

SENGA HILL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND BUDGET CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY IN LAPISHA WARD HELD AT CHIMULA AND CHIPOKA MARKETS ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2023

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

Self-introductions were done and stakeholders comprised the following:

- Business & small holder traders
- Marketeers
- Farmers
- Church & faith based organizations
- Teachers from nearby schools
- District Agricultural Coordinator
- Local Authority staff
- Headmen
- Community

WELCOMING REMARKS

The Deputy Council Secretary gave opening remarks by firstly welcoming all people present and appreciated their cooperation by attending the consultative meeting for having taken time off their farm works as it was a farming season. She elaborated on the importance of community participation in the Budgeting and Planning processes and explained the need for people to begin integrating their development activities even at local level and in their own environment as this would help mobilize resources for development and real change in living standards. She also stated that the Planning and Budgeting Community Dialogue was about doing things together for bigger wins and further encouraged active participation.

BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN CONSULTATIVE BUDGETING

1. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

The Assistant Accountant Mr Phiri Ospential explained the importance of community participation in development planning and budgeting emphasizing that if the local people did not decide to develop their area, all community members had to participate in careful planning of their area and protection of their environment. He encouraged the local people to decide the type of development their area would thrive on and focus on building it up. He explained that communities were the focus of all council development programmes hence, the need for them to decide on what kind of investments they need to be implemented in

Council budgets to enhance not only service provision but also revenue collection as the two are complimentary.

2. BENEFITS OF CONSULTATIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Deputy Council Secretary summarized the benefits of consultative planning and budgeting with stakeholders as follows:

- Coordinated decision making
- Understanding underlying causes
- Ownership of planned projects
- Prevents vandalism
- Speeding up of delivery of services
- Reduced costs on chosen projects
- Proper land use planning

3. BUDGETING AND SPATIAL PLANNING

The definition and benefits of spatial planning in Budgeting were explained by the Assistant Community Development Officer. He emphasized on the need for the community to appreciate locations of various growth nodes and take stock of space as they plan for future developments and the participants were quite elated about it. The local leadership expressed great interest and commitment to work with the district teams to ensure proper land use planning was done in their area.

4. IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIVE BUDGETING PROCESS

The Assistant Accountant explained that it is important for the community to participate in the budget process for the following reasons:

- Make people be part of the budget itself
- People would gain knowledge
- Opportunity to participate in implementation of the budget
- Be able to monitor the progress
- Be able to correct errors
- Chance to make input into the change process in the society
- Provide information about the local status

(a) BUDGET CONSULTATIVE PROCESS

The stakeholders present stated the need to have well planned areas at Chimula and Chipoka as transit centres to Nakonde from Kasama, Mbala and Mpulungu. The stakeholders offered to work tirelessly until this dream was achieved. The local community contended that the two areas have great potential for economic growth through due to their favourable location advantage. While the local communities would like all the necessary services required to establish townships, their main focus in the 2024 to 2026 budget was implementation of identified projects.

After a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED THAT** the following projects be implemented:

- Construction of standard Markets and Bus stops with an Ablution Block at both Chimula and Chipoka areas
- Installation of Solar powered Water Reticulation systems at Both Chimula and Chipoka
- Construction of a Health Post at Chimula

In conclusion, the local people were happy to be part of the development process and expressed willingness to work with the Local Authority to foster development.

The meeting was then closed by the Deputy Council Secretary who encouraged all to work hard if the two areas were to develop into well planned townships. There being no other business to transact, the meeting was declared closed at 16:30 hours.

SIGNED THIS^{2nd}..... DAY OF DEC 2023

M. SIKO MBE
CHAIRPERSON

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SECRETARY

ATTENDANCE LIST ATTACHED

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21.	Amunza	Simbeya		Chipoka	095351248				road
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28.	SIKOMBE	MATHEW		CHIMULA					S. Kombe
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