

REPORT ON FIELD WORK ON THE MINING PROCESSING PLANT AND TRUCK YARD IN SENG HILL HELD ON THE 3RD OF JUNE, 2025

INTRODUCTION.

Senga Hill Town Council is mandated to carry out sensitization on projects that are running in the district. This to ensure that the health and safety of the workers is worked on as well as ensuring that they are sensitized on issues of HIV/AIDS/TB/STIs/Gender/Human Rights and the Con programing were distribution of condoms is done after the sensitization. This is usually done to target the sexually active population and it includes HIV counselling and testing, STI prevention and treatment SHR and family planning.

1. ACTIVITIES

The team comprised of the Labour Officer, Human Resource Director, DACA, SHI, ASCO, Building Inspector, Director Planning, Lead Fire Fighter, Civil Engineer, Director Finance, and the SEP.

The aim of the field work was to encourage Social Behavior and Change Communication. During the meeting a lot of issues came up as such as

- The health and safety of the workers
- Fire Assembly Point
- Cooperate Responsibility
- Gender should be considered when employing
- The workers to be in protective clothing when on site
- Workers to know their status in relation to HIV/AIDS
- Condom Distribution
- Fire breaker
- Waste Management
- Sanitary Facilities
- Workers to do Medical tests every six months

The team the broke into groups to sensitize the workers at the mining site of their expertise. The District AIDS Coordination Advisor then went ahead and talked the workers on issues of HIV/AIDS. The workers were sensitized on the following

- Knowing their status through voluntary testing and counselling
- Having one sexual partner
- Use of condoms for prevention and contraception
- Modes of transmission
- The use of PrEP and PeP for treatment and Prevention
- Abstaining from Sex

Senga Hill Town Council through the District AIDS Coordination Advisor distributed a total number of 3,000 condoms after sensitization of the workers on site. The team did not go with the counsellors from Health. The workers were not tested even when they were willing to be tested. The next time the team visits the site, they will ensure that workers are status a so that they can know their status.

TRUCK YARD

In the afternoon the team went to the truck yard and sensitized the community on Land issues, public safety and the importance of knowing their status. There is power in one knowing their status. They were also told on the following;

- Taking ownership of the truck yard
- Ensure that they also look out for vandalizers (community security)
- Construction of toilets and putting of the slab at the truck yard
- Opening up of roads were some people may be displaced.
- Public Health and safety
- There will be noisy and dust pollution as the construction is on-going, that it is something they can endure as it is a short term process.
- They were equally sensitized on the Constituency Development Fund such as Loans, Grants, bursaries such as secondary and skills training.
- Opening up of roads using the land development fund
- And allocation of the Senga Plots

The community was engaged at the truck yard during the sensitization, and they were told on remaining phases after a member of the community asked a question if the Local Authority was done with construction. They were told that the following needed to be done before it became operational:

1. Casting the yard with concrete slab
2. Fencing
3. Construction of the ablution block
4. Installation of flood lights
5. Construction of shops
6. Guard house

Going forward the, the Local Authority will continue engaging the community and their traditional leadership until the project comes to its completion stage.

The meeting ended at the truck yard and the community welcomed the Team with so much enthusiasm. The meeting ended with a prayer from a member of the community who was in attendance at the meeting.

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