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BAOMO WATER PROJECT TRANSFORMS LIVES AND BUILDS RESILIENCE FOR RESIDENTS IN TANA RIVER COUNTY

Residents of Tana River County, particularly those in Baomo Village, can now breathe a sigh of relief as the Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), presided over the commissioning of Baomo Water Project. The project marks a significant milestone in increasing access to safe and reliable water, thereby enhancing livelihoods and strengthening community resilience in the region.

Baomo Water Project was funded by WaterFund, with financial support from the Royal Danish Embassy - Kenya, under its Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP), contributing KSh. 31.7 million and KSh. 3.4 million from the County Government of Tana River.

The project was officially commissioned on 14th April, 2026, during a ceremony led by H.E. Hon. Mahat Ali Loka, Deputy Governor, Tana River County, alongside Ms. Violet Mucheni, Principal Programme Officer, Sanitation, WaterFund, representing Mr. Willis Ombai, the Chief Executive Officer, WaterFund. In his keynote speech, Hon. Mahat Ali Loka, Deputy Governor, Tana River County, expressed his sincere gratitude to WaterFund for the financial support in increasing water access in Tana River County. He noted that the project is expected to benefit approximately 1,000 residents, by increasing access to clean and reliable water, and added that four villages have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF), marking a significant achievement towards improved sanitation, public health, and environmental safety in the County. He further noted that increased access to water will boost the economy, as the community can now engage in a wider range of economic activities and reduce pastoralist-farmer conflicts through provision of 30,000m^3 water pan.

Ms. Violet Mucheni, applauded the great partnership between Royal Danish Embassy - Kenya, WaterFund, the County Government of Tana River leadership and Ndera Community Conservancy, for their profound efforts to realizing the project's objectives. She noted that the project will reduce the burden of women and children, from trekking long distances in search of clean water. She further urged the community to ensure the sustainability of the water project, and safeguard the infrastructure as it is vital in improving their livelihoods. Ms. Mucheni concluded by reiterating WaterFund's commitment to financing sustainable solutions, for water and sanitation challenges across the marginalized areas. She urged the County to allocate funds for Operation and Maintenance, and provide technical support when required through the Sub - County Water Officers.

The project scope includes: 2.1 km pipeline extension, installation of 24m^3 elevated steel tank, construction of 1 water kiosk and 2. No. yard taps, excavation of 30,000m^3 Water pan at Weljan, construction of 12 doors VIP latrine and planting of 8,400 fruit trees. The project is 100% complete and functioning. The intervention has significantly improved the consistency of water supply, minimized public health risks, enhanced local management capacity, and strengthened community resilience.



H.E. Hon. Mahat Ali Loka, Deputy Governor, Tana River County, making his key note speech





H.E. Hon. Mahat Ali Loka (right), Deputy Governor, Tana River County and Ms. Violet Mucheni, Principal Programme Officer, WaterFund commissioning the Baomo Water Project



Ms. Violet Mucheni, Principal Programme Officer, making her remarks on behalf of WaterFund's CEO





Residents of Baomo actively listening to the remarks during the commissioning ceremony



Left: Community witnessing the commisioning of Baomo Water Project

Right: Project branding displaying project partners



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #311- WATERFUND HOSTS TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFUND INTEGRATED INFORMATION SYSTEM

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 311 (SITREP #311) covered the period **3rd to 7th May, 2021.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) hosted a virtual technical workshop on development of WaterFund Integrated Information System. Invited participants included the Consultant was to develop the system, Technical Advisors and Development Partners. WaterFund staff comprising the technical working group that helped to formulate the technical documents for the system also participated.

Development of this system was a major milestone in the Systems Integration Project (SIP). WaterFund management kicked off SIP in January 2018 in order to spearhead the development of an information system that unified various other project systems that had been procured in the institution but which followed different designs and technical standards, and, due to various other issues, had suffered adoption challenges.

During the technical workshop, the Consultant presented the Inception report followed by extensive plenary discussions on various aspects of the forthcoming development which is expected to take the next 10 or so months. In addition to project management, the new system automated other aspects of WaterFund's operations including work planning and automating office operations such as petty cash management, travel requests, performance management and IT helpdesk.

Later during the week, the project steering teams from both WaterFund and the Consultant met to kick off the development by having a common understanding of the WaterFund project cycle.

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