

## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 516

12<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

### WATERFUND PARTICIPATED IN THE SECOND SANITATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYMPOSIUM

On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), participated in the second Sanitation Accountability Symposium at the Kenya Water Institute Nairobi. The yearly event was organized by the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Voice for Women (WashVoice) in collaboration with Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Kenya Water Institute (KEWI), Kenya Water and Sanitation Network (KEWASNET), and the Association of Private Sanitation Actors (APSSA). This year's symposium was themed "Strengthening on-site Sanitation through Voluntary Standards: A pathway to Sustainable On- site Sanitation Management and Environmental Stewardship."

Representing Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund was Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager Programmes. In his speech, he noted that the sanitation sector is underfinanced and there is need to ensure every Kenyan gets dignified sanitation services. He further called for collaboration and transformative sanitation to strengthen the sector. He went on to emphasize on WaterFund's role in the sector particularly in financing water and sanitation projects in the underserved areas, through leveraging blended financing and enabling Counties to co-invest in sanitation infrastructure.

Additionally, Ms. Violet Mucheni Principal Programme Officer WaterFund, made a presentation on Peer-to-Peer enforcement strategies, as one of the approaches to encourage communities in adopting good water, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

The two-day Sanitation Accountability Symposium was officially closed by Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno Principal Secretary for Environment and Climate Change. In his remarks, he mentioned the need to safeguard water bodies from pollution by enforcing effluent discharge licenses and strict compliance requirements which will now be enforced through published Water Quality Regulations of 2024.



**Dr. Eng. Festus Ng'eno, Principal Secretary Environment and Climate Change making his key note speech at the closing ceremony**



**Mr. Isaac Kega, General Manager, Programmes (WaterFund) delivering a key note address at the opening ceremony**



**Ms. Elizabeth Wambui Team Leader and Program Director WashVoice making her remarks**



**Photos capturing the participants of the second Sanitation Accountability Symposium**



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## WATERFUND MONITORS SWASAP PROJECTS IN THE SIX TARGETED ASAL COUNTIES

WaterFund has embarked on several monitoring activities of projects under the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in ASALs Programme (SWASAP). Implemented in six counties namely Garissa, Marsabit, Isiolo, Lamu, Turkana, and Tana River counties, the SWASAP programme seeks to improve access to water and sanitation services in the target ASAL Counties.

Among the projects monitored and inspected included: the Baomo Water Project; Wenje Vukoni water projects in Tana River County; VIP latrines at Guuram Girls comprehensive in Laisamis Marsabit County; Bilibili farm water irrigation project; and VIP latrines at Equator primary school in Dadaab, Garissa County among other projects.

The WaterFund monitoring team observed commendable progress across all Counties, with the majority of projects in their final stages of completion or already under the Defects Liability Period. This reflected commitment and momentum from the implementing partners towards achieving the program's objectives.

To reinforce sustainability and local ownership of the projects, the mission also facilitated joint engagements with respective County Governments. The discussions were instrumental in ensuring that county officials are fully involved in the transition of projects from implementation to operational use by target communities.



**Monitoring of 4 – doors VIP latrines at Equator Primary school in**



**Monitoring of 3 door VIP latrine at Guuram Girls Comprehensive school, Laisamis Marsabit County**



**Bilibili farm water irrigation system installation project sign board in Dadaab Garissa County**



**Pumping at Baomo borehole – 28m3/hr in Tana River County**



**Completed Mnazini police station 2 door VIP latrine awaiting hand over to beneficiaries.**



**Ongoing Rehabilitation of 50m3 masonry tank at Wenje, Tana River County**

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #274– WATERFUND VISITED TATU KENGA'S HOME IN KILIFI COUNTY

The WaterFund's Situation Report No. 274(SITREP #274) covered the period **3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**. Among the highlights was that Water Sector Trust Fund under the Corporate and Social Responsibility (CSR) adopted Tatu Kenga in the year 2008, where WaterFund took up Tatu's education; signifying giving back to the community, through this little girl who had rightly depicted the plight of women, girls and water underserved areas in Kenya. In order to guarantee Tatu's future in school, in the year 2010, WaterFund invested in an education policy aimed at securing Tatu's education up to university.

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