

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 508 17TH – 21ST MARCH 2025

WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE 2025 WORLD WATER DAY IN LAIKIPIA COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MWSI) in collaboration with water sector institutions joined the rest of the world in celebrating the 2025 World Water Day at St. Joseph Tigithi Boys High School, in Nanyuki, Laikipia County. World Water Day is an annual United Nations (UN) observance day held on March 22nd since the year 1993 which serves as a platform to advocate for sustainable water management policies, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 6 (clean water and sanitation for all).

This year's theme, "*Glacier Preservation*," highlighted the pressing need to safeguard these vital natural reservoirs, which store approximately 70 percent of the world's freshwater. Glaciers are essential for maintaining global water availability, sustaining ecosystems, and providing vital water resources for human consumption, agriculture, and hydropower. However, the accelerating effects of climate change have led to their rapid retreat worldwide, disrupting natural water cycles, contributing to rising sea levels, and posing serious risks to both livelihoods and ecosystems.

Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation (MWSI), presided over this year's celebration as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Mr. Julius Korir, CBS, Principal Secretary for the State Department for Water and Sanitation, MWSI, Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, and other senior government officials.

To commence the World Water Day celebrations, the CS commissioned Phase 2 of the Tigithi-Humuka Water Project, implemented by the Tana Water Works Development Agency. This project focuses on rehabilitating and expanding water infrastructure to enhance connectivity and access. Additionally, the CS handed over 26 rainwater harvesting tanks, each with a capacity of 10,000 litres, donated by various institutions.

As part of the National Tree Growing and Restoration Campaign, which targets planting 15 billion trees by 2032, institutions present planted tree seedlings in schools and local water catchment areas.

WaterFund's Participation in the Celebrations

To mark the occasion, WaterFund hosted an exhibition where staff educated the public about its mandate and ongoing interventions in Laikipia County under the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) II program. Representing the CEO, Mr. Isaac Kega, the General Manager Programmes, led the WaterFund team and received the Cabinet Secretary MWSI and a high-level delegation to the stand.

WaterFund played a key role in the success of World Water Day by planting 1,000 tree seedlings and distributing branded T-shirts to participants and students. Additionally, staff sensitized the public on the Customer Service Delivery Charter, reinforcing WaterFund's commitment to stakeholder engagement through clear service standards, customer obligations, user charges, and timelines.



Eng. Eric Mugaa (left), CS, MWSI and Mr. Julius Korir (right) CBS, PS, MWSI, unveil the plaque at the Tigithi-Humuka Water Project site



Mr. Isaac Kega (in blue), General Manager, Programmes, WaterFund, hosts the CS and his delegation at WaterFund's stand



WaterFund staff having one on one interactions with the public at the exhibition stand



WaterFund officers participating in the tree planting exercise at Thome Boys High School in Nanyuki



Left: Participants follow keenly the proceedings of the World Water Day 2025

Right: WaterFund branding during the World Water Day Celebrations



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #270- ENHANCING WSPS FINANCIAL STABILITY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 270 (SITREP #270) covered the period **6th to 10th July, 2020**. Among the highlights was that Mr. Ismail Shaiye, the then CEO WaterFund, held a meeting with Mr. Anthony Ambugo, former CEO Water Service Providers Association (WASPA).

The main aim of the meeting was to discuss the liquidity support that had been provided to Water Service Providers (WSPs) by the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation through WaterFund.

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