

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 509

24TH – 28TH MARCH 2025

KAPSOIT-SOSIOT WATER PROJECT SET TO BENEFIT OVER 6,600 PEOPLE IN KERICHO COUNTY

Kapsoit and Sosiota, neighboring towns in Kericho County, have long grappled with severe water supply challenges despite being situated in a fertile agricultural region. Aging and deteriorated infrastructure resulted in unreliable access to clean water, with seasonal shortages becoming especially acute during dry periods. As a result, residents were forced to rely on inadequate and inconsistent water sources that could not sustain the demands of the growing population. These water issues presented significant health risks and disrupted both household and business operations.

To address these problems, the Kapsoit-Sosiota Water Project was launched. Funded by the German Development Bank (KfW) under WaterFund's Urban Project Concept (UPC) 8th Call, the project seeks to benefit 6,600 people with improved water access. With an 8.7km pipeline extension of the distribution network; construction of a 150m³ storage tank; and the installation of 250 No. water meters. These efforts will ensure a reliable water supply and achieve the objective of last-mile connectivity for the low-income residents of Kapsoit and Sosiota.

Speaking during the commissioning, H.E. Dr. Eric Mutai, Governor Kericho County, expressed his gratitude to the development partners especially WaterFund for the continued support in Kericho's water sector. He promised to continue with the partnership with WaterFund to support more water projects in the underserved areas of the County. Representing WaterFund CEO, Mr. Patrick Mula, Senior Programme Assistant, noted that the project would enhance water access in remote areas consequently enhancing its overall impact. Mr. Mula further added that WaterFund was committed to collaborating with the County Government of Kericho and Kericho Water and Sanitation Company (KEWASCO) in implementing ongoing and future water and sanitation projects.

In attendance during the commissioning was Hon. Julius Siele, Member of County Assembly, Waldai Ward, Kericho County, Eng. Kibii Chepkwony, Managing Director, Kericho Water and Sanitation Company, WaterFund staff and the community members.



H.E. Dr. Eric Mutai (right) Governor Kericho County and Mr. Patrick Mula (left), Senior Programme Assistant, WaterFund unveiling the plaque during the commissioning



High level guests in attendance during the commissioning



Constructed 150m³ masonry tank under Kapsoit-Sosiota Water project

WATERFUND CEO HANDS OVER NEW VEHICLE TO MARSABIT COUNTY UNDER HOAGW4R PROGRAMME

On 28th March 2025, Mr. Willis Ombai officially handed over the brand-new Toyota Land Cruiser to Marsabit Water and Sanitation Company (MARWASCO). This vehicle will enhance service delivery under the Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience (HoAGW4R) Programme.

Funded by the World Bank to the tune of KSh. 15.5 billion, HoAGW4R is set to benefit 1.5 million beneficiaries in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) Counties of Turkana, Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir and Garissa.

Receiving the vehicle on behalf of Marsabit County were: Mrs. Grace Galmo Boru, County Executive Committee Member for Water, Environment Climate and Natural Resource Management, Marsabit County and Mr. Stephen Sora, Managing Director, Marsabit Water and Sewerage Company (MARWASCO).



Left to right: Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager, HR and Administration, Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund, Mrs. Grace Galmo Boru, CECM- Water, Environment, Climate & Natural Resource Management and Mr. Stephen Sora, MD, MARWASCO

Right: Handing over of the Landcruiser at WaterFund offices



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #271 - WATERFUND CONDUCTS INSPECTION OF UBSUP PROJECTS

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 271 (SITREP #271) covered the period 13th to 17th July, 2020. Among the highlights was that Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) led by the members of its Board of Trustees, inspected various projects under WaterFund's Upscaling Basic Sanitation for the Urban Poor (UBSUP) Programme. UBSUP programme aims to provide water and sanitation services to low-income urban areas.

The Board of Trustees monitored completed projects under the 1st and 2nd call for proposals. In addition, during the exercise, the Board of Trustees paid courtesy calls to respective Governors and County Executive Committee Members in the various Counties and discussed the implemented projects and future opportunities for partnerships.

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