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WATERFUND'S MID-TERM STRATEGIC REVIEW WORKSHOP: STRENGTHENING SERVICE DELIVERY AND INTEGRITY IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), through the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Willis Ombai, conducted a workshop from 15th to 19th June, 2026. The workshop aimed to achieve several objectives, including: To identify Programme achievements, performance gaps, emerging issues, risks and lessons learnt during the implementation period; ehance Programme implementation strategies, and strengthen institutional systems for improved performance for the remaining period of the Strategic Plan; develop the FY 2026/27 Institutional Planning Instruments (Budget, Workplan and the Procurement Plan), and the Draft Performance Contract for FY (2026/2027).

The workshop brought together WaterFund's Management, Staff, officers from the State Department for Economic Planning (SD-EP), under the National Treasury, and a representative from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MoWSI), who provided technical support to WaterFund in undertaking its Medium-Term Review.

The meeting was graced by Mr. Timothy Gakuu, Economic Planning Secretary, SD-EP, the National Treasury, who highlighted the importance of evidence-based planning and continuous performance assessment in achieving institutional objectives. He commended WaterFund for undertaking its Medium-Term Review and the institutional planning process, noting that these activities provide an opportunity to reflect on achievements, address implementation gaps, and realign priorities with emerging national development needs.

During the meeting, Mr. Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, noted that the Fund is in the third year of implementing its Strategic Plan 2023–2027, which was developed in line with the Fifth Generation Strategic Plan Development Guidelines, issued by the SD-EP. He appreciated the support of the SD-EP, and the MoWSI, through nomination of their officers to offer technical support. He highlighted key achievements realized to date, including mobilization of KSh. 22 billion from Development Partners and the Government of Kenya, financing water and sanitation projects that have benefited 468,587 people, conserving 10.73 km² of land, enhancing water storage capacity by 0.33 million cubic metres, and strengthening institutional capacity. He reaffirmed the importance of the Mid-Term Review process in assessing progress, identifying gaps and refining strategies, to improve performance during the remaining implementation period of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. James Mbugua, Economist, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MoWSI, encouraged WaterFund to strengthen results-based management, enhance accountability in the utilization of public resources, and ensure that its programmes remain aligned with national priorities and the aspirations of the people of Kenya. He then assured continual support from the MoWSI, in advancing interventions that enhance access to sustainable water and sanitation services for the underserved communities in Kenya.

The deliberations of this strategic review are expected to inform the refinement of WaterFund's strategies, and strengthen the execution of its mandate, with a particular focus on improving the efficiency, and effectiveness in service delivery to achieve its strategic objectives over the remaining period of the Strategic Plan.



Mr. Timothy Gakuu, Economic Planning Secretary, SD-EP, National Treasury, delivering his key remarks



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO. WaterFund, sharing his insights on strengthening service delivery during the workshop



Ms. Molly Owino, Chief Economist, SD-EP, National Treasury, giving her remarks during workshop



Mr. James Mbugua, Economist, representative from the MoWSI, giving his remarks during the workshop



Mr. Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services, WaterFund, making his presentation during the workshop



Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Strategy, Planning & Quality Management, WaterFund, making his presentation during the workshop



Ms. Patricia Gachoki, Economist, SD-EP, National Treasury, guiding participants during her presentation



Mr. Mohamed Ali, Economist, SD-EP, National Treasury, leading a presentation session



Group Photo of the Participants at the workshop

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #314 - WATERFUND CELEBRATES OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS FOR VILLAGES IN MIGORI COUNTY



WaterFund's Situation Report No. 314 (SITREP #314) covered the period **24th to 28th May, 2021.** Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) participated in the Kuria East Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS), celebration of Subugo B village in Migori County which were declared Open Defecation Free (ODF). This project was implemented under WaterFund's Joint Six Programme (J6P). The community members present were sensitized on the need to maintain their household latrines and toilets, so as to guarantee ceasing of open defecation, as well as promote sanitation and health in the community. Migori County declared 183 villages ODF since the commencement of this project.

Present during the celebrations were various Community Health Volunteers (CHVs), County Public Health officials and the local administration. The CLTS projects in Migori County have received financial support from Embassy of Finland and Embassy of Sweden.

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