

## SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 586

### 21<sup>ST</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026

#### **WATERFUND CONDUCTS FINAL JOINT INSPECTION OF SWASAP INVESTMENTS IN TURKANA COUNTY**

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), was joined by World Vision Kenya (WVK), to undertake a final joint inspection of water and sanitation investments, funded under the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP). The Programme financed through Government of Kenya (GoK), and the Royal Danish Embassy-Kenya, is transforming lives of residents in Turkana, Marsabit, Tana River, Lamu, Isiolo and Garissa Counties. The main objective of the inspection was to verify the completion, quality and functionality of the funded water supply, sanitation and water resources management interventions.

During the inspection, the delegation inspected Loima, Lokichoggio and Nanaam Water Projects in Turkana County, implemented by World Vision Kenya. This included project sites in Urum, Nakurio, Lokichoggio, Lorus, Karioki, Napopongoit and Tado Farm. The delegation further followed up on findings and corrective actions, identified during the previous monitoring visit and assessed the readiness of the projects for commissioning, handover and formal closure. The funded interventions include boreholes and solar pumping systems, storage tanks, water kiosks, pipeline extensions, cattle troughs, water pans, shade nets and sanitation facilities. The progress of Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) initiatives, aimed at improving hygiene practices and strengthening sustainable sanitation at the household and community levels was also assessed.

Both teams reviewed project documentation, reports, procurement and implementation records. Further to this, WaterFund held discussions with the Implementing Partner and relevant stakeholders on outstanding requirements. The inspection provided a basis for addressing the remaining issues and confirming compliance with the required standards before the final handover and closure of the SWASAP projects. The projects have generally made good progress towards completion.

Monitoring of these interventions is key to ensuring the appropriate utilization of allocated financial resources, and value for money for WaterFund's Development Partners. Additionally, these efforts strengthen community and donor confidence, by facilitating the timely implementation of water investments, and documenting community feedback and the lasting impact of the projects. WaterFund remains committed to ensuring that communities living in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) of Kenya, have access to clean water and improved sanitation services.



**30,000m<sup>3</sup> Lorus Water Pan in Turkana County**



**Tado Farm Water Supply and Irrigation Project in Turkana County**



**Inspection of cattle troughs at Nakurio Water Pan**



*Left: A variety of crops including tomatoes, watermelon, pumpkin, kale and carrots among others planted at Tado farm*

*Right: A Water Kiosk in Napopongoit area at Tado Farm Water Supply and Irrigation Project*



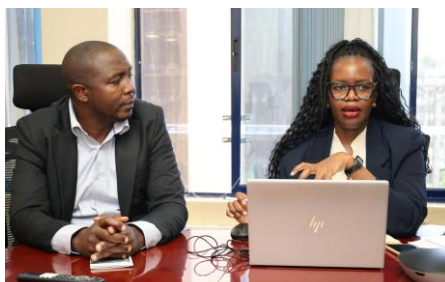
## **WATERFUND MEETINGS:**

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund hosted PhD researchers from the University of Bonn in Germany, for a research engagement focused on developments within Kenya's water sector. The engagement formed part of their ongoing doctoral research examining water infrastructure, water financing and related developments in East Africa. WaterFund through the CEO, Mr. Willis Ombai, shared insights on Kenya's water sector and the importance of data collection, research and evidence generation in informing planning, investment and decision-making towards sustainable water and sanitation service delivery. Engagements with researchers and academic institutions contribute to strengthening the sector's knowledge base and promoting evidence-informed approaches to addressing emerging water and sanitation challenges.



*Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, chairing the meeting and sharing his insights during deliberations*



*Mr. Peter Koech, Manager, Water and Sanitation Services, WaterFund, and Ms. Linda Gwada, Principal Corporate Communication Officer, WaterFund, during the meeting*



*Ms. Maike Schlebusch (left), and Ms. Lisa Di Giulio (right), PhD researchers, University of Bonn, Germany*

## **BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #320-WATERFUND INSPECTS FUNDED WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS IN LAMU COUNTY**

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 320 (SITREP #320) covered the period **5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) successfully implemented the Green Growth and Employment Programme (GGEF). The Programme was aimed to improve water and sanitation access in the underserved rural communities in Kenya. The GGEF programme received financial support from the Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA).

In view of the above, WaterFund representatives together with Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, DANIDA, and the team visited GGEF-funded projects in Lamu County. The purpose of the visit was to monitor and inspect the progress of Kizingitini Water and Sanitation Extension project, Amu Water Resources Users Association (WRUA) and Pate Marine Community Conservancy in Lamu County. During the visit, the team paid a courtesy call visit to Lamu Governor, H.E. Fahim Yasin Twaha, Deputy Governor and County Executive Committee Member for Water Services Hon. Abdulhakim Aboud among other senior officials to discuss the progress achieved by the various projects.

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