifer systems with regional and transboundary implications in the Kenya Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) region.

The Principal Secretary applauded the strong will and commitment of the MWSI, The World Bank and implementing partners in realizing the programme's objectives. The implementing partners in this programme are Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), Water Resources Authority (WRA) and the Regional Center on Groundwater Resources, Education, Training and Research (RCGW).

The meeting was attended by Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund and Mr. Mohamed Shurie, OGW, CEO (WRA) among other key officials. The World Bank delegation was led by Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Regional Director, East Asia and Pacific, Sustainable Development Practice Group, accompanied by a team of sector specialists and implementation experts.



Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI chairing the meeting



Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI present during the meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, (Left) WaterFund present during the meeting



Far Left: Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Regional Director, East Asia and Pacific, Sustainable Development Practice Group, leading the World Bank team

Right: HoAGW4R stakeholders actively participating the meeting



WATERFUND MEETINGS:

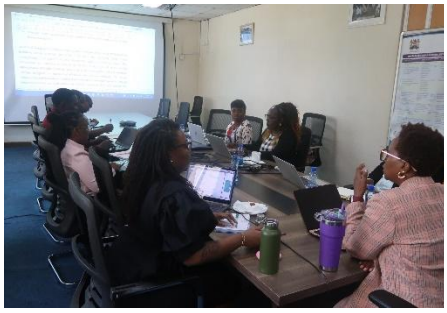
During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- On 11th November, 2025, WaterFund held a strategic meeting with Fresh Life and Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) to strengthen collaboration on a joint urban sanitation initiative. The session provided a platform for the partners to explore innovative approaches to expanding inclusive and sustainable sanitation services in rapidly growing urban areas. The meeting reaffirmed the institutions shared commitment to fostering strong partnerships that enhance access, efficiency and resilience in service delivery. During the meeting, WaterFund was led by Ms. Joan Wangui Karanja, Principal Fund Development Officer, NCWSC team by Eng. Tyson Mwenda, Technical Coordinator, and the Fresh Life team was led by Ms. Nancy Ngao, Lead, Government Affairs Policy & Advocacy.



Left: Ms. Joan Wangui, Principal Fund Development Officer, WaterFund chairing the meeting

Right: WaterFund staff, FreshLife representatives and NCWSC representatively actively taking part in the deliberations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #294 - TATU KENGA REPORTS BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2021



The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 294 (SITREP #294) covered the period **4th - 8thJanuary, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Tatu Kenga came to the limelight in the year 2008 when the then Minister for Water and Irrigation, Hon. Charity Ngilu, was on an official visit to Mombasa to assess water projects and challenges facing various communities. Water Sector Trust Fund under the Corporate and Social Responsibility took up Tatu's education, signifying giving back to the community through this little girl who had rightly depicted the plight of women, girls and water in the underserved areas in Kenya.

Over the years WaterFund has closely monitored her school progress as well as the welfare of her family. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of all schools in March 2020, Tatu had been at home. Because of the long school break and as per the Ministry of Education guidelines, Tatu reported to school on 4th January, 2021. Activities during the visit included buying of school necessities, career guidance to Tatu and her siblings and buying assortment of food stuff and home essentials for the whole family. WaterFund is keen to ensure that Tatu undertakes her education up to University level.

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