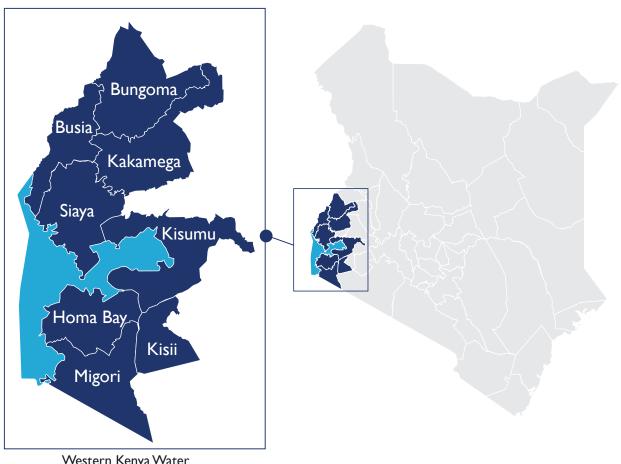


USAID Western Kenya Water Project Milestones (Upto June 2023)

USAID Western Kenya Water Project (WKWP) is supporting the Government of Kenya and the County Governments of Bungoma, Busia, Homabay, Kakamega, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, and Siaya to increase sustained access to water services while enabling better management of water resources. The project brings together the different components critical to county-wide sustained service delivery. These components are urban and rural water services, water resources management, and good governance and financing strategies.

The project aims to provide basic drinking water services to over 500,000 Kenyans, improve service quality to over 350,000 Kenyans, and improve water resource management for the benefit of 300,000 Kenyans by the end of five years. It will help mobilize USD \$15 million in new public and private sector funding for the benefit of the sector.

COUNTIES OF OPERATION



Western Kenya Water Project (WKWP) Counties Project Offices

WKWP GOAL

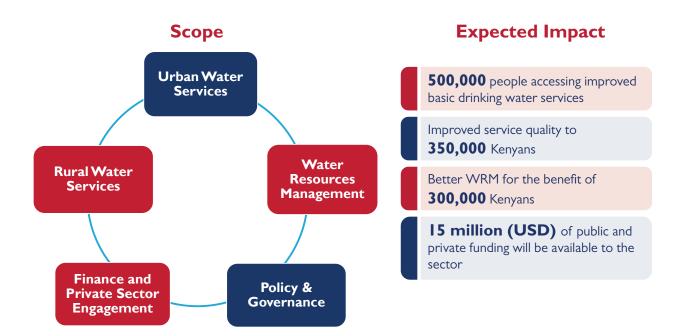


To increase the availability and access to water services in Western Kenya while enabling better management of water resources

WKWP OBJECTIVES

- To increase the ability of eight county governments and service providers to deliver good quality, reliable, and safe water services to urban, peri-urban, and rural populations
- To strengthen the systems within which providers operate—including governance, financing, and WRM—building a foundation for continued, sustained improvements in county water services
- To support sector inclusivity, by helping to create channels for increased participation and meaningful engagement of the private sector, women, and youth

INVESTMENT: US\$ 24M - PERIOD: 2022-2027





URBAN WATER SERVICES MILESTONES

The project in collaboration with the county governments supports urban water service providers in designing and implementing roadmaps for improvement to structure a realistic and iterative sequence of better customer service and increased revenue, leading to new finance needed for infrastructure improvements and expanded coverage.

People Annual Target **People Accessing Water Against**



47,362 against the annual target of 50,000 people accessing basic drinking

Water Utilities Capacity Needs Identified



Water utilities corporate governance training needs identified

Urban Water Utility Strategic Plan Development 2023-2028



for MIWASCO, GWASCO KACWASCO & KIWASCO to steer the utilities to a strategic path for the next five years

Water Projects Prioritized for Infrastructure Development



in eight counties through technical assessments. (17 Urban 21Rural)

Water Utilities Board of Directors Recruited



For KACWASCO, KACRUWASCO & BUWASSCO. Provided guidance & training on the recruitment procedure to ensure compliance with WASREB's regulations

Urban Water Utilities' Internal Policies Reviewed



These include Metering policy, Business Plans, Customer Service Charter, pro-poor policy and marketing plan, non revenue water policy among others to improve operations efficiency and performance



RURAL WATER SERVICES MILESTONES

The project enables the identification and development of service delivery models appropriate to the rural operating context of each county.

Conducted Survey of a Baseline of **Rural Water Schemes**



rural water schemes aimed at establishing gaps, to inform the design of capacity

Staff Trained on WASREB Rural **Water Management Guidelines** & Service Delivery Models



County and Water development agencies staff from eight counties

SDMs Technical Working Groups

Rural Water Enterprises Received Business Development Services Support



In six counties based on the gaps identified during the assessments of the projects to improve performance

Established To support the identification and implementation of the Service Delivery Models (SDMs)



VATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT MILESTONES

The project in collaboration with the county governments, and water resource authority, focuses on increased data availability and data systems to address the lack of sector coordination among upstream and downstream actors; insufficient data to frame dialogue, advocacy, and action; gaps in enforcement andlack of incentives; and capacity gaps at all levels of water resources management.



WRUAS Trained on Effective WRM Practices



Water Resources Users Associations (WRUAs) trained to protect and restore catchment areas in eight counties



Water Safety Plans Developed (Drafts)



For KIWASCO, SIBOWASCO, and BUWASSCO to manage risks and ensure drinking-water safety, from catchment to consumer

Stakeholders and Sector Networks Mapped



122 (95M and 27 F) WRM stakeholders' and existing networks mapped to inform establishing and strengthening coordination platforms



WRUAs' Catchment Management Plans analyzed and Recommendations Provided



26 WRUAs' Catchment Management Plans analyzed, recommendations provided, and scheduled for training



FINANCE AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT MILESTONES

The project works with private sector players, banks, and microfinance institutions to leverage private financing for community water infrastructure projects and working capital loan facilities for water enterprises—creating demonstration models for growth.

Financial Institutions and Partners Identified



Including their product offering, terms, and conditions. Technical sessions are ongoing for a possible partnership to finance the delivery of water services in eight counties



Non-Disclosure Agreements signed



with private sector partners and financiers to increase investments in water of \$3.7 Million



Urban Water Utilities Creditworthiness **Assessment Conducted**



For NYAWASCO, HOMAWASCO, & MIWASCO to measure their financial stability, indicating the utility risk of default when granted



\$58,200

Equivalent to 3.46% of the target cost share sum of \$1,680,000 (between Sept 2022-June 2023)

Allocation

Saved in Cost Share

Million Solution Grant Facility **Implementation Framework** Developed



To stimulate context-specific, blended financing structures in partnership with public, private, or philanthropic actors



POLICY AND GOVERNANCE MILESTONES

The project works with county governments and sector stakeholders to strengthen sector governance and improve coordination—both between the national and county levels and between county governments and water service providers. This is crucial for effective devolved sector governance and for the establishment of incentives for private sector engagement and leadership at decentralized levels.



CIDP III 2022 - 2027



Supported development of Water and WRM agenda for inclusion on the CIDP III

Fiscal Strategy Paper FY 2023/2024 Developed



Supported development of Busia Fiscal Strategy Paper Financial Year 2023/2024.

39%

Increase in Water Sector Budget Allocations for Migori County



From USD\$ 2,104,341 to USD\$ 2,932,048 in the FY 2023/2024 following sensitization on the Water Sector and Budgeting

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Water Assembly Committees Sensitized on Water the Sector



Migori, Bungoma, Kisumu, Siaya and Kakamega Counties Water and Environment Comittees sensitized on their mandates in the water sector

Enhanced coordination of WASH



Enhanced coordination of WASH Stakeholders' engagements in eight counties

Migori County Water and Sanitation Act in Place



Supported the training of MCAs on the water sector priorities and gaps



EMERGING LESSONS

Joint assessments and monitoring of water projects avoid duplication and enhance the efficiency of water projects through targeted business development support

To improve the financial performance of WSPs there is a need for alignment and compliance of tariffs with WASREB guidelines to improve cost-recovery

The use of a multi-sectoral approach is critical in the management of water resources and sustaining the gains

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