

Fishing communities to benefit from hygiene, sanitation project

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OVER 3,000 members of the fishing community around Kunduchi fish market are set to benefit from a project to enhance sanitation and hygiene, thanks to a project implemented by various stakeholders.

The project worth 9m/- involving automated hand washing stations was handed over to recipients over the weekend by a guest of honour, Kinondoni District Administrative Secretary, Stella Msophe over the weekend at the market.

Kunduchi fish market is the largest in the district with capacity to serve between 250-300 customers per day.

The project implemented by a non-governmental organisation, Aqua-Farms Organisation and the National Task Team (NTT) for the implementation of the Small-Scale Fishery Guidelines (SSF-Guidelines) at the Ministry of Livestock and

Fisheries was funded by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

During the handing over ceremony, Msophe told members of the fishing community to make sure that the facilities stationed in three strategic areas of the market last long.

"Strive so that such facilities should benefit many people for many years to come," she noted.

Treasurer and Technical Officer at AFO, Valery Joseph thanked all stakeholders for making the project a reality.

"Nothing would have been possible without their technical and financial support," he noted.

Grace Kakama, a fisheries officer at Kinondoni municipal hailed the project and said it is set to revolutionise hygiene and sanitation at the fish market.

"This project strengthens on-going efforts to fight diseases for the benefit of consumers and the country at large,"

she noted.

Giving a vote of thanks on behalf of fellow fishing community, a chairperson of Kunduchi fish market, Zedi Mwinyi Zedi promised to make sure that the facilities donated bring desired results and that are run sustainably.

Fishing communities around the country are faced with several constraints including poor hygiene and sanitation practices in many landing sites and fish markets among others. The project in Kunduchi is one of interventions to solve such challenges around the country.

A similar project has already been implemented in Kirumba fish market in Mwanza region.

At the same day of handing over the facilities, AFO conducted a one-day hygiene and sanitation awareness workshop with a view of improving health of fisheries communities in Kunduchi fish market.