

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 576

13TH – 17TH JULY 2026

WATERFUND HOLDS QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING TO STRENGTHEN PERFORMANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) held its quarterly staff meeting on 6th July, 2026, bringing together staff to review institutional progress, strengthen internal collaboration, and deliberate on key organizational priorities. Addressing staff, Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, commended the management and staff for their continued dedication, noting that the recent increase in Government funding has significantly enhanced the Fund's capacity to deliver on its mandate. He highlighted the successful launch of the Ewaso Ng'iro Water and Climate Resilience Programme by Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary for Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, describing it as a major milestone in advancing climate-resilient water resource management. The CEO further reaffirmed management's commitment to strengthening the institution through the development and approval of key Human Resource policy instruments.

Providing an update on institutional performance, CPA Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services, reflected on the successful implementation of key programmes, particularly the Conditional Liquidity Support Grant II (CLSG II) and the Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs Programme (SWASAP), noting their significant contribution to improving water and sanitation services in underserved communities across the country. Further, Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager, Human Resource and Administration, thanked both management and employees for their continued commitment to the Fund's operations. He acknowledged the collective efforts that have contributed to the organization's achievements and encouraged staff to remain focused on delivering excellence.

The meeting also featured a series of staff sensitization sessions covering the implementation of the WaterFund Staff Welfare Policy, Mental Health Awareness, Anti-Corruption Prevention, National Values and Cohesion, Disability Inclusion, and Science, Technology and Innovation. In addition, staff were sensitized on the implementation of the organization's Customer Service Delivery Charter (CSDC), emphasizing its role in strengthening service standards, institutional efficiency, and accountability. The quarterly meeting concluded with closing remarks delivered by Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer, who appreciated staff for their active participation and continued commitment to achieving WaterFund's strategic objectives.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund,
making his key remarks during the staff meeting



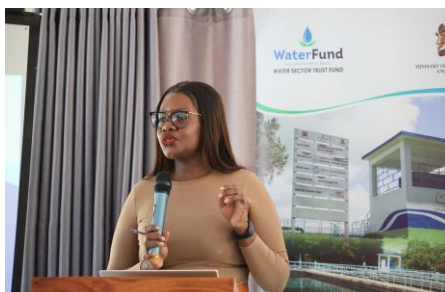
CPA Samuel Gitau, General Manager, Corporate Services,
making his remarks



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development,
making her closing remarks on behalf of the CEO



Mr. Paul Atwa, Manager, Human Resources and Administration, making his remarks



Ms. Linda Gwada, Principal Corporate Communication Officer, sensitizing staff on CSDC



Ms. Emily Gideon, GBV Consultant, HOAGW4R Programme, taking lead in the Mental Health sensitization



Mr. Hassan Kassim, Programme Officer, Research, giving a vote of thanks



WaterFund staff actively listening to the presentations during the meeting



BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #315- WATERFUND CELEBRATES OPEN DEFECATION FREE (ODF) STATUS FOR 58 VILLAGES IN THARAKA NITHI COUNTY

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 315 (SITREP #315) covered the period **31st May to 4th June, 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Dr. Gichuyia Nthuraku, County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Health Services and Sanitation, Tharaka Nithi County, together with representatives from Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), spearheaded the celebration of 58 villages in Kamaindi, Tharaka Nithi County which were declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) project. The project aimed to improve hygiene and sanitation practices in the community. During the celebrations, the CEC handed over certificates to the representatives of the villages.

Various Community Health Volunteers (CHVs), County Public Health Officials and the local administration emphasized to the community on the need to maintain their household latrines and toilets in order to guarantee no open defecation and to promote sanitation and health in the community.

Under the CLTS project, WaterFund has successfully declared 170 villages ODF in Tharaka Nithi County since the inception of this project and as a result increased access to sanitation access to approximately 16,885 people. The CLTS project has been implemented under WaterFund's Joint Six Programme (J6P) with financial support from the Embassy of Finland and The Embassy of Sweden.



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