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WATERFUND'S AID ON DELIVERY PROGRAMME SET TO ENHANCE WATER ACCESS IN URBAN LOW-INCOME AREAS

On 6th February, 2026, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), together with the German Development Bank (KfW), conducted a joint field visit to Embu Water and Sanitation Company (EWASCO) and Meru County Rural Water and Sanitation Services Company (MeRuWASCO). WaterFund recently signed financing contracts with five Water Service Providers (WSPs) namely: Nyeri, Embu, Kisumu, Meru Rural and Naivasha under the Aid on Delivery (AoD) 2nd Call Programme. The visit aimed to assess their level of preparedness for implementation. The team held meetings with the Managing Directors and management teams to review timelines, deliverables and the key actions required to ensure successful project execution.

In Embu County, the AoD project will support water supply improvements in Koi Mugo, Vyeznina and Majimbo areas, as well as new household sewer connections in Sunrise and Blue Valley Estates. The scope of works includes: rehabilitation of Kapingazi Weir and the raw water line, rehabilitation of Kangaru Compact Floatation Unit (CFU) treatment works, replacement and extension of 16.6 km of pipeline, installation of 2,472 smart meters, construction of a 1,000 m³ reinforced concrete tank at Kanothi and extension of 7.3 km of sewer lines.

In Meru County, the AoD project targets Charuru, Kaarachi, Muriri, Muthara and Mwili Market areas, extending to Karumo Technical Training Institute in Tigania. The works comprise of the construction of 41 km of pipeline, installation of 2,065 new metered connections, installation of four master and zonal meters, and rehabilitation of Riutu Spring appurtenances.

The delegation also visited the proposed sites for the rehabilitation of Kapingazi Weir and Kangaru (CFU) in Embu, as well as Riutu Spring in Meru. Additionally, the team inspected the ongoing Decentralized Treatment Facilities (DTF 50) components, under the Ena Market Household Sanitation Project (EWASCO) and the Timau Market Household Sanitation Project (MeRuWASCO), noting that both projects are at advanced stages of implementation.

The visit highlighted WaterFund and KfW's commitment to ensuring the effective and timely implementation of water and sanitation investments for sustainable service delivery.



Site visit to DTF 50 component of the Timau Market Household Sanitation Project (3rd Call), financed under KfW Phase IV



Ongoing construction for the Ena Decentralized Treatment Facility in Embu County



WaterFund, MIC, and KfW delegation at Kapingazi Weir in Embu County, during a site visit ahead of its proposed rehabilitation to enhance water supply

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #305- WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 2021 WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATIONS IN MERU COUNTY



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 305 (SITREP #305) covered the period **22nd to 26th March, 2021.** Among the highlights was that, the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation and Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) in collaboration with other water sector stakeholders participated in the 2021 World Water Day celebrations. The celebrations took place on 22nd March 2021 at Kibirichia Boys' Secondary School, Meru County, with some prior activities that included tree-planting.

The 2021 World Water Day was under the theme, '*Valuing Water*', explored how water is important to our homes and family life, our livelihood, our cultural practices, our wellbeing and our local environment. By celebrating all the different ways water benefits our lives, we can value water properly and safeguard it effectively for everyone.

Tree-Planting Activities

Following the Presidential Circular in 2018 on inclusion of tree-planting in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities of public institutions, WaterFund adopted a 2.7-acre (1 hectare) piece of land at Kibirichia Boys' Secondary School and donated 2,000 tree seedlings towards its reclamation. Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) students joined WaterFund in planting the tree seedlings at this section.

WaterFund will be at the forefront in ensuring regular maintenance of the trees by the school community as an essential part of the trees' growth and longevity. This will contribute towards attainment of the National Government's target of 10% forest cover by the year 2032.

WaterFund's Public Sensitisation on Customer Service Delivery Charter Timeliness and Reduction of HIV/AIDS Stigma and Discrimination

In addition to showcasing WaterFund programmes at the event, WaterFund also undertook public sensitisation. Sensitisation on customer service delivery charter timelines involved informing the public of WaterFund's services to the public, the customer obligations, the expected timelines of service delivery and recourse mechanisms if service expectations or timelines are not met for whatever reasons. Sensitisation on reduction of HIV/AIDS stigma and discrimination involved individual and group counselling so that those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS do not face stigma and discrimination.

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