

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN TANZANIA KONDE DIOCESE (ELCT-KOD)

Rehabilitation and Extension of Itete Hospital Hydropower Station

Summary Stakeholder Consultation Meeting (10th August 2012)

Date: 20th September, 2012

1. Minutes of the Meeting:

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Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

Minutes

Date of the meeting: 10th August, 2012

Place of the meeting: Itete Hospital

I. Opening of the Meeting

The Stakeholder Consultation Meeting started at 11:00 AM with a short prayer from the Assistant to the Bishop of ELCT-Konde Diocese – Rev. Gofrey Mwakihaba. Subsequently, the chairperson and the minutes writer were selected. Rev. Mwakihaba was appointed to become the chairperson and Mrs. Nsombo as well as Rev. Mwasakilali were appointed to become the minute writers.

The opening of the meeting was done by the Bishop of ELCT-Konde Diocese, Dr. Israel Peter Mwakyolile. He started by thanking God for making all participants healthy and thanking all participants for attending the meeting. The Bishop explained the mission of ELCT-KOD that is bringing Good News and better life for all people without any kind of discriminations. He pointed out that Itete Hospital without proper working facilities and reliable electrical power is not able to sustain proper health care services for the people in the region.

He gave thanks to all Itete ward-Busoka village dwellers for conserving the environment at Bugema the location of the headwaters of the Kasyabone river on which Itete Hospital Hydropower Station is located. After opening the meeting, he handed over the responsibilities to the chairman (Rev. Mwakihaba) to continue with the next agenda item.

Before Rev. Mwakihaba proceeded to give details on the project he explained the participants that the intention of the stakeholder consultation meeting is to inform about the project and to discuss the planned project activities. Rev. Mwakihaba also pointed out that ELCT-Konde Diocese holds this meeting to get suggestions on how to improve the project, the environment that has an impact on / that is impacted by the Itete Hospital Hydropower Station and the living standard of the surrounding community members.

II. Explanation of the Project

Rev. Mwakihaba explained that at present, Itete Hospital Hydropower Station is in very bad conditions due to the outdated equipment. The production capacity of the station is now below 20 KW compared to originally 70 KW. The current amount of energy produced by the run out station is already today by far not enough to properly run the hospital and will by no means be sufficient to provide proper health care services for the people in the region in the future.

The environment that has an impact on / that is impacted by the Itete Hospital Hydropower is well protected and reserved due to the efforts of the community members.

Rev. Mwakihaba explained that the main activity of the project is the replacement of the run out equipment. The old turbine with a theoretical power output of 70 kW will be replaced with a new turbine that has a power output of 100 – 150kW. The project will be implemented over period of nine to twelve months (9 -12 months).

III. Questions and Discussion

Rev. Mwakihaba asked the participants whether they have any questions or comments on what has been said so far about the project.

1. Question / Comment

Word from a representative: "The today's action has made people very happy, because it is not every religious institution has the capacity to do implement such kind of project for her respective community, so as the representative we accept and approve this project without ant kind of restrictions".

2. Question / Comment

With respect to insufficient water flow for the hydropower station during some dry seasons, one participant suggested that education on the preservation of environment around the water source should be provided to the respective community members.

3. Question / Comment

Local technicians should be trained to maintain and repair the equipment of the hydro power station to avoid the current problem of having no local experts.

4. Question / Comment

Will the current water flow be affected by the project? *Answer:* The current water flow will not change. The weir – that already exists – will divert some water to the power house. There it will be used to generate electricity and be immediately re-directed back to the river without losses.

5. Question / Comment

Hon. Councillor from Lupata Ward and a Lupata Village Executive Officer requested to extend and provide the energy services as much as possible. The previously project [*when the hydropower station was originally build*] promised but eventually failed to provide power even to community members houses. Therefore, the Councillor requests

to extend and provide power services even to community members' houses and public community offices as much as possible with this project.

The Chairman of the village of Kabembe and the Chairman of the village of of Bosoka had similar comments.

Answer: The restoration of hydropower services for Itete Hospital will already improve of community members' life, since the hospital improves their health services. Additionally, electricity service will be extended to the extend feasible.

6. Question / Comment

The Chairman of the village of Bosoka thanked the church for including the community in the project. He also mentioned the issue of cutting down trees by community members in the catchment area of the river. A Councillor of Lupata added that they consider the protection of the environment as their responsibility where they control the area.

7. Question / Comment

Councillor Itete Ward thanked the church for the continued care for the environment and suggested to further extend education for people in this respect. He also thanked the technicians who maintained the hydropower station over time.

8. Question / Comment

The Representative of Nyasa River Basin Management said that it is a great fortune to have donor for a the project of this kind. He thanked all community members who are continuing to protect the environment especially at the river source. He added: Previously, the law only allowed Tanzania Electricity Company Limited (TANESCO) to distribute electricity in the country, but after discovering that the system has a lot of weaknesses, now the opportunity has given even to private and individual sectors to distribute electricity/power. Freedom of investing to various water sources by investors have been provided, but they should adhered by laws and national environmental protection policy. This is a great opportunity to Rungwe District which its large parts have been surrounded by rivers compared to other district that do not have even one source of river.

After some sustainable development issues were already addressed through the participants with their questions / comments further issues regarding the sustainable development categories: (i) environment (ii) social development and (ii) technological &

economic development were discussed. The participants expressed that the project has a positive impact on all the indicators considered relevant to the project.

IV. The Way Forward

The participants agreed on the following next steps:

- a) To improve and renovate the road that goes to the source of hydro station from Monday, 13 2012.

[A request to Busoka Village Executive Officer and his government (village government of Busoka) was made to start with preliminary work of renovating a road (rough road) to the river source. Important: Any activities at river source should start at least from a distance of 60 meters. Community members should agree to start at a certain distance and finally reach to a distance of 60 meters.]

- b) Publications and sensitization to the church followers and the community members on the important of conserving and protecting environment especially source of water.
- c) To educate the community members through their wards and village office on the importance of conserving environment especially at the river source.
- d) To plant trees those are friendly to the environment at the river sources in order to improve environment.
- e) To use River Basin office in order to get technical advices and suggestions on the way of utilizing our own resources for our own benefits.
- f) To prepare experts of the area in order to solve all technical problems that may rise as results of damage of machine.
- g) To create by law that will precipitate community members to preserve and conserve source of water and environmental in general. Those by laws should be applied mainly in those three villages where the project will be implemented.
- h) To improve security of the project from the beginning in order to be sustainable.
- i) To improve communication in any means from the respective villages levels to the executives in the projects
- j) To create special committee for this project in order to be a source of information.

The special committee created from this meeting are as follows:

s/n	Name	Areas of working	Current position
1	Flaston M.Anyitike	ELCT-KOD, HQ	Diocesan Director for Planning and Socio-Economic Projects
2	Owen Jackson	ELCT-KOD, HQ	Assistant Planning and Socio-Economic Project Officer
3	Gwamaka Somola John M.	Busoka ward -	Chairman, Ward Executive Director
4	Webson Mwampunga Ezelina Nkunga.	Lupata -	Chairman, Ward Executive Director
5	Alesi K. Mwakasitu N. Kimira	Kabembe -	Chairman, Ward Executive Director(WEO)
6	Ipyana A Mwaipopo and Ambonisy L. Mwankenja	Technicians	Hospital Technicians
7	Cecilia Nsombo	Itete Hospital	Itete Hospital Administrator

NB: All three Councillors from the project areas will be advisors and catalysts to their respective community members

V. Feedback Forms

At the end of the meeting a feedback form was distributed to the participants. In this form the participants are requested to answer the following questions:

- What is your impression of the meeting?
- What do you like about the project?
- What do you not like about the project?

29 participants filled out their feedback forms.

VI. Closure of the Meeting

The stakeholder consultation meeting closed at 9:15 PM by short prayers from the ELCT Konde Diocese Director for Health.

2. Summary of the comments received:

The *comments received during the meeting* can be found in the minutes.

Summary of comments received via the feedback forms

29 participants commented on the project and the stakeholder consultation meeting with the feedback form that was handed out and collected at the end of the meeting. The received feedback and comments are mainly positive. Regarding the quality of the meeting most of the participants expressed that the meeting was very well organized and that everybody had the chance to contribute towards the goal of having a project that has a positive impact on social as well as economic development and that conserves the environment. The comments on the project can be summarized as follows:

Positive aspects of the project

- Electricity for Itete Hospital
- Electricity for villages of Itete ward
- Positive impact on social and economic development
- High importance placed on protecting the environment
- Sensitization and education of the community regarding the protection of the environment at the source of / along the river
- Involvement of the community during project planning phase
- Employment for local people during project implementation
- Training and employment for technicians

Negative aspects of the project

- Insufficient power capacity of the hydropower station to secure electricity supply to all households and public / private institutions in the area
- Potential conflicts in choosing households and public / private institutions that will receive electricity from the hydropower station

Furthermore, two aspects were mentioned that have a negative impact on the project but are not the result of the project. These aspects are agricultural activities and deforestation at the source of the river.

3. Report on how due account was taken of any comments received and on measures taken to address concerns raised:

Some comments concentrate on aspects ELCT-KOD already considered in the planning process. Nevertheless, any aspect raised in the stakeholder consultation meeting will be given special attention in the next steps of this project.

Stakeholder comment	Comment taken into account (Yes / No)	Explanation (Why / How)
Lack of skilled technicians for maintenance / repair of a	Yes	Technicians of Itete Hospital that take care of the hydropower station will get additional training. Employing additional

hydropower station in the area		technicians will be considered.
Sensitization and education of the community regarding the protection of the environment at the source of / upstream along the river	Yes	<p>ELCT-KOD will sensitize and educate its members and the community members on the importance of conserving and protecting the environment especially at the source of the river.</p> <p>Wards and village offices will sensitize and educate the community members on the importance of conserving and protecting the environment especially at the source of the river.</p>
Insufficient power capacity of the hydropower station to secure electricity supply to all households and public / private institutions in the area	Yes	<p>ELCT-KOD is aware that the community of Itete ward has a great need for basic energy services. Unfortunately, it is not possible to secure electricity supply to all households and public / private institutions in the area with the limited potential of the project site (water quantity, head). Since Itete Hospital is fundamental in the provision of health care to more than 30,000 people the Rungwe District the first priority of the project is the rehabilitation of reliable energy supply to Itete Hospital.</p> <p>Nevertheless, high priority is also given to the extension of basic energy services to the villages to the greatest possible extent. A special committee <i>[see next comment]</i> will help to facilitate this process.</p>
Potential conflicts in choosing households and public / private institutions that will receive electricity from the hydropower station	Yes	<p>A special committee for this project was formed during the stakeholder meeting. This committee (representatives of ELCT-KOD, Chairpersons / Ward Executive Directors of Busoka ward, Lupata and Kabembe village, representatives of Itete Hospital) will improve communication between the respective village levels to the project owner (ELCT-KOD). All three Councillors from the project areas will act as advisors and catalysts to their respective community members.</p>
Involvement of the community in the process ahead	Yes	<i>[see previous comment]</i>

Agricultural activities and deforestation at the source of the river	Yes	Agricultural activities and deforestation are not the result of project activities. Nevertheless, since damage to the environment at the source of the river or upstream along the river negatively affects water quality and quantity at Itete Hospital Hydropower Station. ELCT-KOD and the respective wards /village offices will undertake joint efforts so sensitise and educate the respective community members on the importance of conserving and protecting the environment at the source of the river and along the river. Additionally, the planting of trees that support the environmental conservation at the source of the river is being considered.
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4. Report on the continuous input / grievance mechanism:

ELCT-KOD implements a continuous input/grievance mechanism to solicit feedback from stakeholders on unforeseen issues throughout the operational phase of the project. The participants of the stakeholder meeting agreed to form a special committee with representatives of ELCT-KOD, Chairpersons / Ward Executive Directors of Busoka ward, Lupata and Kabembe village and representatives of Itete Hospital to optimize communication between the stakeholders and the project owner (ELCT-KOD).

	Method chosen (include all known details e.g. location of book, phone, number, identity of mediator)	Justification
Continuous Input / Grievance Expression Process Book	<p>The project owner can be conducted via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Management / Board of Itete Hospital [Mrs. Cecilia Nsombo, Itete Hospital Administrator, +255-782837887, cesydolly@yahoo.com] ▪ Headquarter of ELCT-KOD [Mr. Flaston M. Anyitike, Director for Planning, +255-252 552598, anyitikeflaston@yahoo.com] ▪ Chairpersons / Ward Executive Directors of Busoka ward, Lupata and Kabembe that are members of the special committee formed during the stakeholder meeting <p>Feedback will be document and handled</p>	The project owner has representatives close to the project site and provides stakeholders with the respective points of contact. The special committee will optimize the communication between the stakeholders and the project owner (ELCT-KOD). Additionally, it will be the framework in which feedback from stakeholders on unforeseen issues throughout the operational phase of the project can be discussed.

	by the management of Itete Hospital. Any issues that cannot be solved by the management of Itete Hospital will be discussed in the committee formed during the stakeholder meeting.	
Telephone access	<i>[see above]</i>	
Internet/email access	<i>[see above]</i>	

4. Stakeholder consultation feedback round:

The stakeholder consultation feedback round started on 21st August 2012 by circulating the summary of the stakeholder consultation meeting among the stakeholders invited for participation in the local stakeholder consultation meeting.

All stakeholders are encouraged to make comments on this summary of the local stakeholder consultation meeting.

Annex 1

Participants List of Stakeholder Consultation Meeting

Template No. 2: Participants' list

(Print as many copies as needed.) (Note: Please use a translated copy of this template, if English is not the most appropriate language for your meeting.)

Location:				
Name of participant, job/ position in the community	Male/ Female	Signature	Organisation (if relevant)	Contact details (Phone / Address / Email)
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LINUS J. KIDWANWISE	male	<i>[Signature]</i>	Lake Nyala Basin	
Rev. ISAIAH B.M. Mwakusombwe	"	<i>[Signature]</i>	ELCT-KONDE DIOCESE CENTRAL DISTRICT	
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