

Water Principle Secretary (PS) visits TAWWDA.

SUMMARY

- Courtesy call to CEO Tawwda ,County Commissioner and Kitui County Governor.
- Visit to Masinga-Kitui Water and Sewerage Project components, Kitui Town sewerage treatment and Kwa- Ngindu Tanks
- Visit to Umaa Dam.
- Visit to Kiambere –Mwingi last Mile Connectivity project.



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati received the PS for Water and Sanitation, Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono when he paid a courtesy call to Tanathi Water Works Development Agency offices on Friday 13th. January 2023.



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick T. Mwamati introduces members of TAWWDA Management to PS, Dr. Paul K. Rono

The National Water and Sewerage Principal Secretary Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono on Friday 13th January 2023 visited Tawwda to assess the water situation in the county. He was accompanied by the Water Secretary Eng. Alima. The PS held meeting with the CEO, Eng. Fredrick Tito Mwamati, Eng. Alima, the Water Secretary and representatives from various departments in the Ministry of Water.

The PS later paid a courtesy call to the Kitui County Commissioner, Mr Erastus Mbui and Kitui County governor H.E Dr. Julius Malombe.

The discussion touched on various issues on how to improve water and sewerage services. The PS said there is need to tackle water problem in Kitui County once and for all. He outlined plans by his ministry on improving the water situation as envisaged in the Government Water Master plan. The PS said his ministry had identified critical water projects to be implementing across the County so as to improve the water situation and tame the

historical water shortage in the county. The National Government through the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation implements water and Sewerage programmes in Kitui County through Tanathi Water Works Development Agency (TAWWDA). The Agency covers the four counties of Kitui, Machakos, Kajiado and Makueni.

The PS said his ministry through TAWWDA will increase the water supply volumes for Masinga –Kitui Water and Sewerage Project by increasing the capacity of water at the intake upto 18000m³ .The PS further said through water for schools programme more boreholes would be drilled to give water to the schools and the surrounding communities. This was to go along with proper methods of water harvesting by doing small dams and pans. The PS congratulated TAWWDA for introducing use of solar power in their project designs. He said power is very expensive and solarisation will go a long way in bringing down the cost of projects. He encouraged the Agency to redesign their water projects to include solar power and use of gravity to reduce cost of water pumping. The PS further asked the Agency to put more emphasis on last mile connectivity and focus more on increasing house hold connectivity that community water Kiosks. The issue of vandalism and Non-revenue water was addressed too. The PS called for a joint approach by all the players. He asked the office of the County Commissioner and the County government to work together in dealing with those vandalizing the water infrastructure and the management of illegal water connections. The PS said the ministry aims to see non-revenue water reduced from 52% to 2% within two years. There was a signing of a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) on joint work on controlling non-revenue water losses, reconstruction of water infrastructures and the need to replace the current meters with smart meters. The signing of the MOU was witnessed by the Water Secretary Eng. Alima and TAWWDA CEO Eng. Mwamati.

During the visit to the County Commissioner, Mr. Erastus Mbui, explained the Water situation in the County and how water scarcity has contributed to insecurity and breach of law in some areas. The PS urged the County Commissioner to enforce law and order authoritatively.



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati, the PS Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono, Water Secretary Eng. Alima and officials from various Water sector institutions paid a courtesy call to the Kitui County Commissioner Mr. Erastus Mbui.



Accompanied by TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati and the Water Secretary, Eng. Alima the PS, Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono paid a courtesy call to Kitui County Governor H.E Dr. Julius Malombe.



The Water PS, Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono signing a Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Kitui County Governor, H.E Dr. Julius Malombe. TAWWDA CEO, the Water Secretary and the County Commissioner were present.



PS for Water and Sanitation Dr.Paul Kiprono Rono and H.E Dr.Julius Malombe display the signed MOU. The MOU is on joint work on controlling non-revenue water losses, reconstruction of water infrastructures and the need to replace the current meters with smart meters

Later the PS visited some projects implemented by Tanathi Water Works Development Agency (TAWWDA).He visited Kitui Town ponds constructed under Masinga- Kitui Water and Sewerage Project. The plant is complete and last mile connectivity project is ongoing. This project component is being implemented by Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA)



TAWWDA CEO, Eng. Fredrick T. Mwamati leads the PS for Water and Sanitation Dr. Paul Kirono Rona and the Kitui County Governor H.E Dr. Julius Malombe visited Kitui town sewerage treatment plant. In the team were senior ministry official and members of Tawwda Management and the County Government.



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati and PS Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono listen to Kitwasco MD Mr. Kitonga during the visit to Kitui Town Sewerage Plant.



TAW/WDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati takes the PS Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono and Kitui Governor H.E Dr. Julius Malombe to Kwa-Ngindu Tank. This is a component of Masinga-Kitui Water and Sewerage Project with a capacity of 15000m³



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati, TAWWDA GM-ID Eng . F.Siva, the PS, Dr. Paul Rono, Kitui County Governor H.E Dr. Julius Malombe, County commissioner, Erastus Mbui and other officers listen to KITWASCO MD Mr Kitonga during the visit to Kwa Ngindu Tank.

The PS later visited the stalled Umaa dam project. Officials from National Water Harvesting Authority who were part of the visit had a hard time explaining why the project had stalled and why it even costs more to revive it. The PS said the Consultants, SMEC had done studies of the project and his Ministry is considering allocating funds to finish up the project.



The Water PS, Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono visited the Stalled Umaa Dam. He was accompanied by TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati and the Kitui County Governor H.E Dr. Julius Malombe.

Finally the PS visited Kiambere –Mwingi last mile connectivity project. The scope of works contracted was to get water from Kiambere-Mwingi main line GPS (N 9921135.66, E 398815.11 Z 996.25m, 1No. Booster station, Raising main, Water tanks (3No. 225m³ Ground Masonry Tanks, 10M³ and 100m³ Elevated steel tanks), Distribution line, 4No. Water kiosks STD valve chambers and marker post, thrust and anchor blocks.



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati gives a brief of Kiambere –Mwingi Last mile Connectivity project to the PS, Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono, the Water Secretary Eng. Alima and H.E Dr. Julius Malombe, the Kitui County Governor.



TAWWDA CEO, Eng Fredrick Mwamati, PS, Dr. Paul Kiprono Rono, Water Secretary Eng. Alima listen to the area MP Eng. Nzengu as he explains how the community has benefited from the Project.

The PS urged all the stakeholder in water sector to work together to deliver water to the people. He thanked everyone for making the day a success.