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Editor's Note



Carlos Cheluget

This publication has, for the past three issues, been a vehicle for delivering timely and thoughtful information and opinions on matters of Water and Sanitation.

The 4th issue of the Valley H₂O Newsletter brings a good serving on the Agency's newly launched strategic Plan.

It gives the history, current and future of the Agency; concentrating on excellent service delivery as recommended and guided by the Strategic Plan.

We continue to give attention and interest from the technical and human-interest angle while shedding more light on our new county of Laikipia as we continue to grow our stakeholder relations.

We also look at the progress and achievements we have made in West Pokot County in the implementation and now the completion of the Chepareria Sewerage Project which is expected to solve the sanitation problem that leads to the recurrence of waterborne diseases.

As I continue thanking you for reading and interacting with us over the past edition and looking forward to many more, I remind the readership that all the reads as well as other activities the Agency is undertaking are accessible on our social media platforms.

I hope you will find this issue entertaining and enriching.

Karibu Sana!

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Chairman's Statement



Amb. Boniface Muhia
Chairman.

"The launch of the strategic plan marks a major milestone for the Agency, being a major public sector management tool, for the year running from 2021 to 2026.

We have ensured that the Plan is aligned with all the National Government's programs and the Vision 2030. The Agency acknowledges the importance of water in actualizing Vision 2030, and that access to the commodity is a basic human right.

It is in this effort that the Agency, through the strategic plan, enhances accountability by instituting performance measurement, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, and risk management, in public affairs.

The Agency shall continue to adhere to the principles of good corporate governance, and foster the commitment of all staff members. As a Board, we will ensure the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan."

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

"Our 2021-2026 Strategic Plan and the subsequent Business Plan form our promise to more than five million people who we are entrusted to serve in our area of jurisdiction.

The strategic plan has helped create a result-oriented roadmap by identifying the following key result areas: Effective resources mobilization and prudent utilization; enhancement of institutional framework and capacity; and customer and stakeholder management.

The plan will be cascaded downwards into functional strategies and implemented through annual budgets and work plans, with clear performance targets.

To all our stakeholders who contributed either directly or indirectly toward the successful preparation of this Strategic Plan, we thank you most sincerely and encourage you to partner with us in its implementation."



Eng. Samuel Oruma
Chief Executive Officer.

The Agency's Focused Vision Journey



STRATEGIC PLAN 2021~2026 LAUNCH

CRVWWDA top management display the Strategic Plan and Business Plan during the launch.

Developing a Strategic Plan seems a tedious and costly procedure to many organizations. The transformation emanating from contemporary development in the business arena is fast choking corporates that pause to question where they are coming from and heading to. CRVWWDA took the path of defining its vision for the future and identifying its goals and objectives by preparing and developing a Strategic Plan as a pointer to its focus for the year 2021~2026.

The successful journey of preparing the Strategic Plan aimed at enhancing efficiency for the smooth running of the business of the Agency to a degree of setting and achieving performance targets and/or strategic objectives, improving decision making, allocating and utilizing public resources efficiently and effectively while complying with legal and policy obligations commenced in August 2019.

Though rigorous a process, the development of the strategic plan faced setbacks that included logistical challenges during the Covid -19 pandemic. This notwithstanding, the Agency ensured the process of developing, approving and adopting the 2021- 26 Strategic Plan and Business Plan were participatory with a result of deliverables which included:

1. *Baseline survey report on Key Performance Indicators and water infrastructure gaps.*
2. *End Term Evaluation Report for the Interim strategic plan – 2015 to 2021.*
3. *Strategic Plan 2021 to 2026*
4. *Business Plan – 2021 to 2026.*

Notably, the process of arriving at the final document was comprehensive as no step was left out. This comprehensive process had a series of planned fora generated to assess, review and approve the contents that made it to the strategic plan, the convention included:

1. *Presentation of Inception report on the inception meeting.*
2. *Stakeholder engagement meetings held at County levels including focus group discussions and face to face interviews carried out by the consultant.*
3. *Strategy development meetings held with the Board of Directors, Management and all staff.*
4. *A forum for the Board of Directors to validate the strategic plan and business plan.*
5. *A forum for staff to validate the strategic plan and business plan.*
6. *A forum for general stakeholders to validate the strategic plan and business plan.*
7. *The final strategic plan and business plan were submitted to the State Department for Planning for review.*

It is important to note, Strategic plan is a public sector management tool that enhances accountability by ensuring the success of risk management, monitoring, reporting and evaluation for results in public affairs.

The successful launch of the Strategic Plan and Business plan means directing all focus and effort towards achieving Dependable Water Sanitation Infrastructure which remains the Agency's common goal.

6 MILLION LITERS AS PRESIDENT UHURU KENYA COMMISSIONS THE MUCH-AWAITED NAIVASHA INDUSTRIAL PARK.

H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, then President of Kenya, enjoys clean running water during the commissioning of NIP.



The Naivasha Industrial Park in Mai Mahiu is set to get more than six million litres of water daily following its commissioning by then-President Uhuru Kenya. With more than 100 local and foreign investors from countries like India, Europe, the United State of America (USA), the Netherlands, China, Sri Lanka and Thailand are planning to set up shops at the planned Naivasha industrial park.

The dry port facility is part of Kenya's Vision 2030 which will ease the transportation and handling of goods in Kenya by reducing congestion at the port of Mombasa. However, the main purpose the Government of Kenya established the Park was to facilitate the uptake of raw materials locally available within the region for export.

Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWWDA) implemented the Naivasha Industrial Park Water Project which is expected to supply water to the 45,000 square meter facilities (Inland Container Depot-ICD) in Naivasha. The Naivasha Special Economic Zone (SEZ) will receive continuous water through the newly completed and commissioned water system. In addition to water supply, the project improves wastewater management in the Naivasha SEZ including reticulation and effluent disposal systems.

The Water Project is intended to create a completely smooth

operation to support the various economic activities within the Industrial park community. The one-billion development project included the abstraction of water from the 5 boreholes in Naivasha along the Nakuru-Nairobi highway, to the pumping system near Moi South lake road junction, 4,500,000 litres Main masonry reservoir tank near Longonot along Naivasha - Mai Mahiu Road, Gravity pipeline from the Main tank at Longonot to the Elevated Steel Water Tanks at the Industrial Park and construction of water kiosks to supply the local communities.

Speaking to the Nakuru CECM-Water, Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Eng. Festus Ng'eno indicated the Park will open Nakuru County as a commercial Hub in the country and in East Africa Community. *"The Water Project plays a major role in enabling the smooth operation of the NIP. I commend CRVWWDA for the timely delivery of the Project that will boost industrial development in the County,"* He said.

The Chief Executive Officer –Eng. Samuel Oruma said the flagship Water Project will raise the volume of clean water supply to the growing demand of the industrial area in an effort to ensure access to sufficient water and solve the water challenges that are predictable in the growth of the Park. Addressing wananchi during the commissioning, Uruhu Kenyatta urged the locals to safeguard such flagship projects that aim at improving their living standards long-term.

Laikipia County Engages CRVWWDA on Ongoing and Upcoming Projects



Agency's CEO Eng. Samuel Oruma doing a presentation during a Stakeholders Engagement meeting in Laikipia County

Considered as where Kenya's most encouraging conservation success stories unfold, Laikipia faces its fair share of challenges when we reason; water and sanitation.

It is factual that accessibility and availability of water is a fundamental human right in Kenya. However, residents from the expansive Laikipia County still narrate painful tales of their struggles in a bid to combat the pangs of drought and access to clean water.

Lately, the Governor Laikipia County HE. Joshua Irungu hosted a delegation of Engineers from the Agency to a stakeholder's engagement meeting, a platform where the Agency's CEO Eng. Samuel Oruma highlighted all ongoing projects under programs namely; National Water Conservation and Ground Water Exploitation program, Public Priority, Cross County program, Water for Schools, Dam Water projects and Drought Mitigation program not forgetting the proposed water projects in Laikipia County it being the most recent area of its jurisdiction.

In an endeavor to solve the water purge in Laikipia County, the Agency has fixed its focus on the Multi-Billion Rumuruti Dam whose completion will mean supply of over 25 million liters of water for domestic and irrigation use. The project that is at Expression of Interest stage entail; construction of dam, raw water gravity main, expansion of treatment works and rehabilitation and extension of distribution network.

The CEO emphasized the able capacity and expertise of the Agency in the implementation of these projects and pledged his commitment to ensure the projects are completed within the stipulated time.

The greatness of Laikipia County will blossom to economic growth with availability and portability of this resource.

WE ARE A TEAM AND AS SUCH WE REMAIN The CEO's Luncheon.

It's the Agency's culture to come together annually to deliberate on the concerns of the staff and come up with a possible solution.

The bonding session was aimed at bringing the staff together and motivating them to rely on one another in accomplishing the tasks. The culture is also meant to make progress easier (the lubrication) and allows the group to overcome obstacles that would have stymied an individual.

This year's Chief Executive Officer's luncheon was held on 23rd September, 2022 with ways to generate ideas viable for screening by the management that would help in matters of creating a vibrant motivating staff being top of the Agenda.

Officers were given a chance to express some of the matters that hindered them from performing various tasks in regard to their specific job descriptions among other concerns.

The CEO, Eng. Samuel Oruma addressed all the issues that had been raised and gave key remedies to some while promising that more solutions were being sought after.

The event ended on a high note with the cake-cutting ceremony that was a symbol of the Agency's unity.

ANOTHER WIN AS CRVWWDA COMPLETES YET ANOTHER OF THE AFDB PROJECT.



Haunching sewerline in Chepareria Hospital

Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency reports another milestone as the second of the flagship projects nears completion despite facing several challenges in its initial phase.

Implemented by CRVWWDA, the much-awaited Chepareria Sewerage Project stands at an overall Progress rate of 95% and is expected to be complete by mid-July 2022 unlocking the business potential for the thousands of small-scale traders in the region.

Residents of Chepareria Town and its environs in West Pokot County are set to benefit from improved and sustained sanitation infrastructure following the near completion of the construction of the Chepareria Sewerage System

The multi-billion project is an endeavour funded jointly by the national Government of Kenya and the African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Kenya Town Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program (KTSWSSP).

The Agency boasts of being the first of the three clusters in the country to complete its project namely the Narok Sewerage System and handing it over to

Narok Water and sanitation Company mid-last year. The Chapareria Sewerage system is the first of its kind in West Pokot County with many depending on exhauster. Before the project, residents in the area relied on septic tanks that would fill up and overflow into estate roads and paths; and the town choked on the bad stench emanating from pools of unmanaged sewers.

Speaking to our reporter, the now outgoing County Executive Committee Member- Water, Environment and Natural resources Mr Charles Lochero stated the AfDB-funded project is expected to catalyze commercial activities, drive economic growth, improve the quality of life and build resilience against climate variability and change.

Mr Lochero identified that the targeted towns benefiting from the project are ready to exploit the strategic opportunities availed by the completion of the project.

“The Project is about to open the County to investors and we expect opportunities to rise to uplift the County. In addition, the project will reduce the waterborne diseases that are experienced frequently during the rainy season and help the County save on revenue.

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A HIGHLIGHT OF EXCELLENCE ON EVALUATION OF THE 18TH CYCLE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT FY 2021/2022



The Agency's top management receive a certificate after PSPMMU Evaluation.

In an endeavor to improve service delivery in the Public Service, Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWDA) has a reason to smile after excellently scoring in the successfully completed 18th Cycle Performance Contract FY 2021/2022 Evaluation. This Evaluation was conducted by a delegation from the Public Service Performance Management and Monitoring Unit (PSPMMU) led by Felistus Mbuva.

Since the adoption of the Performance Contracting in 2004 to improve service delivery to the public, the delegation commended the Agency for its improvement from a 'Very Good' to an 'Excellent' score for the first time over the years and applauded the effort and unity put by the Management and staff.

Performance Contracting (PC) being a key accountability tool, the Government continues to use it to improve service delivery. PC is part of the broader public sector reforms aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness in the management of the public service.

The aim of the developing the PC guidelines is to support the Ministries, Departments and Agencies by identifying their performance indicators and annual targets undertaking negotiations and vetting, review of the vetted PC and its implementation. In addition, it also ensures standardization in application of the PC process in the development of the PCs.

Speaking during the Evaluation, the Chairman pledged the full commitment of the Agency to consistently post impressive performance through active participation and professionalism by the Management and staff. He also pledged to implement the upcoming PC targets as well as develop innovative and new ideas for quality service delivery.

Another Win as Crvwda Completes Yet Another of The Afdb Project.

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The Project is among the key enabler of the big four agenda and blueprint for the vision of 2030.

CRVWDA's Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Samuel Oruma disclosed that KTSWSSP is envisaged to provide more than 2.1 million people with reliable and sustainable water supply services and more than 1.3 million people with water-borne sewerage systems.

"In addition, the program created more than 15,000 employments during and after its implementation," he pointed out.

Eng. Oruma noted that improved water access and sanitation will further boost Kenya's rapid urbanization, which drives Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth, economic transformation, increases in productivity and incomes, and employment creation.

PICTORIAL



The Agency's Chairman Amb. Boniface Muhia gives an address to the guest during the launch.



CRVWDA's CEO Eng. Samuel Oruma gives a summary brief of the Strategic Plan during the launch.



Moi Pri. Sch. Kabarak pupils perform a skit during the launch.



From Left; Agency's Chairman Amb. Boniface Muhia, Nakuru DG. H.E Hon. David Kones, Agency's CEO Eng. Samuel Oruma, and MWSI representative Mr. Rolex Kirui display the Strategic Plan.



CRVWDA's stakeholders display the strategic plan.



The chief guest Hon. David Kones and the Ministry representative Mr. Kirui joins the Agency's Top Management in cutting the Strategic Plan cake.



Agency's Chairman Amb. Boniface Muhia serves Dir.



Agency's Chairman Amb. Boniface Muhia hands over an appreciation gift pack to Nakuru DG. H.E David Kones.

ATTACHMENT EXPERIENCE AT CRVWDA.

My name is Arnold Wakho, I recently completed my four-year term at Kabarak University undertaking a Degree in Mass Communication.

After concluding my academic units at the University, I got the privilege of undertaking my post-attachment at Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency (CRVWDA) in the Corporate Communications Division (CCD) under the supervision of the Agency's Manager- Corporate Communication Mr. Carlos Cheluget.

The CCD is one of the twelve divisions in the Central Rift Valley Water Works Development Agency under the Corporate Services Department and operates under Agency's Strategic Objective no. 5 which aims at enhancing the Agency's institutional capacity for effective corporate performance.

The Corporate Communications Division implements effective communications strategies and advice the Chief Executive Officer on matters of public relations and communications as well as assisting him on protocol issues.

I started my attachment on the 26th of August, 2022 with an expectation to apply skills and knowledge obtained from my University.

In the short stint, I participated in the preparation of the Agency's Strategic Plan Launch, stakeholders Engagement forums and Project site inspections. During these corporate events, I was tasked with the responsibility of documenting all the functions by taking photographs and videos, ensuring the venues were well branded with the Agency's Promotional Materials, and writing some of the Memos among other duties.

My experience in the organization has so far been insightful and enlightening, to say the least. The staff are supportive and generous in offering needed guidance.

By the end of my attachment period, I hope to have improved my skills in photography, report writing and digital marketing which are of great value to the Agency.

I am really thankful to the Organization for giving me a chance to be part of them and giving me an opportunity to learn more and a platform to apply my knowledge.

DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS

Indoor Water Conservation.

A drought is a period of abnormally dry weather that persists long enough to produce a serious hydrologic imbalance causing crop damage and shortage in water supply.

With the current meteorological drought being witnessed in the country, water preservation is highly recommended; below are steps you can employ for indoor water conservation.

- *Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects, and other similar waste in trash raters than toilet.*
- *Take short showers; turn on water to get wet and lather and again to rinse off.*
- *Avoid letting water run while brushing your teeth or shaving.*
- *Place a bucket in the shower to trap excess water for watering the plants.*
- *Hand wash dishes by filling 2 containers one with soapy water and the other with rinse water.*
- *Clean vegetables in a pan filled with water rather than running water from the tap.*
- *Avoid using running water to thaw frozen foods.*
- *Avoid using a handheld hose while washing your car. Instead, use a bucket.*
- *Avoid leaving sprinklers or hoses unattended.*
- *Water your lawn only when needed and avoid over watering it.*
- *Put a layer of mulch around tress and plants to reduce evaporation and keep the soil cool.*
- *Choose water efficient irrigation system such as drip irrigation for your kitchen garden, flowers and trees.*
- *Restrict children from using recreational water toys.*
- *Never pour water down the drain when there maybe another use for the same. Instead, water indoor plants or garden.*
- *Choose appliances that are water efficient.*

The Agency's Social Hub



The Agency's CEO Eng. Samuel Oruma hosted all staff to a luncheon in a bid to motivate and create a vibrant staff.



The Agency's staff unite over mbuzi choma during a thanksgiving ceremony for the healing of Eng. Philip Kimeli's mother. The party was held at her home, Radat in Baringo County.



*No project comes together without
the support of a vast network of people.
The Agency wishes to acknowledge and appreciate
the input of all stakeholders who selflessly contributed to the
successful development of the Strategic plan and Business
Plan
2021 ~ 2026.*

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