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KEWI partners with NGAAF to address Water Issues in Marginalized Areas



KEWI CEO
Dr. Leiro Letangule
EBS,
and
NGAAF CEO
Mr. Roy Sasaka
Talewa, OGW,
signing the
Memorandum of
Understanding at
NGAAF Offices in
ABSA Towers, Nairobi.

BY DORINE EVA

The Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) and the National Government Affirmative Action Fund (NGAAF), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that seeks to support national development goals as outlined in the Bottom-up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA) and Vision 2030.

With the objective of the MoU being to establish a

framework for collaboration between KEWI and NGAAF with an intent to synergize efforts in addressing the socio-economic challenges faced by the vulnerable groups, both organizations also aim to empower women, youth, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), needy children, and elderly persons by providing training, capacity building, research, outreach programs, and consultancy services.

The partnership further underscores a commitment to

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to prioritize projects that ensure sustainable and equitable access to water for the marginalized communities consequently addressing the specific needs of the marginalized and thus creating a more inclusive and resilient water infrastructure.

By focusing on these communities, the partnership will largely enhance accessibility, promote empowerment and contribute to a more just and sustainable water management system.

With KEWI dominating the training and research space in the water sector, training programs will be extended to the community with an aim to cultivate a culture of ownership and responsibility, fostering sustainability in water-related initiatives.

The MoU further seeks to equip individuals with the necessary tools and understanding; envisioning a positive impact on localities across Kenya. The training programs will not only focus on technical aspects but also emphasize the importance of community participation and engagement in sustaining water resources.

Further, by combining their

expertise and resources, the two organizations aim to develop a comprehensive



understanding of the multifaceted issues affecting water access and quality in marginalized areas through research.

The joint research endeavors will prioritize evidence-based solutions to inform effective policy interventions.

Through rigorous investigation and analysis, the collaboration will seek to uncover the root causes of water-related challenges in vulnerable communities, fostering a holistic approach to addressing the pressing issues at hand.

Both KEWI and NGAAF

will leverage their respective strengths, aspiring to contribute to sustainable and equitable solutions that will positively impact

the lives of those facing water scarcity and quality concerns.

In his remarks, KEWI CEO Dr. Leiro Letangule EBS, emphasized on KEWI's commitment to pursue to the end its

end of the bargain, recognizing the critical role that water plays in the sustainable development of communities.

The partnership signifies a commitment to bridging the gap between research, policy, and community action. KEWI and NGAAF believe that by working together, they can amplify the impact of their initiatives, leading to transformative changes that empower vulnerable communities and ensure their access to clean and reliable water sources.

KEWI Hosts Gender Mainstreaming for Women in Water and Sanitation Workshop



BY PIUS KIMANI

Participation of Women in the Kenyan Water and Sanitation Sector (PWASS) a partnership project between Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) and a host of other partners successfully completed a 3 day training on Gender Mainstreaming at KEWI, Nairobi Campus.

The training that brought together professionals from various organizations that address water issues, addressed some of the women-related challenges in the water sector through improved representation of their interests in the water sectors stakeholder space and more effective education measures.

Dr. Annabel Waititu, the expert trainer during the workshop, and who is the Founding Partner and Vice

President of Programs at Big Five Africa (Bfa) extensively took the participants through various aspects that showcased best practices from successful gender mainstreaming initiatives.

Participants were trained on the impact of gender norms on water and sanitation services and local and international legal frameworks that guide the activities.

The training which sought to address the disparities that are within the water sector, helped participants analyze the challenges that women practitioners go through on their daily operations, by sharing success stories of gender-responsive initiatives and introduction of gender analysis and mainstreaming of policies and projects, especially in institutions as

they are a commendable spaces that can help drive the change in regards to strengthening women leadership.

With women feeling the blunt of segregation and lack of inclusiveness and especially in the water sector, the training was timely as experienced professionals in the field of water and gender management helped in advancing and understanding the importance of promoting gender equality and empowering women in water and sanitation field.

PWASS, a partnership of Bildungswerk der Bayerischen Wirtschaft (bbw) gGmbH, Women in Water and Sanitation Association (WIWAS), Kenya Water Institute (KEWI) and Water and Sanitation Providers Association (WASPA) advocates for enhanced inclusion of women and overall gender mainstreaming for women in water and sanitation sector.

This is by identifying and using performance indicators as a mean to monitoring and evaluating gender responsiveness and also introducing gender analysis and mainstreaming in policies and projects by use of gender disaggregated data.

Kisumu Campus explores Opportunities with County Officials



Officials from the County Government of Kisumu and The National Lands Commission, during a visit at KEWI Kisumu Campus.

local market and the wider Kisumu region. This foresighted approach aligns with the institution's commitment to providing quality education and contributing to the socio-economic

development of the community

BY EBININO RONIEX

Kewi Kisumu Campus experienced a significant occasion with a courtesy call from distinguished representatives of The Kisumu County Office, Mr. Protus Appida, The National Land Commission, Dr. Elijah Letangule, Mr. Fredrick Mwanza and Mr. Sospeter Ohanya.

This collaborative meeting served as a platform to discuss the current state and future prospects of Kisumu Campus, shedding light on crucial aspects that could shape its growth and development. It

was noted that there is potential that the Campus holds in attracting of students and there by necessitating the need for enhanced facilities to accommodate the potential increase in demand.

During the engaging discussion, the stakeholders explored the possibilities of securing a suitable piece of land that would not only meet the immediate requirements of the Campus, but also lay the foundation for its future progress and expansion. The acquisition of strategic land was identified as a pivotal step in the broader vision of Kisumu Campus, as it aspires to extend its reach into the

it serves.

As Kisumu Campus looks beyond its current boundaries, the collaboration with the County Office, National Land Commission, and the Ministry of Water, Sanitation, and Irrigation signifies a collective effort to pave the way for a thriving educational institution. The potential acquisition of land and development of state-of-the-art facilities underscores the commitment of all involved parties to empower Kisumu Campus in becoming a key player in education, not only locally but also in the broader regional landscape.

KEWI Chiakariga Campus Intensifies its Student Enrolment Quest



Principal Gaseraka Mixed Day Secondary School Mr. Bernard Mwobobia with KEWI Chiakariga Campus Marketing Team.

BY KORIR KIPKIRUI

Kenya Water Institute, Chiakariga Campus Principal, Mr. Paul Rarieya, has appointed Mr. Enoch Ayacko and Ms. Florence Njeri, both lecturers at the Campus to spearhead the newly constituted marketing team alongside other staff. Seen as a strategy to increase students' enrolment in the Campus, the team will take advantage of the recently released KCSE results and seek to convert into KEWI students potential learners to take up courses offered at the Campus.

This move to constitute a

Marketing Team echoes the calls by Deputy Director Academic Affairs Mr. Eric Wamiti of using all strategies to improve and increase the number of students joining the institution. Mr. Wamiti who had recently visited the Campus had encouraged both the management and staff to be innovative and proactive in marketing the institute.

While constituting the team, Mr. Rarieya encouraged every staff to make an effort to market the institute at their individual capacities so as to increase the awareness of the courses offered at the

Campus.

"This exercise is meant to increase and bolster the Campus sustainability both in short term and long term courses as this will translate to improved and overall benefits for all of us" He added.

Hitting the ground running, the team kick started its activities, targeting neighboring schools in the Sub-County, an exercise which involved brief discussions with the school heads and career masters, and zeroed in on learners, informing them about the courses offered at the Campus.

Among the schools visited within Chiakariga locality were Gacheraka Mixed Day Secondary School, Nkarini Mixed Secondary School, Tunyai Secondary School, Chiakariga Girls Secondary School and Chiakariga Mixed Day Secondary School

The school heads encouraged the marketing team to increase the marketing efforts since it would not only help boost the student enrolment but also increase the Campus visibility in the Sub County and the larger Mt. Kenya region.

Round Up of the Week's Events



Moments during KEWI and NGAAF MOU signing.



Moments during Gender Mainstreaming for Women in Water and Sanitation Workshop.

Quote of the Week

“Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work.”
 -Seth Godin.

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- Water Supply
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