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WATERFUND SUPPORTS EDUCATION THROUGH THE UZALENDO HALF MARATHON

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), joined hundreds of participants, partners and community members in Eldama Ravine, Baringo County, for the 2026 Uzalendo Half Marathon, supporting a shared goal of expanding educational opportunities for bright but financially disadvantaged learners. As one of the event's sponsors, WaterFund contributed KSh. 750,000 towards the Uzalendo School Endowment Fund, an initiative that is working to establish a sustainable scholarship programme for deserving students.

The Fund's support was officially announced during the marathon's media launch, where WaterFund presented its sponsorship cheque to the organizers alongside other partners. The sponsorship reflects the Fund's recognition that lasting community development is strengthened not only through investments in water and sanitation, but also through initiatives that improve education and create opportunities for young people.

On the race day, WaterFund was represented by Dr. Erick Rutto, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, while members of staff took part in the Corporate Run together with other organizations and members of the public. The event created an opportunity for the Fund to interact with county leaders, development partners, Water Service Providers and local communities while increasing awareness of its work in Baringo County, one of the counties benefiting from the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG II) Programme.

Addressing participants, the Chief Guest, Hon. Geoffrey Ruku, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Human Capital Development and Special Programmes, announced that this year's marathon had raised KSh 28.481 million, bringing the total amount raised over the last two editions to KSh 63 million towards the KSh 100 million Uzalendo School Endowment Fund. He commended organizers, sponsors and participants for supporting an initiative that is opening doors for children from vulnerable backgrounds, and encouraged more institutions and well-wishers to contribute towards achieving the fundraising target.

For WaterFund, the marathon was more than a sporting event, it offered a platform to stand with partners and the people of Baringo County in support of education, community development and stronger collaboration. Through such initiatives, the Fund continues to build relationships that complement its efforts to improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services in Kenya.



Hon. Geoffrey Ruku, CS, Public Service, making his keynote speech



Dr. Erick Rutto, Chairman, WaterFund, at the finish line of the Corporate Race



Dr. Erick Rutto (left), awarding the winner of 21 km Women's Race



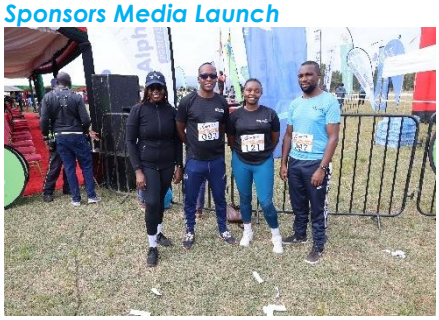
Eng. John Tanui, CBS, PS - State Department for ICT&Digital Economy, making his keynote speech at the Sponsors Media Launch



Ms. Linda Gwada (right), Head of Corporate Communication, handing over WaterFund's Marathon Sponsorship Cheque of Ksh. 750,000



Acknowledgment of WaterFund's Sponsorship at the Uzalendo Marathon by the Organizers





Left and Right: WaterFund's Corporate Race Runners at the Finish Line

WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund hosted a delegation from the National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND), on a fact-finding and benchmarking visit focused on resource mobilization and programming strategies. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), WaterFund. The NETFUND delegation was led by Mr. Samson Toniok, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and was accompanied by Mr. Chrispine Omondi, Manager, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation. The meeting offered an opportunity for both institutions to exchange ideas, share experiences, and explore potential areas of collaboration that would strengthen resource mobilization, and enhance the delivery of impactful programmes.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, chairing the meeting



Mr. Samson Toniok, CEO, NETFUND, keenly following deliberations during the meeting



Mr. Chrispine Omondi, Manager, Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, NETFUND, following the deliberations



Members of WaterFund's Management Team engaged in the meeting proceedings



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