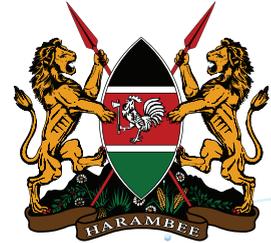




# WaterFund

Financing the Water Sector

**WATER SECTOR TRUST FUND**



**MINISTRY OF WATER, SANITATION  
AND IRRIGATION**

## FINANCING WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES IN KENYA



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The Water Resources and Climate Change Investment Programme has been financing Water Resource Users Association (WRUA) projects from December 2008, and Community Forest Association (CFA) projects from February 2016.

The Investment Programme has a mandate to manage, monitor and conserve the catchment areas and water resources for sustainable economic development in Kenya.

### **Water Resources and Climate Change Investment Targets:**

The Water Resources and Climate Change Investment Programme Mission is to prudently manage and conserve all water resources in an effective and efficient manner by involving the stakeholders, guaranteeing sustained access to water and equitable allocation of water while ensuring environmental sustainability.

#### **This will be achieved through:**

- » Rehabilitation of sub catchments and protection of water resources
- » Forest conservation and management

#### **Objectives**

- » To improve the quantity and quality of water resources for enhanced livelihoods.

- » To improve the ability of the catchment and riparian areas to provide hydrological services.
- » To enhance good governance of water resources by promoting stakeholder participation in Water Resource Management (WRM).
- » To improve compliance to water resources regulations by promoting stakeholder participation in WRM.

### **Criteria for Targeting Sub Catchments**

In order to ensure Water Resources Investment is confined to working in water stressed sub catchments in selected target areas, the following criteria is used:

- » Classification of sub catchment area as Alarm, Alert or satisfactory
- » The Poverty Index;
- » Operational levels of previous WaterFund investments;
- » Access to quality water services; and
- » Sanitation coverage levels.

Water Resources Investment Programme works closely with 5 Development Partners namely: Government of Finland, Government of Sweden, International Fund for Agricultural Development- Upper Tana Natural Resources Management Project (IFAD-UTaNRMP, Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) and European Union.

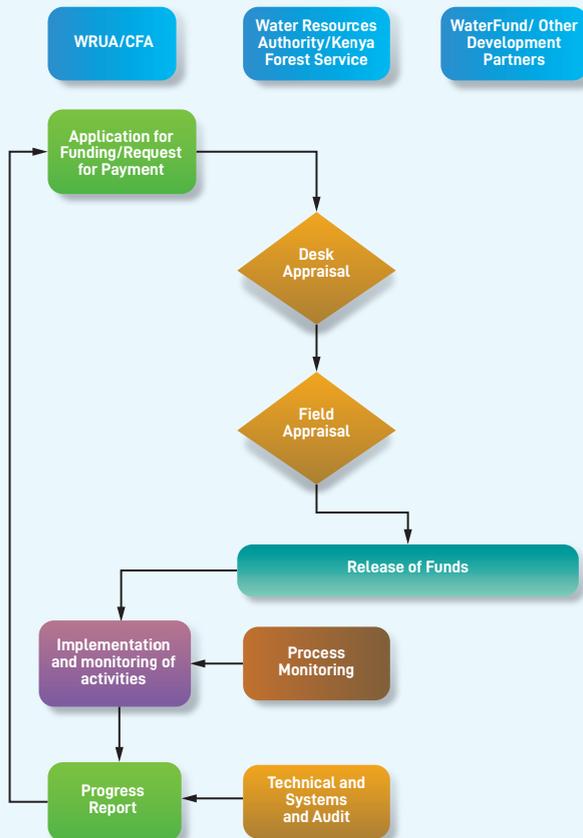


*Zaina Community Forest Association tree nursery*



*Fish Pond livelihood project by Muringato Water Resource Users Association*

## Funding Process for WRUA Development Cycle (WDC) / CFA Development Financing Cycle (CDFC)



## The Water Resources and Climate Change Investment Financing Channels

The WRCCI finances Water Resources Management (WRM) through:

### 1. Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAS)

- » A WRUA is a voluntary community group focused on management and conservation of water resources in a given area, river or aquifer in Kenya.
- » A WRUA may register as a self-help group but for proper legal standing WRUAs are encouraged to register with the Attorney General's chambers as associations and have a standing Memorandum of Understanding with WRA.
- » WRUA membership generally comprises of:
  - Δ Riparian land owners.
  - Δ Abstractors (Water Users)
  - Δ Non Consumptive Member
  - Δ Observer Member

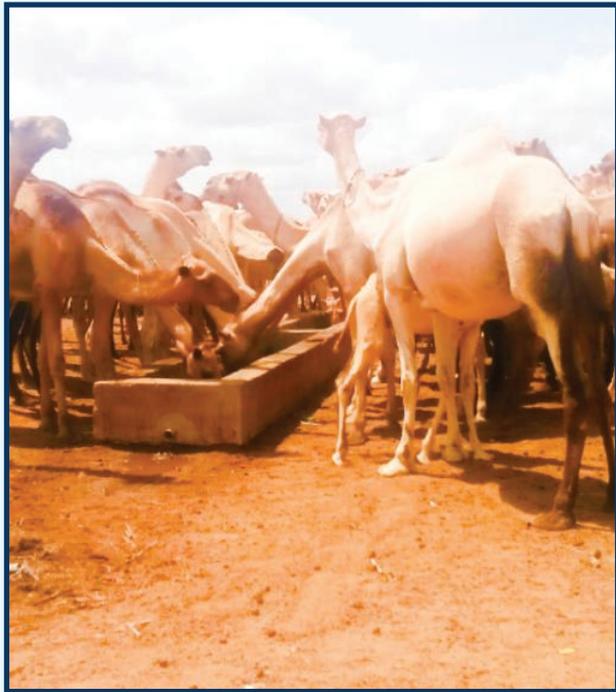
### 2. Community Forest Associations (CFAs).

- » A CFA is a voluntary community group focused on management and conservation of forest resources in a given area or forest boundary in Kenya.
- » A CFA may register as a self-help group but for proper legal standing are encouraged to register with the Attorney General's chambers as associations and to have a standing Memorandum of Understanding with Kenya Forest Service.
- » Membership of the CFA is defined by the group's constitution but generally is comprised of individuals and institutions.

## WRUA Registration and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing between Water Resources Authority (WRA) and Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund)

A specified WRUA can apply to WRA for registration as the WRUA in a certain area, river or aquifer. This is to improve collaboration, set roles and responsibilities of the two parties involved. WRUAs that have identified relevant water resource management issues, can plan and develop proposals for

funding from WaterFund. Funding from WaterFund is preceded by signing a MoU with WaterFund. This agreement governs the manner in which the grant is managed by the WRUA and clearly stipulates the roles and responsibilities of WaterFund and the WRUA.



Camels watering point at a cattle trough constructed by Shitley WRUA in Wajir County

## Financing Water Resources Management In Kenya

### WRUA Financing

The WRUA needs to develop a Sub- Catchment Management Plan (SCMP). The Water Resources Investment Programme is specifically aimed at supporting the activity costs which have been set out in the SCMP. The financing of WRUAs through WaterFund happens at various categories:

1. Level 1 costs KSh. 1.5 Million
2. Level 2 costs KSh. 5 Million
3. Level 3 costs KSh. 10 Million
4. Level 4 costs KSh. 30 Million



Common Water Intake by Ngusishi WRUA in Laikipia County

### CFA Financing

The CFA needs to develop a Participatory Forest Management Plan (PFMP). The Water Resources and Climate Investment Programme is specifically aimed at supporting the activity costs which have been set out in the PFMP. The financing of CFAs through WaterFund happens at various categories:

1. Level 1 - KSh. 2 Million
2. Level 2 - KSh. 5 Million
3. Level 3 - KSh. 10 Million
4. Level 3 - KSh. 30 Million

## CROSS CUTTING ISSUES

### Environmental sustainability

The Water Resources Investment puts considerable emphasis on the aspect of environmental concerns when addressing critical water and sanitation access challenges. All WRUA/CFA and other WaterFund projects are encouraged to conform to National environmental laws and NEMA regulations prior to their establishment and later during their operations. Some of the efforts to mainstream environmental sustainability include carrying out Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) before commencing.

### HIV/AIDS

In the Water Resources investment, HIV/AIDS is a key factor since we recognize that a population that is affected or infected by HIV is unlikely to provide human capital for conservation of their catchments. Awareness within the WRUAs/CFAs is therefore a priority.

### Gender mainstreaming

All the WRUAs/CFAs have a Gender Mainstreaming Strategy and they have set activities that have brought about proper mainstreaming of gender at management committees and community levels. Gender parity is essential in water resources management because it takes the entire community concerted effort to watch over and conserve a water resource. As affirmative action, women and youth are specifically encouraged to be part of the key decision making structures in WRUAs since their involvement has remained low over time. Participation of women as custodians of water resources aligns well with the traditional role they play of searching for water and pasture in any rural set up in Kenya.

### Our development partners

The Water Resources Investment has received financial support from Governments of Sweden, Finland, International Fund on Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Denmark (DANIDA). The Kenyan government covers operational costs of WaterFund while other funds do support development of projects depending on the funding agreements of specific partner.



*Catchment and Water Resource Protection in Embu County*



*Catchment and Water resources protection in Kibwezi*

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