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WATERFUND COMMISSIONS KSH 115 MILLION WATER PROJECTS IN TANA RIVER COUNTY

Thousands of residents in Tana River County are set to benefit from improved access to clean water, sanitation, and climate-resilient livelihood opportunities following the commissioning of two major integrated water projects by the Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), with financial support from the Royal Danish Embassy - Kenya and in partnership with WelthungerHilfe under the Sustainable Water and Sanitation Programme (SWASAP). The Wenje–Vukoni Water Project in Galole Constituency was commissioned by H.E. Hon. Mahat Ali Loka, while the Golbanti–Odha Tana Water Project in Tana Delta Sub-County was commissioned by H.E. Hadija Algi, County Executive Member for Water and Natural Resources in Tana River County.

The two projects, with a combined investment of over KSh. 115 million, are expected to significantly improve access to clean and reliable water, sanitation services, and climate-resilient livelihoods for communities across the County. Key interventions include drilling and equipping solar-powered boreholes, construction of elevated steel water tanks, rehabilitation and construction of water kiosks, implementation of Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) activities in villages, and excavation of 30,000m³ water pans to support water resource management and reduce resource-based conflicts. Additional interventions include climate-smart agriculture initiatives such as tree planting, fodder production, fish pond rehabilitation, drip irrigation farming, and establishment of community structures to support sustainability and long-term management of the projects.

Speaking during the commissioning events, Hon. Mahat Ali Loka expressed appreciation to WaterFund and partners for supporting increased water access in Tana River County, noting that the projects will improve public health, strengthen livelihoods, boost economic opportunities, and reduce pastoralist-farmer conflicts through improved water availability. Representing WaterFund CEO Mr. Willis Ombai, Eng. Peter Koech reaffirmed WaterFund's commitment to supporting counties through sustainable and integrated water, sanitation, and water resource management interventions that strengthen resilience and long-term service delivery. He also acknowledged the continued support of the Royal Danish Embassy through DANIDA towards advancing sustainable water and sanitation services across Kenya.



H.E. Hon. Mahat Ali Loka, Deputy Governor, Tana River County, making his key note speech at Wenje



Eng. Peter Koech, Manager, Water & Sanitation Services, WaterFund giving his remarks at Wenje



Ms. Josephine Thoomo, Head of Programmes, WHH, giving her remarks at Wenje



Official Commissioning Ceremony of the Wenje-Vukoni Water Project in Galole Constituency



Official Commissioning ceremony of the the Golbanti-Odha Tana Water Project in Tana Delta Sub-County



H.E Hadija Algi, CEC Water, Tana River County giving her key note speech at Golbanti



Eng. Peter Koech, Manager Water & Sanitation Services, WaterFund giving his remarks at Golbanti



Mr. William Jillo, Ag. MD, Tana Water and Sanitation Company giving his remarks at Golbanti



Delegation inspecting the 30,000m³ Waterpan under Wenje-Vukoni Water Project



Rehabilitated 50m³ Masonry tank under Wenje-Vukoni Water Project



Inspection of Mihemani Fish Ponds under Wenje-Vukoni Water Project



Inspection of Tarasa Water Supply solar powered pumping station under the Project under the Golbanti-Odha Tana Water Project



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