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## The Fund carries out a sensitization workshop in Coast region

*by Daisy Keter*

The Fish Levy Trust Fund (FLTF) in October conducted a sensitization program aimed at informing stakeholders about the organization's mandate in Mombasa and Kilifi Counties. The sensitization program was aimed at creating awareness and rallying support among stakeholders to ensure smooth collection of the levies once the Fund is operationalized. The program was well received by the stakeholders who expressed their commitment to support the FLTF in its efforts to ensure the sustainable management of the country's fishery resources. FLTF believes that the support and cooperation of all actors along the fish value chain is crucial for the successful implementation of its mandate. The FLTF will continue to engage with stakeholders and work towards creating a strong partnership for the preservation and conservation of the country's fishery resources.

## World Fisheries Day celebrations in Kwale County



Fish Levy Trust Fund stand at Shimoni Fish Port during the World Fisheries Day celebrations

The celebration of World Fisheries Day on 21st November 2022 was a momentous occasion for the Fish Levy Trust Fund as it provided an opportunity to reflect on the role of the fisheries sector in sustainable development and social protection. The theme for this year's celebration was "Investing in social protection to secure equitable blue transformation in the fisheries sector." The CS noted that the FLTF is committed to working with stakeholders to ensure that the sector provides equitable benefits to all actors along the value chain. He also highlighted the need for sustained investment in social protection programs to secure a sustainable future for the sector and its communities.

## Sensitization of stakeholders in the Lake Victoria region on FLTF

by George Maina

The Fish Levy Trust Fund (FLTF) in December 2022 conducted a sensitization program in the Lake Victoria region with the aim of informing stakeholders about the organization's mandate and the collection of levies.

The sensitization program in the Lake Victoria region was well attended by leaders from various Beach Management Units. The FLTF took the opportunity to engage with the leaders and seek their views on the organization's mandate and the collection of levies. The leaders were also asked to pass along the information to their people in order to create greater awareness on the existence of the FLTF and the importance of supporting its efforts. The FLTF believes that through engagement and collaboration with all actors along the fish value chain, it can effectively fulfill its mandate and ensure the sustainable management of the fishery resources in the Lake Victoria region.



Stakeholders present during the sensitization meeting at Fisheries offices, Homa Bay County



Daisy Keter, FLTF staff addressing the members on HIV/AIDS mainstreaming and mental wellness

In addition to sensitizing stakeholders on the mandate of the Fish Levy Trust Fund (FLTF), the organization is also committed to promoting education on HIV/AIDS and mental wellness in the Lake Victoria region. The FLTF recognizes the impact that HIV/AIDS and poor mental health can have on the lives and livelihoods of fishers and their communities. To address this issue, the FLTF has mainstreamed HIV/AIDS and mental wellness education into its sensitization programs and capacity building efforts. By providing access to information and resources, the FLTF is helping to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS and to promote positive mental health among fishers and their communities.

# Capacity building on financial management

by Collins Langat

Financial management is crucial for the success of any business, including fishing. For low-income fishermen, managing finances can be a challenge due to limited resources and lack of access to financial education and tools. The Fish Levy Trust Fund (FLTF) is committed to supporting these fishermen by providing capacity building and education programs on financial management.

Budgeting is one of the most important financial management practices for fish value chain actors. By creating a budget and keeping accurate records of their income and expenses, they can keep track of their financial situation, identify areas to cut costs, and make informed decisions about their future. In addition, fishermen can improve their livelihoods and secure their future by investing in their business, such as upgrading equipment or diversifying operations. The FLTF is dedicated to empowering fishermen with the knowledge and tools needed to effectively manage their finances and contribute to the sustainability of the country's fishery resources and communities.



Sori landing site in Migori County bustling with activities



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