

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 470

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WATERFUND'S PARTNERSHIP WITH USAID-WASHFIN FOR INNOVATIVE FINANCING SOLUTIONS

WaterFund recently hosted a delegation from United States Agency for International Development - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Finance Two (USAID WASH-FIN2) led by Ms. Ella Lazarte, the Water Finance and Private Sector lead visiting from Washington D.C. The delegation also included Ms. Barbara Senkwe and Mr. James Wairuri. The purpose of the visit was to review WaterFund's ongoing projects and explore potential areas for collaboration.

During the meeting, WaterFund updated the delegation on collaborations with USAID-WASHFIN-2, highlighting the modeling of WaterFund's loan facility and the Financing Locally Led Climate Action (FLLoCA) programme. Other initiatives discussed included Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP), Ending Drought Emergencies- Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme (EDE-CPIRA), Aid-on-Delivery Programme (AoD), and the World Bank Conditional Liquidity Support Grant II (CLSG).

Key areas identified for potential funding and collaboration between WaterFund and USAID WASH-FIN2 included climate action within the water and sanitation sector, support for organizational development, carbon offsets, issuance of green bonds, fostering Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the water sector, credit guarantee, and the establishment of revolving finance mechanisms. The delegation appreciated WaterFund's progress in advancing the water and sanitation sector. Both parties agreed to continue discussions and explore future joint projects and initiatives, reaffirming their commitment to addressing water and sanitation challenges through innovative solutions.



Left: Ms. Joan Karanja Principal Fund Development Officer chairing the meeting.

Right: (From Left to Right) Ms. Barbara Senkwe, Ms. Ella Lazarte and Mr. James Wairuri during the meeting.



Left: Mr. Peter Koech Manager, Water and Sanitation Services, giving his remarks during the meeting.

Right: WaterFund and USAID representatives during the meeting.



WATERFUND MONITORS ONGOING PROJECTS IN TANA RIVER AND GARISSA COUNTIES

WaterFund staff monitored projects in Tana River and Garissa Counties, implemented under the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme. The purpose of the monitoring exercise was to ensure initiatives aimed at improving water resources and conservation efforts are progressing as planned. In Tana River, projects funded by WaterFund through WHH (Welthungerhilfe) and implemented by Ndera Conservancy, including water pans in Vokoni and Wenje, are near completion.

In Garissa County, projects implemented by Ishaqbini Conservancy, namely the construction of VIP latrines at Golbanti, Odha, Wenje, and Hara Primary Schools, are nearly complete. The team also monitored the ongoing drilling and equipment installation of identified boreholes in both counties to ensure operational functionality. These monitoring efforts are crucial to ensuring that the projects meet their objectives of improving water access and sanitation infrastructure in the respective communities.



*VIP latrine at Hara primary school
Garissa County.*



*Ongoing Construction of a Water
pan in Wenje, Tana River County.*



*A Drilled Borehole Implemented by
Ishaqbini Conservancy.*

WATERFUND CONDUCTS AN INDUCTION SESSION FOR NEW STAFF

WaterFund undertook an onboarding session for incoming staff to provide them with a comprehensive overview of the organization's mandate, focusing on funding, capacity building, and facilitating partnerships for water-related projects. This orientation will ensure the new staff put their new roles into perspective and assimilate into the work place.



*WaterFund management making a
presentation during the induction
session*



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #245 – WATERFUND UNDERTAKES MONITORING AND FIELD EXERCISES

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 245 (SITREP #245) covered the period **13th to 17th January, 2020**. Among the highlights was that WaterFund undertook monitoring and validation workshops exercises under the Ending Drought Emergencies- Climate Proofed Infrastructure Programme in West Pokot, Taita Taveta, Kajiado, Samburu, and Kilifi Counties. In addition, WaterFund also held a joint partner planning meeting under the Water and Livelihood Programme (WLP) in Lodwar.

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