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BEYOND COMPLETION: TRACKING THE SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACT OF WATERFUND INVESTMENTS

The success of a project is not defined by its completion, but by the difference it continues to make in people's lives. WaterFund goes beyond financing projects to ensure that investments remain functional, sustainable, and responsive to community needs. Through the Joint Annual Operations Monitoring Exercise (JAOME), WaterFund tracks performance and sustainability of its projects, identify lessons learned, and draws on the findings to inform future planning and investment decisions.

As part of this commitment, the exercise was undertaken across all WaterFund-funded projects. Part of the monitoring team was deployed to Machakos and Kitui Counties to engage project management committees, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders. The team assessed project functionality, service delivery, utilization, and emerging challenges under the following Programmes: Ending Drought Emergencies–Climate Proofed Infrastructure (EDE-CPIRA), Conditional Liquidity Support Grant (CLSG) 1, and KfW Phases III and IV.

In Kitui County, the monitoring team visited several projects under the EDE-CPIRA Programme. These included Kabati Public Sanitation Facility (PSF), Kalundu WRUA Sand Dam, Upper Thua WRUA rainwater harvesting tanks, Kauwi WRUA Sand Dam, and Kyuso Rock Catchment Water Supply Project, among others. In Machakos County, the team covered Yatta Household VIP Toilets under the KfW Phase IV Programme. Other projects included Masii handwashing facilities, a 2 km pipeline extension, operational motorbikes, and consumer meters under CLSG 1, alongside other WaterFund-supported projects.

The assessment showcased the positive impact of WaterFund investments to communities, livelihoods, and education. In areas that previously experienced water scarcity, communities are now accessing reliable water sources closer to their homes, reducing the time spent searching for water hence creating opportunities for improved livelihoods. Farmers are now utilizing the available water to cultivate vegetables for household consumption, and income generation. Improved sanitation has promoted healthier and more dignified households, through proper waste disposal, hygiene, and reduced sanitation-related health risks.

In the education sector, rainwater harvesting tanks have improved water access in and around schools. They have provided learners with more consistent access to safe drinking water, and supported better hygiene practices. The tanks have also reduced disruptions caused by water shortages. These outcomes demonstrate the broader social and economic benefits of WaterFund's investments beyond water service provision.

The findings of JAOME reaffirm WaterFund's commitment to sustainable investments and lasting impact. Through continuous monitoring, stakeholder engagement, and evidence-based decision-making, WaterFund continues to strengthen water and sanitation services, improve livelihoods, and advance Kenya's water security and sustainable development agenda.



Kabati Public Sanitation Facility in Kitui County



Flanged bulk water meter connection in Machakos County



A beneficiary drawing water at Ngomano shallow well implemented by Kauwi WRUA



Monitoring of Kalomenza Sand Dam implemented by Kalundu WRUA



Flourishing farmer's produce through irrigation from Kalomenza Sand Dam



50m³ Concrete tank at Kyuso Rock Catchment Water Supply Project



10m³ Rainwater harvesting tank at Mutula Primary School implemented by Upper Thua WRUA



A section of the 2km Pipeline extension in Mavoko town



Valve chamber at Kwa Mang'eli in Mavoko Town



Livestock drinking water from a water trough in Mwingi



Two-Door Pour-Flush Household VIP Toilets



Motorbike used for technical operation by water technicians in Machakos County



WaterFund Monitoring team collecting data during the JAOME exercise

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