



Kakamega County Water And Sanitation Company



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Governor Oparanya Commissions The Ksh 80m Lwakhupa Water Project



H.E Governor Oparanya Unveils a plaque at Lwakhupa Water Supply Project in Navakholo Sub County

Governor H.E Dr FCPA Wycliffe Oparanya today commissioned the Ksh 80 million Lwakhupa Water Project that will serve over 20,000 homesteads in Navakholo Sub County and its environs.

He said already Ksh46 million has been used on the project adding that already 65 homes, three schools and a police post have been connected to clean and safe water from the project.

“This project will be producing 15 million liters of water per day. This will be adequate water to be supplied to residents of

Navakholo, Mumias East, Mumias West and parts of Butere Sub Counties,” explained Dr Oparanya.

The Governor noted that access to water is a basic and Constitutional right for every Kenyan saying that his Government is committed to ensuring all residents are connected to the commodity.

Dr Oparanya noted that in a bid to ensure that residents living in rural areas access clean tap water, his Government has established the Kakamega County Rural Water and Sanitation Company

whose core mandate is to ensure that the goal is realized.

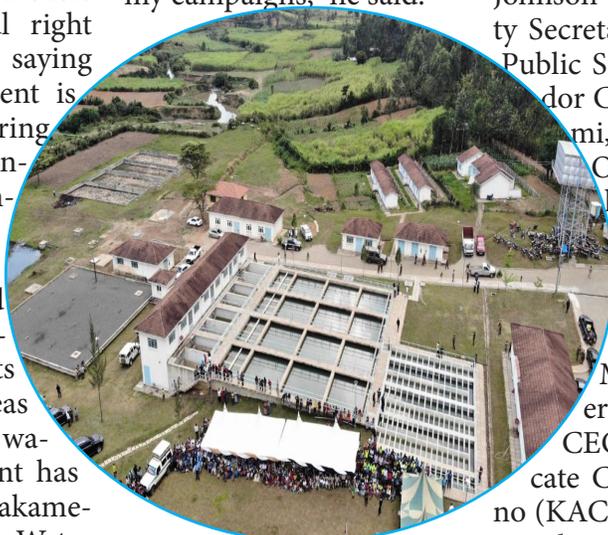
He said that his administration has constructed other water projects at Musembe in Lugari, Kuvasali in Malava, Shinyalu and Ikolomani to boost provision of water to residents from the areas.

“This is our first project under Amatsi Khumukuru programme to be launched. We are investing resources in water sector to ensure every citizen has clean and safe water as per my promise during my campaigns,” he said.

CECM for Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Madam Rhodah Masaviru said Lwakhupa Water Project is one of the key projects in the County which will help deal with shortage of the commodity in the area.

“We want to cushion residents especially women from the burden of walking long distances to fetch water. This project will be producing adequate water for residents,” she said.

Mumias West MP Hon Johnson Naicca, County Secretary and Head of Public Service Ambassador CPA James Ochami, CECMs, Chief Officers, MCAs led by Hon Kennedy Kilwake, County Public Service Board Madam Catherine Omueno, CEOs led by Advocate Christabel Ashiono (KACWASCO), Board members among other officers were present.



Aerial view of Nambacha Water Treatment Plant in Navakholo Sub County

Maji Safi Maisha Bora - Quality Water Healthy Livelihood

Making The Invisible, Visible; Kakamega Marks World Water Day With A Promise Of 100% Water Connectivity By 2030



CECM for Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Madam Rhoda Masaviru (middle) with Chief Officer for Water Eng. Philip Otenyo (L), Ag. CEO KACWASCO Advocate Christabel Ashiono, Shirere MCA Hon David Ikonza cutting cake during the event.=

Governor H.E. Dr. FCPA Wycliffe Oparanya has said his Government has put in place measures to ensure 100% water connectivity in the County by 2030.

In a speech read on his behalf by CECM for Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Madam Rhoda Masaviru during this year's World Water Day celebrations at Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company (KACWASCO) offices in Kakamega town, the Governor said his Government has invested resources in the sector to ensure every citizen both in urban and rural areas access clean and safe water under the ambitious 'Amatsi Khumukuru' programme.

"Water is a basic right that should be accessed by every citizen. My Government has put a lot of em-

phasis on ensuring adequate supply of water to all residents at their doorstep in all parts of the County," said the Governor.

He noted that Kakamega County has a population of over two million people which has increased



KACWASCO Staff procession in Kakamega Town to mark World Water Day 2022

demand for clean and safe water saying that the Government is committed to ensuring the commodity was available to residents.

He said 80% of urban dwellers and 35% of rural folk are connected to clean

and safe water noting that his desire is to have all parts of the County connected to clean water by 2030.

The Governor said his Government is tapping on cheap and new technology to cut down on the cost of water supply and availability of the commodity in the County.

"We are using modern technology including having solar powered boreholes to cut down on the costs of supplying water," he said.

He revealed that his Administration has constructed a containerized water treatment plant in Chekalini, Lugari Sub County which serves over 22,000 people in the Sub



County and its environs.

"To cope with the effects of climate change, the County is rehabilitating dams, exploring ground water and also using appropriate modern technologies," he said.

KACWASCO acting CEO Madam Christabel Ashiono said her company is committed to supplying water to its consumers and increasing connectivity. She said the five million liter capacity water storage tank at Lirhanda in Shinyalu Sub County will help address the challenge of water shortage and rationing in Kakamega town.

"In areas we cannot supply water by gravity like in Butere, Malava and Lumakanda, we have opted to using boreholes which are well linked to the main water line to supply water to people," she added.

"We recognize the need to sustain humanity through provision of clean, safe and affordable water as an essential commodity as we strive to achieve our vision of being an effective and efficient water and sanitation service provider," said Madam Ashiono.

She requested the community to adopt a tree and take personal initiative to nurture the tree as one way of conserving the source of water.

"I thank our partners, stakeholders, consumers and all players in the water sector for their support towards the celebration and growth of the Company.

KACWASCO Strives For Zero Debts In The New Financial Year



Ag. CEO Advocate Christabel Ashiono addressing suppliers during a consultative meeting

Kakamega County Water and Sanitation Company (KACWASCO) Ag.CEO, Ms Christabel Ashiono has assured suppliers that the Company is committed to review measures in payments schedules to enhance efficiency. She urged the suppliers to continue working with the WSP despite delayed payments.

“We apologize for the delayed payments owed to our suppliers because of challenges which KACWASCO experienced during Covid-19 pandemic and technical issues of our facilities that

saw minimised supply of water services. However, we are committed to settling the payments,” said Madam Ashiono during a consultative meeting with the suppliers. She presented the Company’s debt management plan which was agreed upon by the suppliers. In the plan small debts will cleared in the next two months after which the Company will start clearing huge debts.

A resource mobilization strategy is also in place to manage the targets. She recognized the suppliers as key stakeholders for the growth of the Company as they play an

integral part in the operations and maintenance services of the Company.

She told the suppliers that the Company

is ready and willing to continue working with them promising a bright future.

“We value you as our key stakeholders and I urge you to continue working with us so that we achieve our desire of every resident of Kakamega County getting clean and safe water,” the CEO said.

The suppliers appreciated the CEO for the meeting promising to continue supplying their goods and services to the Company to enhance its operations and service delivery. They also thanked her for recognizing their role in the growth of the Company.

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At a Glance...

International Water Day



CECM Madam Rhodah Masaviru (L) with Ag. CEO KACWASCO Advocate Christabel Ashiono



CECM Madam Rhodah Masaviru (L) handing over tree seedlings to some of the beneficiaries



KACWASCO Staff following proceedings



KACWASCO staff dancing the Twist

Commisioning of Lwakhupa Water Treatment Plant



Ag. CEO KACWASCO Advocate Christabel Ashiono during the event at Lwakhupa



Some of Kakamega County Rural Water and Sanitation Company (KACRUSCO) Directors at the event