

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 570

2ND – 5TH JUNE 2026

WATERFUND IS ON THE MOVE TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE WATER SOLUTIONS TO WSPs

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) and MicroEnergy International (MEI) hosted an Inception Workshop for the Detailed Preparation Phase (DPP) of the Programme Energy for Water Access through Efficiency & Renewables (Energy4Water). The Workshop objective was to acquaint key stakeholders with the components and approach of the DPP period, initiate structured engagement for co-development & implementation, and to gather stakeholder feedback.

Energy4Water Programme was co-proposed by MicroEnergy International and WaterFund, and aims to support licensed Water Services Providers deploy Energy efficiencies and renewable energy technologies through an innovative, scalable blended financing model. The DPP period is funded by the Mitigation Action Facility (MAF) through MicroEnergy International.

The inception workshop drew participation from the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MoWSI), The German embassy, MicroEnergy International, Council of Governors among others



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, delivering his keynote remarks during the workshop



Mr. Said Omar Mohamed, Deputy Director, Water Quality and Pollution Control, MWSI giving his key remarks during the workshop



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, making a presentation of WaterFund's overview and its funding models



Mr. Shadrack Omwenga, Senior Consultant & Programme Manager, MEI, making a presentation on the workshop's overview



Ms. Noreen Hingu (front left), and Mr. Christian Friedemann (front right), representatives from the Germany Embassy keenly following through the session



Ms. Veronica Wanyora, Environment, NRM and Climate Change Program Specialist, Council of Governors, giving remarks during the workshop



Left: Mr. Shadrack Omwenga (far left), Senior Consultant & Programme Manager, MEI, moderating the panel session



Right: WaterFund staff keenly following through the deliberations

WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- WaterFund held a Joint Rural and Urban Steering Committee Meeting on 3rd June, 2026 at the Fund's Offices. Mr. Willis Ombai CEO WaterFund chaired the meeting and Development Partners in attendance were Ms. Nancy Njenga from the Royal Danish Embassy and Ms. Sheillah Karimi from the KfW (German Development Bank). The meeting reviewed the Financial Year 2025/2026 Quarter 3 Rural and Urban programme progress reports, financial and audit highlights.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, chairing the Rural Steering Committee meeting



Ms. Nancy Njenga, Programme Officer, Royal Danish Embassy, keenly following the meeting proceedings



Participants keenly following the meeting deliberations

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #312- WATERFUND UNDERTAKES CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS SUPPORT OF TATU KENGA'S EDUCATION

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 312 (SITREP #312) covered the period **10th to 13th May, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Tatu Kenga came to the limelight in the year 2008 when the then Minister for Water and Irrigation, Hon. Charity Ngilu, was on an official visit to Kilifi to assess water projects and challenges facing various communities. The sun was setting when the minister's entourage was passing through Kaloleni and came across a 6-year-old girl carrying a full 10-litre jerrycan of water on her head, walking all alone.

As part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Water Sector Trust Fund (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. Over the years WaterFund has closely monitored her school progress as well as the welfare of her family. In the year 2018, Tatu sat for her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and in 2019, she was admitted to Mazeras Girls' Memorial Secondary School in Kwale County, a girls' boarding school located in Mazeras town near the border with Kilifi County.

In January 2020, Tatu started Form 2. However, due to COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of all learning institutions in March 2020, all students were sent home. When schools opened in January 2021, she continued with her Form 2 class as per Ministry of Education guidelines. In May 2021, the WaterFund team went to support Tatu to report back to school to continue with Term 3 of her Form 2 class. The team also visited the family and supported them with some home essentials.

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