

SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) # 581

17TH – 21ST AUGUST 2026

WATERFUND JOINS MWSI FOR A HIGH-LEVEL MONITORING AND INSPECTION OF WATER PROJECTS IN HOMA BAY COUNTY

On 19th August, 2026, Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund), under the leadership of the Executive Officer, Mr. Willis Ombai, joined Eng. Eric Mugaa, Cabinet Secretary (CS), Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation (MoWSI), in a high-level monitoring and inspection visit to water projects in Homa Bay County. The exercise underscored the Ministry's commitment to strengthening accountability, ensuring timely completion of projects, and delivering sustainable water services to the people of Homa Bay County and Kenya at large.

During the visit, the Cabinet Secretary, accompanied by Eng. S.A.O Alima, Water Secretary, State Department for Water and Sanitation, MoWSI, among other officials, paid a courtesy call to H.E. Gladys Wanga, Governor, Homa Bay County. Discussions focused on fast-tracking the completion of the projects and addressing challenges related to Non-Revenue Water (NRW). The officials further discussed on measures to improve the efficiency, sustainability and accessibility of water services across Homa Bay County.

As a key financier in the water sector, WaterFund's participation provided an important platform for strengthening collaboration with the County Government of Homa Bay and other sector stakeholders. The visit also provided valuable insights to inform future project financing, identify implementation gaps, and enhance understanding of the needs of vulnerable and underserved communities.

The engagement reaffirmed WaterFund's commitment to strengthening partnerships, and ensuring that its investments, enhance access to safe water and improved sanitation while fostering resilient communities across Kenya.



Eng. Eric Mugaa, CS, MoWSI, giving his key remarks during the meeting



H.E. Gladys Wanga, Governor, Homabay County, keenly following deliberations during the meeting



Mr. Willis Ombai (left), CEO, WaterFund, keenly following deliberations during the meeting



Left: Delegation actively taking part in the discussions during the courtesy call visit in the Governors office

Right: Delegation posing for a group photo at the County Headquarters



WATERFUND MEETINGS:

During the week, meetings took place as highlighted below:

- On 29th July, 2026, WaterFund hosted the Euro Nordic Funding Alliance (ENFA), to explore potential collaboration in strengthening capacity for sustainable resource mobilization. The ENFA delegation was led by its Founder and Secretary General, Ms. Niloufar Gharavi, while Mr. Willis Ombai, CEO WaterFund, chaired the meeting and led the WaterFund team.
- WaterFund hosted the Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN), for a knowledge exchange visit aimed at learning from WaterFund's financing models, with a particular focus on sanitation financing. The visit was organized by the Sanitation and Hygiene Fund (SHF), through Mr. Anthony Githinji, Sanitation Market Specialist. Ms. Ruth Nganga, General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, and Eng. Paul Kogo, Senior Programme Engineer, RBF/Urban Investments, WaterFund, took the DBN delegation through WaterFund's financing models to sanitation. The DBN Team was led by Mr. Bamidele Elesho, Business Development and Relationship Manager.



Left: Mr. Willis Ombai (2nd left), CEO, WaterFund, and Ms. Ruth Nganga (far right), General Manager, Fund Development, WaterFund, posing for a photo with ENFA delegation



Right: Development Bank of Nigeria, and WaterFund delegation posing for a group photo after the meeting

BLAST FROM THE PAST: FEATURED IN SITREP #317- WATERFUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES INSPECT FUNDED WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS ACROSS KENYA

WaterFund's Situation Report No. 317 (SITREP #317) covered the period **14th to 18th June 2021**. Among the highlights was that, Water Sector Trust Fund's (WaterFund) Board of Trustees, and Management inspected various funded projects in Western and Coastal regions.

The purpose of the project visits was to review projects' progress, and address any implementation challenges as WaterFund provides essential services in financing water, and sanitation services, across the country. The Board also reviewed possible areas of collaboration to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic.



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