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Financing the Water Sector

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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 551
19TH – 23RD JANUARY 2026

WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week meetings took place as highlighted below:

- On 22nd January 2026, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) hosted Mr. Lars Bertram, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Impact Fund Denmark (IFD) for a courtesy call meeting. The meeting aimed at strengthening collaboration in sustainable financing approaches for water and sanitation provision. Mr. Bertram was accompanied by Mr. Jørgen Larsen, Counsellor, Water, Environment, Energy, Research and Innovation from the Royal Danish Embassy in Nairobi, and Mr. Andrew Githaiga, Investment Director, IFD. The meeting was chaired by WaterFund's CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, who was accompanied by members of the Management team.
- Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, hosted a team from the Taita Taveta Investment Development Corporation (TTIDC) for a meeting to deliberate on innovative financing models for sustainable water and sanitation in Taita Taveta County and its environs. The visiting delegation comprised the Directors and CEO of TTIDC, the County Director of Water and Sanitation, and partners and consultants working with the Corporation.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chairing the meeting between WaterFund the Royal Danish Embassy team



Mr. Lars Bertram, CEO Impact Fund Denmark, engaging in discussions during the meeting



Mr. Jørgen Larsen, Counsellor, Water Environment, Energy, Research and Innovation from the Royal Danish Embassy present during the meeting



Left: WaterFund management and representatives from the Royal Danish Embassy during the session

Right: WaterFund management and the Royal Danish Embassy officials pose for a group photo after the meeting





Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chairing the meeting with TTIDC team



Participants keenly following up on the deliberations



WaterFund management and TTIDC representatives pose for a group photo outside WaterFund's office

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #303 - WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN MINISTERIAL TREE-PLANTING IN LAMBWE FOREST, HOMA BAY COUNTY


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SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 303
8TH - 12TH MARCH 2021

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN MINISTERIAL TREE-PLANTING IN LAMBWE FOREST, HOMA BAY COUNTY

WaterFund Adopts a Section of Lambwe Forest for Rehabilitation

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #138 - COMMISSIONING OF CHWELE PUBLIC SANITATION FACILITY (PSF) IN BUNGOMA COUNTY

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The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 303 (SITREP #303) covered the period **8th - 12th March, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Following the Presidential Circular in 2018 on inclusion of tree-planting in CSR activities of public institutions, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation launched the tree planting campaign together with the Water Sector Institutions. This is in order to support the National Government's target of 10% forest cover by the year 2022.

GJJJ In the FY2020/2021, Lambwe Forest in Homa Bay County was identified as the venue of the ministerial tree-planting exercise slated for March 2021. Following the invitation by the Ministry, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the tree-planting activities by sending a team to Lambwe Forest from 5th to 9th March 2021 to collaborate with the Ministry and other Water Sector Institutions to extend the conservation activities and ensure reforestation of Lambwe Forest.

WaterFund Adopts a Section of Lambwe Forest for Rehabilitation

WaterFund was allocated a section of the Lambwe forest for rehabilitation purposes. The area of section is 10.6 acres (4.3 hectares) as shown in the polygon from Google Earth. WaterFund donated 2,000 cypress tree seedlings and also set aside some funds for payment of the community members undertaking the clearing of bushes, digging holes, planting tree seedlings and then care and maintenance for their growth. The effort ensured both conservation activities and also livelihood for the members of the community.

WaterFund is committed to ensuring that this section of the forest will grow back into a thriving forest ecosystem. We hope to accomplish this goal within the next few years

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