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**PS-MoWSI commissions borehole at Paul Mbiu Primary School, Murang'a County** [2]

The Principal Secretary, Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Mr Joseph I. Wairagu (CBS) today (4th February 2022) commissioned a borehole at Paul Mbiyu Primary School in Murang'a County that was drilled, equipped and connected to solar power with support from UTaNRMP. The Launch was graced by among others a team of engineers from MoWS&I, community members, local members of county assembly, Local administrators (Assistant County Commissioner, Chief, Assistant Chiefs) and a representative of the Member of Parliament for Gatanga Constituency. UTaNRMP was represented by the Project Coordinator, Water Resources Coordinator, Knowledge Management & Learning Officer, the County Project Coordinator (CPC-Murang'a County) and the Sub-County Water Officer, Gatanga sub-county.

In his address, the PS-MoWSI reiterated that water is life and a basic need that also supports livelihoods. The PS noted that a comprehensive infrastructural programme that involves provision of sustainable water for irrigation & domestic use will offer priority to agribusiness to flourish in Murang'a County thus supporting sustainable livelihoods, food security as well as creating employment. The PS noted that the government has prioritized the Murang'a County in terms of implementing water projects since it is a key contributor of water to other counties including Nairobi. He was also happy to note that over and above supplying water to the school and nearby community members through a water kiosk, the borehole was supplying water to 45 households that were connected to it.

The borehole was drilled with support from UTaNRMP which included drilling (depth of 230m achieving a 12m<sup>3</sup> discharge rate), construction of a students' handwashing station, construction of a water tower with 20,000litres capacity. The borehole serves a school population of 662 school and the local community. A total of 45 households have been connected with piped water from the borehole.

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