

# GRAPE

Global Reformed Advocacy  
Platforms for Engagement

**FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL TO LOCAL**

## Grape Pledge Kenya

### **Guarantee of 50 litres of clean and safe water or an equivalent cash compensation**

#### **Problem Statement**

We, the undersigned churches and organizations, have resolved the following:

- We are guided by the understanding that water is life and that equitable access to water is a theological mandate for economic and social justice.
- We note that water is a basic need for every human being, ensuring human dignity and the possibility of a flourishing life.
- We note divisive inequalities in Kenya, for instance, about 39% of Kenyans lack access to basic drinking water services.
- We note that water resources may be available, but they are often overutilized or illegally utilized for business or industrial development. This takes the form of the destruction of water catchment areas or illegally utilizing of water resources without appropriate taxes paid.
- We observe the grave effect that this has since water is the basis of household and agricultural activities, business, industry, and robust public healthcare system. The lack of access to clean and safe water has negative implications for all of life.
- We observe the policy and legal provisions in Kenya, which have committed to the goal of providing water to all.
- We, therefore, commit ourselves to work with the government and all stakeholders to ensure that everyone has access to the minimum water requirement of 50 litres of clean and safe drinking water per day or an equivalent cash compensation.

## Commitment Statement

We, the undersigned churches and organizations, stand united in our commitment to advocate for access to clean and safe water for all members of our communities latest by the year 2028. Recognizing, that water is life and a basic human right, we commit to work together to make the provision of 50 litres of water to every Kenyan a reality to reduce the inequalities and to ensure this access to a basic need crucial for household and livelihood activities. We call on government and all stakeholders concerned to join us in this initiative.

Therefore, we agree:

- that every Kenyan should receive 50 litres of clean and safe drinking water per person per day
- that these 50 litres will be provided unconditionally
- that, where the 50 litres are not provided, the government provides equivalent cash compensation so that people can buy their water

In support of this campaign, we pledge to:

**1. Raise Awareness:** We will utilise our platforms to educate our congregations and communities about the importance of clean water and the dire consequences of water scarcity and contamination.

**2. Advocate for Action:** We will engage with local and national authorities, urging them to prioritise the provision of clean water as a critical component of public health and community development. We will advocate for this policy goal that not only ensures long-term access to clean water but also provides fair compensation to those affected by water scarcity.

**3. Collaborate with Partners:** We will partner with the Government of Kenya, local organizations, NGOs, and other faith-based groups to implement this policy goal, to enhance further effective clean water solutions and to ensure that our efforts are inclusive and impactful.

**4. Support Policy Change:** We will advocate for the implementation of equitable and sustainable climate policies at all levels of government, highlighting our commitment to social and economic justice and the protection of the environment as divine mandates.

As we move forward, we seek the guidance of our faith and the strength of our communities to drive this essential mission. In unity and purpose, we believe that by 2028, we can create a pathway to a future where every individual has access to clean and safe water—an essential foundation for life, health, dignity and justice. While we stand together in solidarity and faith, we envision a Kenya where ecological integrity and social and economic justice are upheld, and where every community thrives in harmony with God's creation. Together, we will work tirelessly to fulfil this commitment for the well-being of our communities and in service to our shared humanity.

**Let us work together to make the provision of 50 litres of water to every Kenyan a reality. We invite and call on government and all stakeholders to join us in this initiative.**