

## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 494 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

### TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE WATER AND SANITATION ACCESS IN TURKANA

The Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), in partnership with Team and Team International, celebrated the commissioning of the Kakuma and Kalobeyei Sustainable Access to Water and Sanitation in Support of Livelihood Programme (KK-INSPIRE) in Turkana County. Funded by the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA) at a total cost of KSh. 28 million, this transformative initiative provides clean water and improved sanitation for over 1,118 households in host and refugee communities, in Turkana County.

The project funded components include: a borehole with a yield of 36.5m<sup>3</sup>/hour, a solar-powered water system, a 2.5km pipeline, and 32 tap stands across Choro farm—a 22-acre agricultural hub supplying 80% of vegetables to Kakuma and Kalobeyei markets. The project also integrates sanitation improvements, such as VIP latrines, hygiene training for 60 students, and materials for constructing household latrines under the Community Led Total Sanitation Programme.

During the project commissioning, Ms. Nancy Njenga, from the Royal Danish Embassy, as the chief guest, highlighted the project's alignment with the Ushirika Plan, which promotes community integration. Mr. Patrick Losike Lokaimoe, the County Executive Committee Member for Water Services, Turkana County, lauded the project for fostering host-refugee integration and encouraging sustainable water use for agriculture. Ms. Violet Mucheni, representing WaterFund, praised Team and Team International for their achievements in completing the project and stressed on the importance of sustainability of the project through adequate Operations and Maintenance.

Team and Team International Country Director, Christine Mwikali, emphasized the importance of capacity building as a cornerstone of the project's sustainability as she noted that the training provided to the farmers would enable them to independently manage the water and sanitation facilities while maximizing agricultural productivity. Beneficiaries like Abdul Aziz Lugazo, the Chair of the Choro Farmers Association, expressed their gratitude for the improved irrigation and livelihood opportunities.

The event underscores WaterFund's commitment to sustainable development through innovative partnerships, ensuring water and sanitation access for vulnerable communities in Turkana.



*Ms. Nancy Njenga, giving her key note speech during the project commissioning.*



*Mr. Patrick Lokaimoe, CECM Water giving his remarks*



*Ms. Violet Mucheni, representing WaterFund, giving her remarks.*



Ms. Christine Mwikali, Country Director Team and Team giving her remarks



Official Commissioning of the KK-Inspire Project at Choro Farm, Kakuma, Turkana County



Community members during the project commissioning event



Inspection of the KK-INSPIRE Project by key delegates and invited guests.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #258- WATERFUND CONDUCTS FINAL INSPECTION OF SOLIO SETTLEMENT SCHEME WATER PROJECT IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 258 (SITREP #258) covered the period **13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**. Among the highlights was that The Solio Settlement Scheme Water project, funded under Water Sector Trust Fund's Joint Six Programme (J6P) was officially launched in July 2019, to kick-start the construction of gravity main pipes and water storage tanks that would lead to a water distribution network of approximately 37 kilometres. Solio Settlement scheme is estimated to reach approximately 20,000 beneficiaries in the seven villages namely: Furaha, Baraka, Macadamia, Rehema, Tetu, Mathingira and Bahati, with clean and safe water.

WaterFund is now pleased to note that as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, the Solio Water Settlement Scheme project was considered complete. This has now led to the defects liability period stage that kicked off from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020. WaterFund through the Government of Kenya, County Government of Laikipia and Embassies of Sweden and Finland funded Solio water project at a cost of KSh. 143 million.



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