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THE WORLD BANK CONDUCTS MEDIUM-TERM REVIEW MISSION FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA GROUNDWATER FOR RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

The World Bank, in collaboration with the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI), Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), Water Resources Authority (WRA) and Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA), conducted a Medium-Term Review (MTR) mission for the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Programme (HoAGW4RP) in Kenya from 3rd to 15th November, 2025. The mission marked a key milestone as the programme enters its second half of implementation under the 2022–2027 cycle, aiming to strengthen groundwater access and resilience in the Horn of Africa borderlands.

The HoAGW4RP is funded by the World Bank through International Development Association (IDA) and targets five Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) Counties namely: Turkana, Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir and Garissa. The Programme seeks to benefit approximately 0.7 million people as it integrates water resource management, water supply, and sanitation services to support the Government of Kenya's broader goal of accelerating access to safe water and improved sanitation.

The MTR mission assessed progress across all project components, reviewed financial and procurement systems, evaluated compliance with environmental and social safeguards, and identified opportunities to strengthen implementation. The MTR Mission also monitored the progress of implementation of projects in Turkana and Marsabit Counties.

WaterFund led by Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, continues to play a central role in delivering Component 1 of the Programme, specifically Subcomponent 1.B, which focuses on rehabilitating groundwater-based rural water supply schemes and enhancing the drought-response borehole network across the five beneficiary Counties. Through its mandate, WaterFund contributes to building climate-resilient groundwater infrastructure and strengthening operations and maintenance systems to ensure sustainable service delivery. WaterFund remains committed to working with MWSI, the World Bank, and sector institutions to ensure sustainable and inclusive groundwater services for Kenya's ASAL communities.



Hon. Jeremiah Ekamais Lomorukai, Member of Parliament for Loima Constituency giving his key note speech to the participants of the MTR Mission in Turkana County



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, giving his remarks at the Courtesy Call visit to Turkana County Government during MTR Visit



Group picture of all participants during the MTR Visit in Turkana County



Mr. Anders Jagerskog (left), CIWA Program Manager and Ms. Irene Bescos (Right) Task Team Leader, World Bank at Nangolekuruk, Turkana County



Community engagements with members of the area at Nangolekuruk project site



Mr. Willis Ombai (left) leading the MTR Mission at the Nangolekuruk water project rehabilitation site



Group photo of members of the MTR Mission in Marsabit County





Community engagement and inspection of Komboe Furmasan Water Project Sites in Marsabit County by MTR Mission

WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund and the German Development Bank (KfW) undertook a mission to the Counties of Busia, Bungoma, Uasin Gishu, Nandi and Migori, to take stock of the status and progress of the ongoing urban water and sanitation projects. KfW delegation was led by Mr. Felix Paffhausen, Portfolio Manager. The WaterFund Team included Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager Fund Development and Eng. Thomas Nyangau, Manager Commercial Financing. The Mission took place from 3rd to 5th November, 2025, concluding with a meeting at WaterFund offices on 11th November, 2025.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund chairing the meeting



Group photo during the exit meeting at WaterFund office



Courtesy call to Hon. Julius Nyerere CECM Environment, Natural Resources, Climate Change and Disaster Management of Migori County Government



Left: 4 door latrines at Kimilili – Webuye household sanitation project

Right: Delegations inspecting the Maraba-Kamalambu water kiosk

