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Activities in the water and sanitation sector in Kenya
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Overview & key elements of interventions in the water and sanitation

- The Bank Group commenced operations in Kenya in 1967 and started supporting the water & sanitation operations in 1978.
- It has invested over USD 1000 million on concessionary terms in all sectors of the country’s economy.
- In the water and sanitation sector, the Bank has financed 10 projects and 2 studies for close to USD 350 million.

The Bank’s current on going portfolio in Kenya includes (i) the Water Services Boards Support project amounting to UA 45.26 million, (ii) the small towns and rural water supply and sanitation project amounting to UA 70 million, (iii) the Nairobi Rivers Basin Rehabilitation and Restoration Program: Sewerage improvement project amounting to UA 35 million and (iv) the Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation Program Phase II which is a regional program covering the 5 countries in East Africa and amounting to UA 72.98 Million. The objectives of the interventions are to improve access to water and sanitation services and institutional strengthening of the water sector institutions.

Recent project in the water and sanitation sector completed in the country with Bank financing include:
- The Rift Valley Water Supply and Sanitation project amounting to UA 18.06 million which closed in 2011.
- Kisumu District Primary Schools Water Supply and Sanitation amounting to UA 198,317.04 which was 100% grant under the African Water Facility and closed in 2010.
- Under the African Water facility, the Bank has also financed a study for the Lake Victoria Watsan PhII amounting to EUR 994,000. The study formed the basis for the Bank funding the physical interventions under this project.

In line with the Bank’s CSP (2008-13) and the MDGs, the Bank will continue to be a key development partner for Kenya’s water and sanitation sector.

Recent and ongoing projects

- **Water Services Boards Support Project (U.A. 45.26 million)**: This project was approved in November 2007. The project involves institutional support and Urban Water Supply and Sanitation in Migori, Isiolo, Nyahururu & Muranga and Kibera. The implementation of the rural water and sanitation component is on going and preparation of detailed design and tender documents for the urban water supply and sanitation component is complete and at tender evaluation and contract award stage.
- **Small Towns and Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project projects (U.A. 70 million);** The project was approved in November 2009 and has the following components: (1) institutional development support to strengthen the commercial, technical and financial aspects of the Water Service Providers, (2) water supply and wastewater infrastructure rehabilitation and extension in 5 towns, and (3) water storage intervention which includes the construction of the multi-purpose Yatta dam. The preparation of detailed designs review and tender documents for the urban water supply and sanitation component is complete and advertisement for contractors is the next step.

- **Integrated Land and Water Management Project (U.A. 1.94 million);** The project grant was approved in February 2009. The project intervenes in the following areas; i) Capacity-building for water quality monitoring management; ii) Community mobilization for the formulation of Integrated water management; iii) On-farm structures and value adding activities and iv) Off-farm conservation infrastructure. Project activities have commenced with the mobilisation of farmers and procurement of equipment.

- **Nairobi Rivers Basin Rehabilitation and Restoration Program: Sewerage improvement Project (UA 35 million.** The project was approved in December 2010 and has the following components; Wastewater Infrastructure – covering rehabilitation and expansion of the Sewerage network and treatment, Sanitation, Hygiene and Social Environmental Support, and Institutional Development Support. The project was launched in May 2011 and at completion the key expected project outputs would include: Additional 54km of trunk sewers and 40km of reticulation laid by 2014. Additional 40,000m³/d treatment capacity at Dandora by 2014 and Kariobangi restored capacity to 32,000m³/d in 2014 and 100 Ablution blocks constructed in informal settlements and run by CBO’s by 2014. The preparation of detailed designs review and tender documents is complete and advertisement for contractors is the next step.