



Kakamega County Water And Sanitation Company



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Support Us To Enhance Water Supply In The County, CECM Water Asks Development Partners



CECM Rodah Masaviru During the WKWP Forum at Golf Hotel Kakamega

CECM for Water, Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change Mrs Rodah Masaviru has asked development partners to support the County Government achieve its target of having citizens access clean and safe water at their doorstep.

Speaking during a consultative forum on Western Kenya Water Project (WKWP), she urged the partners to support the Department in construction of water storage facilities, capacity building and addressing the high cost of water production.

“Our Governor H.E FCPA Fernandes Barasa has made it clear that water is among his top agenda and he wants every citizen to have water at their doorstep. To achieve this, we appeal to development partners to support us,”

said Mrs Masaviru.

She noted that the Governor is keen on solarization of water projects to cut on the cost of electricity and smart metering to address the challenge of non-revenue water.

Chief Officers; Eng Philip Otenyo (Water) and Mr Eugene Wamalwa (Environment) said WKWP initiative has come at the right time and will go a long way to help in addressing water challenges in the County.

KACWASCO Technical Manager P. Eng. Tech Celsus Shilehwa asked development partners to support the Company in infrastructure development to reduce high level of non-revenue water.

“We are currently upgrading our wa-

ter pipeline to deal with bursts and leakages. We need support in smart metering and digitization of our system on GIS to be able to monitor our pipelines to easily detect bursts and leakages,” said Mr Shilehwa.

Ms Mary Mariga (Customer Service Manager) said KACWASCO is still facing challenges of inadequate water production, dilapidated infrastructure, inadequate transport and meters, shortage of storage facilities and unmapped water pipeline.

Mr Bush Orondo (Water Quality Assurance Manager) said if KACWASCO gets a partner in smart metering, it will be able to deal with stuck meters which lead to estimated bills and achieve 100% metering.

WKWP initiative is sponsored by USAID.

Maji Safi, Maisha Bora - Quality Water, Healthy Livelihood

KACWASCO Changes Strategy To Address NRW

The Company has changed its strategy to curb the high rate of Non-Revenue Water (NRW) which currently stands at 44%.

Technical Manager P.Eng.Tech Celsus Shilehwa said part of the strategy is the ongoing upgrading of the old water pipeline to deal with constant pipe bursts and leakages.

“As a Company, we experience commercial losses as a result of water theft and stuck meters. We have plans to buy smart meters in bulk but we are limited with funds,” said Shilehwa.

He noted that the Company plans to have zonal and production smart meters to enable it account for every water produced.

He said the Company will also adopt water pressure monitoring to address the challenge of leakages as staff will be able to establish the problem at the comfort of their office.

“We want to digitize our system in GIS to be able to conduct water pipeline patrol so that we enhance accountability of our water. To achieve



P.Eng. Tech Celsus Shilehwa

these plans we need support from the County Government and development partners,” he said.

KACWASCO Conducts Performance Contract Reporting Training For Managers



Dr Henry Wati addressing managers during PC reporting training

The Company top managers have been asked to support the Performance Contract initiative to enable the Company improve and enhance its operational efficiency and service delivery.

Speaking during the Performance Contract training for the managers, Dr Henry Wati (Performance Contract expert) said performance contract is a freely negotiated agreement between the employer and employee to enhance performance.

“Signing of performance contracts

targets to improve accountability and transparency in operations and utilization of public resources,” said Dr Wati.

He said the Company should monitor and evaluate the performance contracts on a quarterly basis to identify and assess potential success and problems.

“Monitoring and evaluation improves programme implementation and quality of results. It also supports the decision making process for the Com-

pany,” he said.

Acting CEO Ms Christabell Ashiono initiated the PC performance and reporting to enhance staff capacity in dealing with matters related to Performance Contract.

According to the CEO performance contracting programme targets to ensure every staff meets his/her targets geared towards the Company’s performance in provision of clean and safe water and sanitation services.

Commercial and Finance Manager CPA Edwin Bukweye affirmed the commitment of the Company towards achieving its operational efficiency and revenue collection targets by ensuring staff achieve their set targets as per the performance contracts.

Mr Ezekiel Asera (ICT Manager), Ms Powell Mmbone (Internal Audit Manager/Monitoring and Evaluation Committee chairperson), Ms Carolyn Omoto (Procurement Manager), Ms Valerie Ngira (Chief Accountant), Area and Scheme Managers among other staff were present.

KACWASCO FC Humbles Kakamega Media FC 4-0 In A Friendly Match



KACWASCO scores first goal during KACWASCO FC VS Kakamega Media FC friendly match at Bukhungu Stadium

Kakamega Media FC coach Mr Kefa Juma has applauded KACWASCO FC for their exemplary performance in a friendly match that saw his team thrashed 4-0 at Bukhungu Stadium.

Speaking after the match, Kefa said their opponents out-shined them throughout the 90 minutes due to the experience that his team was lacking.

He urged his players not to tire but to keep on training in unity for them to avoid humiliation whenever they are called to participate in any competition.

“First, I want to thank KACWASCO for organizing such an entertaining friendly match to help us sharpen our skills and nurture talents within the County. My boys played well but just a few mistakes cost us which they need to work on for them to do better in future,” he said.

He added: “I also want to advice my *Maji Safi, Maisha Bora*

team that they should continue training and embrace team work for them to perform better in future.”

KACWASCO FC Team Manager Mr Benard Wandere promised that as a Company they will be organizing more of such matches to nurture talents in the society and also enhance a good working relationship between the Company and Kakamega County citizenry.

“I appreciate our Kakamega Media team for showing up to take part in this friendly. This is one way of strengthening the bond between us for mutual benefit. We call upon you as journalists to always be ready to help us improve on our service delivery. I want to assure you that we plan to have more

of such games so that we can be able to nurture the great talents amongst ourselves,” he noted.

Mr John Ogoti netted two goals with Ainea Andete and Yakin Mutekheli scoring a goal each to sink the Eric Ayiro captained Kakamega Media FC.

KACWASCO FC coach Mr Isaac Mare and Captain Athanus Masheti said the team will continue to work hard and play more friendlies in preparation for WASCO games next year.





KACWASCO FC Squad pose for a photo before the match



Kakamega Media FC Squad pose for a photo before the match



KACWASCO FC and Kakamega Media FC players greet each other ahead of the match

KACWASCO Targets To Increase Water Production



Mr Bush Orondo

The Company has asked development partners to support its plans to increase water production to address water shortage and rationing in Kakamega town.

According to Mr Bush Orondo, the Company's Water Quality Assurance Manager, the Company's Production Plant at Tindinyo in Nandi County is able to 13,000 cubic meters of water per day to be supplied to Kakamega town and its environs.

He said of the produced water, Kakamega town gets 9,000 cubic meters of water against a demand of 14,000 cubic meters.

"What we produce and what we can account for is way below the demand of water in Kakamega. We need partners to help us increase water production at Tindinyo," said Mr Orondo.

He noted that with 44% loss of water, it further complicates matters in addressing water shortage.

However, he said with construction of a 5,000 cubic meter water storage tank at Lirhanda, the Company will be able to address water rationing in Kakamega town.



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