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## PRESS RELEASE

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**News Editor,**

### **STATUS OF WATER IN NAIROBI CITY COUNTY**

On the night of Thursday, May 8 ,2020, a massive landslide occurred at Kieni Forest within the Aberdare Forest. This landslide damaged 600m of the main pipeline that supplies water from Sasumua dam to Nairobi.

Due to the damage of the Sasumua water supply system, the areas/ estates to experience water supply shortage include:

- Areas along Waiyaki Way, Naivasha road, Kangemi, Lavington, Westlands, Parklands, M.P.Shah Hospital, Agha Khan Hospital and ILRI, Upper hill, Kilimani
- Nairobi Hospital, Kenyatta National Hospital and Community.
- University of Nairobi main campus hall of residence, Upper and Lower Kabete campus, University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University Parklands law campuses.
- Estates around Kenyatta market, Kibera, Langata, Jamhuri, Ngando, Riruta/Satelite, Dagoretti Corner, Kawangware,
- Areas along Langata, Madaraka Estate, Mbagathi and Ngong roads, Karen.
- Loresho, Nyari, Kitisuru, estate along Peponi Road, New Muthaiga and Thigiri ridge areas

The amount of water not reaching Nairobi is 61,000m<sup>3</sup> per day (12% of the city supply) hence the above areas will receive water with low pressure during the supply day under the water rationing programme.

The Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, Athi Water Works Development Agency (AWWDA) and Nairobi City Water & Sewerage Company Ltd (NCWSC) have mobilized Engineers to rectify the situation. The repairs are in progress and it is expected that by **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020** the temporary reinstatement works will be completed. This will lead to resumption of water supply to the City from Sasumua Dam before permanent works are completed.

The works require re-routing of the pipeline to avoid recurring damages of the pipeline in the current route as this is the third time this pipeline has been damaged in the same area by landslides. The new route will involve laying of 3.5km water pipeline. The work will take 6 weeks at an estimated cost of Ksh.362million. Site preparation and construction of access road is in progress to facilitate transportation of materials deep inside the Aberdare Ranges in Kieni Forest.

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The supply of water to the City from Ngethu Water Treatment plant has also been frequently interrupted by the high turbidity and the blockage of the intake along Chania River, during the heavy rains the country has been experiencing.

With the rains subsiding in the Aberdare Ranges, Ngethu Water Treatment Works is back to full capacity and water supply in the Central Business District. Estates along Thika/ Outer Ring rd, Mombasa rd, Kangundo rd, Kiambu rd i.e the Eastern part of the City is back to normal.

It is worth noting that supply of water in other towns within the metropolis including: Thika, Gatundu, Limuru and Ruiru with water intakes in the rivers whose catchments is the Aberdare forests have also been interrupted due to blockage of the intakes and high turbidity during the heavy long rains we have been experiencing in the country.

We appeal for indulgence as we work towards restoring production of water and its distribution to normalcy. We further appeal to our customers to use the available water sparingly.

**Managing Director**