
EfD-Kenya Writing Workshop - 23rd – 25th June 2014



(Participants from L-R: David Fuente, John Wainaina, Prof. Joe Cook, Josephine Gatua, Mbutu Mwaura, Prof. Jane Mariara, Maimuna Kabatesi, Prof. Peter Kimuyu)

EfD Kenya held a writing workshop from 23rd to 25th June 2014. The purpose of the workshop was to bring together participants of two ongoing EfD-K projects: (1) *Increasing block tariffs and the relationship between income and water use in Nairobi, Kenya* project and (2) *Water sourcing and sanitation in rural Kenya*. The specific objectives of the workshop were to among other things: (i) discuss outcome of fieldwork; (ii) finalise data cleaning; (iii) start data analysis; (iv) discuss the papers to be produced from the projects; and, (v) to identify and plan next steps for the projects.

In the *Increasing block tariffs* project, the researchers are David Fuente (Kenan Fellow and PhD student, University of North Carolina), Prof. Jane Mariara (Director, School of Economics, University of Nairobi, and EfD-K Coordinator), Mbutu Mwaura (Monitoring and Evaluation Manager at Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC)), Dr. Moses Ikiara (Managing Director, KenInvest) and Prof. Dale Whittington (University of North Carolina). The *Water Sourcing and Sanitation* team consists of Prof. Joe Cook (University of Washington), Prof. Peter Kimuyu (University of Nairobi, and Chair of EfD-K Executive Committee) and Prof. Dale Whittington (University of North Carolina). Josephine Gatua and John Wainaina are supporting both teams.

Proceedings

The workshop opened with a word of welcome from Prof. Mariara to the participants attending from outside the country. She also spoke of the School of Economics' (SoE) association with the two

projects and the privilege of being able to contribute to the two and hoped for a long-lasting collaboration between the SoE and the individuals and organisations represented at the meeting. She then introduced Prof. Kimuyu to officially open the workshop.

Prof. Kimuyu opened by welcoming everyone to the meeting and spoke on how happy he was that the writing workshop had materialized despite the challenges of settling on a date due to geography and busy schedules. He discussed the inception of the projects which began with a short concept note two years earlier, but grew into the two separate projects. He also lauded the existing MOU between Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company (NCWSC) and EFD-Kenya and stressed the importance for both organisations to continue working together and to support each other in research. He noted that contribution of and support by NCWSC has played a key role in making the Nairobi water project a success so far. He singled out the great support received from Mr. Mwaura. He also mentioned the international partners (Mr. Fuente, Dr. Cook) and thanked them for their involvement. He noted that the projects have served to build social capital between the diverse partners and that he hoped that this writing workshop would increase social capital, more so mutual trust between the participants.

He then took participants through the purpose of the workshop and hoped that at the end, the two teams would have clarity on what the papers that would be produced from the two projects would contain.

Project Updates



David Fuente introduced the *Increasing block tariffs and the relationship between income and water use in Nairobi, Kenya* project. He described the various water boards in Kenya and focused on NCWSC's core structure and mandate as they were the key supporting partner in this project. He then focused on the issues around collection, entry and cleaning of data, as well as presenting preliminary results from the data analysis. The presentation elicited a very productive discussion and shed light on important dynamics of water use and subsidy incidence in selected areas of Nairobi. This presentation closed out the morning session.



After lunch Joe Cook took over, discussing the *Water sourcing and sanitation in rural Kenya* project. He began by introducing the project area of Meru and the four villages in which data collection took place. He then presented preliminary results and the issues around data collection, entry and cleaning. Like the urban water study, the presentation was followed by very fruitful discussion. After the introduction to these two projects, the teams broke into their separate groups to continue work on the projects for the rest of the day, and again on Day 2 and 3.

Presentation of Proposal

The morning of Day 3, focused on continuation of day 1 and 2 work by separate teams. Part of the afternoon session as devoted to presentation and discussion of an EFD-Kenya 2015 proposal entitled '*Water Pricing and the Demand for Municipal Water and Sanitation Services in Kenya*' by D. Fuente, J. Mariara, P. Kimuyu and D. Whittington.



Wrap up

The meeting wrapped up with a summary of the three-day event, discussions on ways forward and a brief vote of thanks by Prof. Kimuyu.