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## Homabay County WASH stakeholders celebrate the 2018 World Water Day

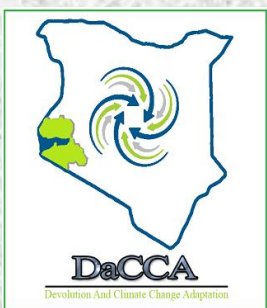


**World Water Day is an annual event celebrated on 22 March.**

The day focuses attention on the importance of universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene (**WASH**) facilities in developing Countries. It also lays emphasis on advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

This year's theme – Nature for Water – focused on how we can use nature to overcome the water challenges of the 21st century. Environmental damage, together with climate change, is driving the water-related crises we see around the world. Floods, drought and water pollution are all made worse by degraded vegetation.

On this day, the county stakeholders in the WASH sector, spearheaded by county departments of water and environment, health, education and WASH CSOs, including Umade Trust who co-hosted the advocacy event in Mbita and community members joined hands to champion the importance of WASH as a sector within the county.



### THE PARTNERS



The celebrations which began with a procession from Homabay town to Mbita were graced by H.E the Deputy Governor who represented H.E the Governor and was flanked by the CEC's and Departmental heads.

Of importance was setting modalities on how to conserve the several rivers traversing the County, being a County that hosts the highest number of wetlands, how to improve community access to safe water, water borne disease prevention and improving schools WASH programmes. Ensuring WASH areas are sufficiently covered in the future county budgets was a key achievement of the event.



*Processions during world water day celebrations.*

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