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WATERFUND BUILDS WSPs CAPACITY TO ACCELERATE K-WASH IMPLEMENTATION

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) is implementing the Kenya Water and Sanitation Hygiene (KWASH) Programme, a six-year World Bank-supported programme aimed at benefiting 33 Water Service Providers (WSPs) across 19 counties. The programme seeks to increase sustainable access to water in rural areas, expand sanitation services, eradicate open defecation, and improve the financial performance of WSPs. The programme is supported by an investment of USD 458 million. Under KWASH, WaterFund is implementing Result Area 3 (RA3): Strengthening the Operational and Financial Performance of WSPs in the participating counties.

It is within this context that WaterFund organized a one- week project implementation workshop for 14 WSPs. The workshop aimed to strengthen the capacity of participating WSPs in key areas of K-WASH implementation, including financial and accounting management, procurement, environmental and social safeguards, audit and risk management, contract signing, stakeholder engagement, branding and visibility, workplan review, and engagement with private sector institutions.

Opening the workshop, Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, appreciated the utility heads and their senior and technical teams for their participation. He underscored the strategic importance of the K-WASH Programme in supporting the National Water and Sanitation Investment Programme (NAWASIP) and emphasized that successful programme implementation would require strict adherence to the Programme Operations Manual (POM) and approved annual workplans. He further encouraged the WSPs to strengthen partnerships with private sector actors as a means of accelerating service delivery and enhancing the sustainability of water and sanitation services.

The workshop also provided a platform for participants to exchange experiences, knowledge, best practices, and innovative approaches to addressing Non-Revenue Water (NRW), a major challenge affecting the financial sustainability of many WSPs. By the close of the workshop, participants had enhanced their understanding of key project implementation requirements, while WaterFund had strengthened the foundation for effective and sustainable delivery of K-WASH interventions aimed at expanding access to clean water and sanitation services.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund making his opening remarks

Right: Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes, WaterFund giving his remarks





Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager Planning and Quality Management taking the participants through his presentation



Ms. Angeline Were, Principal Accountant, WaterFund, making her presentation



Participants posing for a group photo at Sawela lodge Naivasha

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #318- WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE KENYA WATER INSTITUTE'S 2021 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) AND EARTH OBSERVATION SYMPOSIUM


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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE KENYA WATER INSTITUTE'S 2021 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) AND EARTH OBSERVATION SYMPOSIUM
WATERFUND BOARD INSPECTS IFAD-FUNDED PROJECTS IN KIRINYAGA COUNTY
BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #151 – CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER AND SANITATION ATTENDS WATERFUND STAKEHOLDER FORUM

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 318 (SITREP #318) covered the period **21st to 25th June 2021.** Among the highlights was that, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) in conjunction with Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) hosted the 2021 Geographic Information System (GIS) and Earth Observation (EO) symposium which took place at KEWI grounds. Dr. Andrew Tuimur, C.B.S., Chief Administrative Secretary, MWSI and the then, H.E. Dr. Wilber Ottichilo, Governor Vihiga County, officiated the symposium as the guests of honor.

The theme of the symposium was "*Supporting Water Service Provision and Water Resources Management through Utilization of GIS and Earth Observation Technologies*". Invited participants included senior officials from the water sector, local and international experts in GIS and Earth Observation and KEWI representatives among others. Mr. Ismail Shaiye, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) CEO, of that time was a keynote speaker and a panelist in the symposium

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