

FUTURE FOR THE WATER AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT

According to the National Water Master Plan, the per capita renewable water resources increased by a compounded annual growth rate of 4.1% in 13 years from 1997. This is expected to increase significantly with the discovery of the Turkana water sources, which could last the country 70 years according to the government. The two water sources which are located at the Turkana Basin and Lotikipi Basin, were discovered using satellites by Kenya aquifers, and are said to have a capacity of 250 billion cubic metres.

Vision 2030 requires \$1.9 billion to provide adequate water and sanitation services. Currently, only a third has been raised. The annual budget is estimated between Ksh.35 to 38 billion; a third of which is raised by national treasury and the rest through foreign assistance. A Ksh.302 million project is already underway in Kitui to support the drilling of boreholes, construction of dams, extension of water pipes and irrigation schemes.

Potential investors from all over the world are awaiting the passing of the New Water Bill that will state with clarity the roles of private sector investors and also facilitate investments. Vision 2030 seeks to close down on the problem of water and sanitation scarcity in Kenya.

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