

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 579

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WATERFUND MAINTAINS ISO 9001:2015 COMPLIANCE FOLLOWING EXTERNAL SURVEILLANCE AUDIT

WaterFund proudly holds the ISO 9001:2015 certification from Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) showcasing its consistent compliance with the standard's requirements. This certification has played a pivotal role in elevating the Quality Management Systems (QMS) of WaterFund, resulting in notable improvements in service delivery efficiency.

As part of the requirements for maintaining ISO 9001:2015 certification, WaterFund underwent an external surveillance audit on 31st July 2026, led by Ms. Francisca Atieno and Ms. Catherine Wanyonyi, external auditors from the Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS). The audit provided an opportunity to assess the Fund's continued conformity with the standard and demonstrate its commitment to maintaining quality standards, operational excellence, and continual improvement.

Leading WaterFund during the exercise was Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund, who in his opening remarks reaffirmed the commitment of the WaterFund Board of Trustees and Management to strengthening the Fund's Quality Management System (QMS) to enhance quality, accountability, and efficient service delivery. He underscored the importance of a robust QMS in ensuring consistent, timely and customer-focused services, while supporting the Fund in effectively fulfilling its mandate. The exercise, he observed, would provide valuable insights and recommendations for further strengthening the Fund's operations and service delivery.

During the audit, the external auditors assessed WaterFund's QMS through a review of relevant documents and interviews with Heads of Departments on their respective departmental processes. The assessment focused on evaluating the Fund's conformity with the requirements of the ISO 9001:2015 Standard and verifying the effective implementation of its QMS. Six departments were sampled, with each required to provide relevant documentation and evidence to demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirements. The audit findings confirmed that WaterFund remained compliant with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015, demonstrating the Fund's continued commitment to maintaining its certification, strengthening its QMS, and pursuing continual improvement in its operations and service delivery.



Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO, WaterFund making his opening remarks during the entry meeting



Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, sharing her remarks during the exit meeting



Ms. Francisca Atieno, KEBS Auditor, making her remarks during the exercise



Left: Ms. Catherine Wanyonyi, KEBS Auditor, keenly following proceedings during the audit exercise



Right: Mr. Elly Ochere, Ag. Manager, Research, Planning and M&E, addressing the participants during the audit exercise

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #316- WATERFUND HOSTS A REVOLVING FUND CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 316 (SITREP #316) covered the period **7th to 11th June 2021**. Among the highlights was that, The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, together with WaterFund held a Development Partners Consultative Forum on 9th June, 2021, to deliberate on the modalities of the proposed Sector revolving fund.

The Chief Administrative Secretary Dr. Andrew Tuimur graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Amb. Dr. Mary Khimulu, led the WaterFund Team. Mr. Christopher Mutasa, African Development Bank, who was the Chairperson of the Development Partners Group, led the Development Partners Team.

The Development Partners in attendance included Representatives from: Embassies of Sweden, Netherlands and Denmark; African Development Bank (AfDB); The World Bank; German Development Bank (KfW); United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Ms. Barbara Senkwe led the USAID WASH-FIN Team, who are working together with WaterFund in the consultative and formulation process.



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