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WATERFUND BOARD REVIEWS WATER INVESTMENTS IN MARSABIT AND TURKANA COUNTIES

Water Sector Trust Fund (WaterFund) Board of Trustees and Management undertook project monitoring visits to Marsabit and Turkana Counties from 5th to 9th October, 2026, to assess implementation progress, engage stakeholders and review investments aimed at improving water access, sanitation and livelihoods in underserved communities. Led by Mr. Willis Ombai, Chief Executive Officer, the delegation included Board of Trustee members alongside technical teams and implementing partners.

In both Marsabit and Turkana Counties, the Board of Trustees inspected projects under the World Bank-funded Horn of Africa Groundwater for Resilience Project (HoAGW4RP) and the DANIDA-supported Sustainable Management and Access to Water and Sanitation in the ASALs (SWASAP) Programme.

In Marsabit County, under HoAGW4RP, the delegation visited Kamboe Midrock, Kamboe Furmasan, Loglogo and Golole, where pipeline installation and supporting infrastructure are progressing. At Loglogo, 36 kilometres of the planned 40-kilometre pipeline network had been laid, while Kamboe Midrock and Kamboe Furmasan recorded 7.3 kilometres and 4 kilometres respectively. The Board also reviewed SWASAP investments in Moyale and Laisamis Sub-counties, including Sololo–Ramata Water Pan and Water Supply Scheme, Olturot Water Supply, Farakoren Water Pan and Bur Aramia Water Supply. The Sololo–Ramata scheme has improved water access for 1,100 households, while Olturot targets 440 households. At Farakoren, construction of a 30,000-cubic-metre water pan is progressing alongside improvements to Bur Aramia's water supply infrastructure.

In Turkana County, the Board engaged Governor H.E. Jeremiah Lomorukai and County Commissioner Mr. Julius Kavita before inspecting four HoAGW4RP water supply projects: Nariamao, Nang'olekuruk, Loturtur and Kaitese. The projects collectively target over 20,000 people through investments in pipelines, solar-powered pumping systems, water storage, kiosks and livestock watering facilities. The Board commended the quality of works, with the projects expected to become operational within weeks. The delegation also visited the completed KK-INSPIRE Integrated SWASAP Project at Choro Farm in Kakuma. Managed by a cooperative comprising host and refugee community members, the project supports irrigation across 35 acres of farmland, creating livelihood opportunities and strengthening community cooperation. The Board encouraged improved revenue collection, financial management and maintenance arrangements to sustain operations.

Across both Counties, communities welcomed the investments and expressed anticipation for project completion and commissioning, while requesting further expansion of water services to reach additional households. The visits enabled the Board to review implementation priorities, strengthen stakeholder coordination and guide measures towards timely completion and sustainable management of water investments in Kenya's arid and semi-arid regions.



Mr. Willis Ombai (right) making his opening remarks at the Marsabit County Commissioners Office



WaterFund delegation, Board of Trustee Members and implementing partners present at the Courtesy call to the County Commissioners Officer



H.E. Jeremiah Lomorukai (center), Governor Turkana County, giving his remarks during WaterFund's Courtesy call



WaterFund Board of Trustees and Management during the Courtesy call to the Turkana County Governors office.



WaterFund Board of Trustees inspecting Olturot Water Supply Project under SWASAP in Laisamis, Marsabit County



Inspection of pipe laying works under Kamboe Furmasan Water Project under HoAGW4RP



Inspection of Construction works at Nariamao Water Supply Project under HoAGW4RP



Inspection of Nangolekuruk Water Supply project site under HoAGW4RP by Delegation



Board of Trustees inspecting Burri Aramia Water Supply Project under SWASAP in Marsabit County



Residents of Korr fetching water from a community water point under Burri Aramia project

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