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WATERFUND PARTICIPATES IN THE NATIONAL TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN IN KAJIADO COUNTY

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation is supporting the Government of Kenya's goal to increase national forest cover by 2032. In partnership with various water sector institutions, the Ministry has led several National Tree Planting Campaigns in Samburu and Kajiado Counties. As part of this effort, water sector agencies are targeting the planting of 50 million trees during the Financial Year 2024/2025.

In line with the above, water sector institutions, led by the MWSI, embarked on yet another tree planting campaign on 24th – 28th April 2025 in Kimana Wetland in Kajiado County. Throughout the week, each participating institution adopted a school within the wetland area and, with the support of students and community members, planted trees. WaterFund was assigned Enchoro Enkai Primary School, where staff and local residents collaboratively planted 1,000 indigenous tree seedlings. In addition to planting, the team also took the opportunity to educate the community on the importance of nurturing and conserving trees for long-term environmental sustainability.

The Chief guest during the main event, was Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, on behalf of Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary MWSI. In his opening remarks, he strongly advocated for the restoration and rehabilitation of water catchments. He also committed to making unannounced visits to Kajiado to monitor the progress of the tree planting efforts. "We must tackle the root causes of deforestation, soil erosion and unsustainable land use through robust policy enforcement, community engagement and environmental education," he stated.

Also speaking during the ceremony was, Eng. Vincent Kabuti, OGW, Irrigation Secretary, MWSI, who praised the initiative to safeguard the wetlands. He further advocated for the planting and care of fruit trees, highlighting their role in protecting the ecosystem.

WaterFund's participation emphasizes on its commitment to protecting, restoring, and rehabilitating water catchment areas and forest ecosystems, critical components in the fight against climate change and environmental degradation. The Fund remains fully committed to supporting initiatives that contribute to Kenya's national tree planting goal recognizing the vital role of forest restoration in enhancing climate resilience and securing water resources.



Eng. SAO Alima, Water Secretary, MWSI, launching the tree planting campaign



Eng. Vincent Kabuti, OGW, Irrigation Secretary, MWSI, making his remarks



Mr. Stephen Kihara, Secretary Administration, MWSI, addressing the guests



WaterFund actively participating in the tree planting activity at Enchoro Enkai Primary School in Kajiado County

WATERFUND LEADS TREE PLANTING INITIATIVES AND ADVOCATES FOR CONSERVATION AT NYERI GOLF CLUB

WaterFund continues to support the Government of Kenya's goal to increase forest cover by leading nationwide tree planting and cultivation efforts. Through strategic partnerships with public institutions, county governments and community organizations; WaterFund has played a significant role in planting and nurturing thousands of indigenous and fruit trees in critical areas such as catchment zones, riparian zones and public lands.

As part of its broader environmental efforts, WaterFund participated in the Environmental Golf Tournament by Nyeri Golf Club, combining sports with conservation advocacy. WaterFund supported tree planting efforts within and around the golf course, reinforcing its dedication to sustainable, community-led initiatives. In addition, WaterFund actively engaged in the golf tournament, fostering stakeholder relations while championing environmental stewardship.



Eng. Joseph Ngacha, Member of WaterFund Board of Trustees, takes a swing during golf tournament



Mr. Willis Ombai (right), CEO, WaterFund, spearheading the tree planting activity at the Nyeri Golf Course



Mr. Isaac Kega (right), General Manager, Programmes, WaterFund, during the tree planting activity



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, addressing the guests during the award ceremony dinner



WaterFund staff receiving a token of appreciation during the award ceremony dinner



WaterFund staff, Nyeri Club officials and other participants pose for a group picture

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